

Dear Hope Family,

Our world is constantly changing. Technology advances and introduces new things that we soon think we “cannot live without!” Societal inequities are exposed and we see that we need to search our own hearts for how we perceive others, even long-time friends. Our history is re-examined and people we once revered can no longer be seen as heroes. Social distancing, sheltering in place, wearing masks – unthinkable just a few short months ago – are now expected of each of us. Looking back over recent days it's easy to think that even the best “experts” cannot tell us what is next!

What then can we depend upon? Who can we trust? It is clear if our confidence is in the world we will very soon be disappointed and further confused. Scripture reminds us not to put our trust (or hope) in the world (see 1 John 2:15) but to fully trust in the Lord (Prov. 3:5,6). Isn't it good to know that the One who loves you best is the one who is most faithful? In the midst of this ever-changing world we know the One who “is the same yesterday, today and forever!” (Heb. 13:8).

As we endure this lockdown – remember others are in need of encouragement as well. We want to challenge you to reach out to the Hope Family and simply call someone and share a few moments on the phone. Call someone and let them know you miss them – appreciate them – and then spend a few moments praying together. Reminder: A world-wide pandemic cannot stop our love, fellowship and care for one another! You'll be blessed to be part of this phone contact/ministry!

**The church is closed with no reopening date set.** Our Reopening Team continues to meet (virtually) to ensure all protocols and instructions are followed for the safety of all. In the mean time you can participate in one of our mid-week studies (information on the Hope website [www.hopesearch.org](http://www.hopesearch.org)) and connect with others from Hope in this way.

If you have needs (financial, spiritual, emotional, etc.) the Hope family is here for you. Please contact Pastor Kevin ([Kevin@hopesearch.org](mailto:Kevin@hopesearch.org)) or at 408-309-8677 to put in motion a plan of help.

Your Pastor and elders continue to meet (several times per week) to pray for you / discuss reopening / plan for our future; so please pray for us during these days. We believe we will emerge stronger in the days ahead!

Blessings,

Your Pastor & Elders