Congregation Letter 1/3/2024

Greetings! Happy New Year!!

Our prayer is that as you look back on 2023 you will see evidence of God's blessings upon your life! This does not mean that all that happened in this past year was of our choosing - or liking; but nonetheless, we see His presence and care as we examine the events of the past year! We pray that 2024 will be a year of growth for you, your family and your church family as well. We desire to see God at work in us as never before, and to be people who accomplish much for His kingdom! Let's strive to be more the people and the church He desires us to be in the New Year!

Our new Sunday format has been well received by those in attendance. Our prayer for one another has never been better! Hearing how the Lord is at work in the lives of the people of Hope and hearing the Word being real in lives is such a blessing! If you've not been part, we encourage you to be at Hope at 9:45am on Sundays for this rich time of fellowship. Our live stream will continue at 10:30am for those who are unable to make it to church and for those out of the area and choose to be part.

This **Saturday January 6** will be our next **Men's Breakfast**. We will meet at **Uncle John's Pancake House**, 2125 S. Winchester Blvd. Campbell at **8:00am.** There is no program - no agenda - just a bunch of guys getting together to enjoy one another and get to know each other a bit better. We hope you will make this a priority in your day!

**Sunday February 4** will be a fun day at Hope! We invite you to stay for **lunch and a movie after church**. Hot Dogs, chips, popcorn, candy and good people will get you through the afternoon! There is no charge for this event - so bring the whole family and invite your friends. (There are no meaningful NFL game that day - so plan on being part of our time together!).

**Sunday February 11** is the Super Bowl and we encourage you to come to church dressed in your **favorite Jersey**! Don't worry about who is in the game or if you have a NFL Jersey - just be part of the fun!

On **Thursday January 11**, Pastor Kevin will start a new class on **Denomination Comparison**. Have you wondered what is different about Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and others? This is your chance to better understand the different groups that make up the Body of Christ. This class will be on Zoom, and you can be part by going

to: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548962263?pwd=dlRTakNGRVBCbUpsd3BJbWZWVkxlZz09</u> or by going to <u>zoom.com</u> and using the ID: 835 4896 2263 and entering the password:different This class will meet for six Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm. (This class is designed to make you more aware of the various churches - not to find fault or error in their beliefs and practice).

If you are like us, you received many appeals for "End of the Year" giving at the close of 2023. Hope did not join with others in this barrage of requests, yet we ended the year in good shape financially, but as with other ministries we depend upon the faithful giving of God's people throughout the year! We want to encourage you to continue to give sacrificially as we continue to serve the Lord and minister to the people He brings our way!

We wish you God's best in 2024! It is a joy to be part of such a loving church!

Yours in Christ, Kevin McCauley Ray Wolff