

Greetings Hope Family!

Many have expressed the desire for 2020 to be over! This has been a year unlike any other; and it is safe to say none of us have ever lived through anything like the past nine months! People are wanting to return to work, school, malls, social gatherings...life! This time of distancing and isolation can make us feel alone! The separation from others is hard and puts quite a strain on each one of us. Although we may feel alone due to the quarantine and its lockdown...the important thing to remember during this time is the promise we have from God in Hebrews 13:5, where He says "*I will never leave you or forsake you.*"

As we have encouraged you before – use this time to draw near to Him and deepen your relationship with the living God! Spend additional moments in prayer and express to Him the depths of your heart. Spend time in His Word, and truly meditate upon its meaning and its application to your life! Spend time connecting with others. A phone call, text, email or note can mean so much to someone who is feeling the strain of separation.

Let's pray that we come through this time stronger and more prepared to be the people He desires us to be! Let's trust that we have gone through these past months for a purpose – and that together we can be used to make His presence and love known in the lives of others!

This Sunday we will again have space provided in the patio (Pollard Road side of building) for those who want to be at Hope and listen to the worship and message. You will be greeted by members of Hope's Welcome Team as you arrive. Health Department Guidelines and in-take protocols will be enforced to ensure the safety of all. Please bring your own chair and blanket. Communion elements will be provided for all in attendance.

We also want to remind you to be part of our Christmas celebration by joining with us at Hope (on zoom) on Christmas Eve for a brief – but meaningful time together. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4189689191?pwd=TWpzZUxxZjVXZ05DRDI3TjhzSILdz09> or go to zoom meeting: 4189689191 and enter the password: (contact Pastor Kevin at Kevin@hopesearch.org). We will meet at 7:00 for a brief and uplifting time for the whole family!

Sunday live-stream and mid-week Bible Studies continue – but be sure to check our website (www.hopesearch.org) as schedules may change during the holidays. In January, Pastor Kevin will offer a New Testament Survey Class on Wednesday nights (January 13-February 24). This seven week class will help you to know and understand the New Testament better. It will also help you in knowing the Life of Jesus, Bible Characters, Bible Doctrine and Theology as well as insights regarding God's love for us all. We hope you will plan now on being part!

Be safe! We look forward to the time when we can gather together just as the church in Acts Chapter 2 for "Study of the Apostle's Teaching, Fellowship, Prayer and the Breaking of Bread"!

In His love,

Kevin McCauley, Pastor (Kevin@hopesearch.org)
David Rosch, Elder (drosch777@gmail.com)
Ray Wolff, Elder (raywolff58@comcast.net)