



HOPE CHURCH MINNEAPOLIS

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples of Christ



Moving Forward as an Intergenerational Church

BY PASTOR BEN SOLLIE

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God." – 1 Peter 2:17
"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." -Romans 12:10

One of the exciting things about my role as Pastor is to be mindful of how God is moving in our church community in our current season as well as how he desires to lead us into the future.

A word we have been talking about lately at Hope Church, is the word intergenerational. Intergenerational is described as that which exists or occurs between generations. It involves interactions or relationships among people of various ages and highlights the connections that take place across age groups (Source: Cambridge Dictionary).

What we see at Hope Church in our current season is a community of all different ages (we have 8 different decades represented) gathering together for the purpose of worshipping God, growing in our relationship with Jesus, growing in community with others, and living out our mission to make disciples of all nations.

It's an exciting time as we continue to move forward as a church community who seeks to do ministry across generations. It also presents some challenges. Being an intergenerational church means we must be mindful of silos we create that can keep us from connecting across generations. It means we must be willing to let go of certain preferences or ways of doing ministry that keep us from embracing what God is doing in our current season. (Continued on page 6)

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IGNITE YOUTH MINISTRIES-FLY UPDATE



Earlier this summer nine leaders and 27 of our youth had the privilege of traveling out to Estes Park, Colorado to attend the FLY convention. It was an AWESOME experience! We were surrounded by the glory of God's creation while learning how to "Behold" him in new ways. Keith Ferrin taught us during the morning Bible studies, that God's Word is "not only true and applicable, but also fun, engaging, and enjoyable." Our evening speakers spoke of the truths that we are forgiven "as far as the east is from the west," that forgiveness is a free gift of God, that we need to look for and step into the next thing the Holy Spirit has for us, that we need to shed the grave clothes (sins) that are keeping us from a relationship with Christ, and finally, that we need to step into our calling to go and make disciples with confidence. Along with amazing teaching, there were times of fun, fellowship, worship, and prayer.

"My best memory is when Caleb and I talked to a kid named Owen that we noticed sitting by himself. We prayed for him and he ended up giving his life to Christ that night!" - Max Winberg

IGNITE YOUTH MINISTRIES-FLY UPDATE



"My favorite memory is being a part of the prayer circle on Thursday night and getting to the semi-finals in the volleyball tournament." - Lizzie McKenzie

Julia Jore also loved the youth prayer circle and our youth group time on Thursday night. She learned how to enjoy reading her Bible.

"One of my favorite things was being with my friends for a whole week, playing the games before the sessions, and the volleyball tournament ... I guess the bus ride was fun too!" - Emma McKenzie

One of Jay Jore's favorite memories was playing volleyball. He learned that he should read the Bible for a relationship with God and not just for information.

It was an amazing week! Thanks to the Hope congregation for your prayers and support! -Traci McKenzie



IGNITE KIDS

What happens when you combine 30 leaders, 60 kids, and 4 days of singing, crafts, games, and learning about how God's truth never changes? You get an amazing week of VBS. That is exactly what took place at Hope Church this past August.

VBS week gave us a powerful picture of the body of Christ serving together. It was great to see so many volunteers, all different ages, who gave of their time each day to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Throughout the week several parents talked about how impactful this week was on their kids. Several of our VBS participants would come back each night with new friends whom they invited. Those friends would invite other friends. God truly was at work! Please continue to pray that the Gospel seeds that were planted in hearts would take root.

Thanks again to all those who served and who were a part of an amazing week!

-Amy Sollie and the VBS core team



Our young adults have had an amazing summer of serving, traveling, playing pickleball and seeing the Lord work through so many cool and amazing experiences on missions trips, at camps, and even here in the Twin Cities. We look forward to seeing how the Lord is going to further use our Young Adults in new opportunities to bring glory to His name. Please pray specifically for our fall programs starting up. Pray for consistency in our Young Adults group. Lastly, please pray for Ellen Dalager and Joey Richardson as we are sending them on missions to Ukraine and Paraguay for 9 or more months. We look forward to seeing what the Lord continues to have in store for our church and our Young Adults.



Joey and Jadon serving at camp



Judah serving in Brazil



Cameron serving in Ukraine

YOUNG



ADULTS



Serving and Missions testimonies:

Anna Rasmussen



I had the opportunity to travel and serve in Ecuador this summer at a bilingual school and church for four weeks. God taught me that He is truly present and with me wherever I may go. It was amazing to see how He is working, particularly among the young adults in the church community there!

Ellen Dalager



While serving at Mount Carmel this summer I was so impacted by the power of community and hospitality! While leading family camp, we as a staff became sort of a family ourselves and we were able to come alongside each other in powerful and impactful ways. It was such a blessing to see families strengthened together in faith and lifelong friendship through nurtured fellowship!

(continued from page 1) It means we must be willing to commit to honor one another across generations, and not just focus on what we believe is right or best in regards to church ministry. Moving forward as an intergenerational church will take commitment, sacrifice, and much prayer on our part. This fall you will hear about some opportunities and events that will help us take steps towards becoming more of an intergenerational community.

Think of the opportunity we have to be light in a culture that tends to be self-centered and hyper-focused on my wants and desires rather than seeking to honor others above yourself (Romans 12:10). Moving forward as an intergenerational church gives us an opportunity to grow in our understanding of what it means to honor one another across generations. Let's commit to be an intergenerational community of Jesus followers who together are living on mission to Love God, Love People, & Make Disciples of Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Ben

For more on what it means to be an intergenerational church, listen to Pastor Daniel Keinanen's message from August 3rd titled "An Intergenerational Church Moves Forward." www.hopechurchmn.com/teaching

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To maximize your gift, and minimize fees, please consider giving through a bank account (ACH transfer) rather than a credit or debit card when donating.

ELDER REPORT-PROCRASTINATION

So here I am, trying to put an article together as it's already 2 days past due...(sorry Carrie!) I knew the deadline was coming up, but I really did not want to write anything, so I kept delaying it until it was too late. Why do I do this? Why do we do this in general? So I Googled what does the Bible say about procrastination.

The next two paragraphs are taken from <https://www.gotquestions.org/procrastination-Bible.html>. I encourage you to read the whole article as it gets into spiritual consequences of procrastinating sharing the gospel or reconciling with others.

Procrastination is "the act of willfully delaying the doing of something that should be done," and in some people it is a habitual way of handling any task. While the word itself is not found in the Bible, we can find some principles to help guide us.

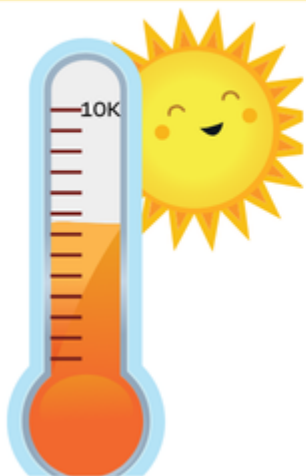
Sometimes, procrastination is the result of laziness, and the Bible has plenty to say about that. The Bible commends hard work and industry (Proverbs 12:24; 13:4) and warns against sloth and slackness (Proverbs 15:19; 18:9). One cure for procrastination is more diligence, regardless of the task. The Christian should be supremely motivated to be diligent in his work, since he is ultimately serving the Lord. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). If we put our hearts into our work, as this verse says to do, we will probably find it difficult to procrastinate too much.

What would happen if we all memorized Colossians 3:23. Not only that, but what if we posted them on our desks at work, on our fridges, in our cars, etc. We would be reminded that in every task we have, every conversation, in every aspect of our lives,, we are do it as if we were working directly for the Lord.

Lord help us to keep this verse on our minds and to do everything for you.

In Christ, Mike Kozicky

PARSONAGE RENOVATION MATCHING FUNDS



As most of you know we have completed the renovation to the Parsonage and the Sollie Family has moved back in. Due to the extensive nature of the project we have not yet covered all of the expense associated with the project. We had a generous offer from a member of the congregation to match up to \$10,000.00. To date we have received \$5,800.00 in donations and are hoping to meet the match or exceed it. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a donation as the Lord leads you.

In His Service

Mike Overline, Chair Hope Trustee Board

FALL EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 7
11:45AM

Family, Community & Fun!

MONDAY YA
COMMUNITY NIGHTS

6PM

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

8TH-SPIKEBALL
15TH-PICKLEBALL
22ND-ULTIMATE FRISBEE
29TH-SPIKEBALL

6TH-PICKLEBALL
13TH-ULTIMATE FRISBEE
20TH-SPIKEBALL
27TH-PICKLEBALL

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

3RD-VOLLEYBALL
10TH-VOLLEYBALL
17TH-VOLLEYBALL
24TH-FRIENDSGIVING

1ST-VOLLEYBALL
8TH-VOLLEYBALL
15TH-VOLLEYBALL



Ladies Mugs and Muffins
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT 9AM



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

STARTING WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17 | 9:30AM

*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Join us as we study the Bible,
sing hymns, enjoy treats and fellowship.
All are welcome.

YOUNG ADULT FALL

KICK OFF

POOL PARTY LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 14TH | 12:30PM



Baked
Potato
Bar



JOY Lunch

(Ages 60 and up)

Tuesday,
September 16
at noon

Invite a friend! Sign up at
the Welcome Desk

Bring a salad or
dessert if you can!

IGNITE
YOUTH

Sept
17

FALL
Kick Off

Dinner
5:45

Start Time
6:30

Food - Worship - Small Groups - and More!!

CONNECT SUNDAY

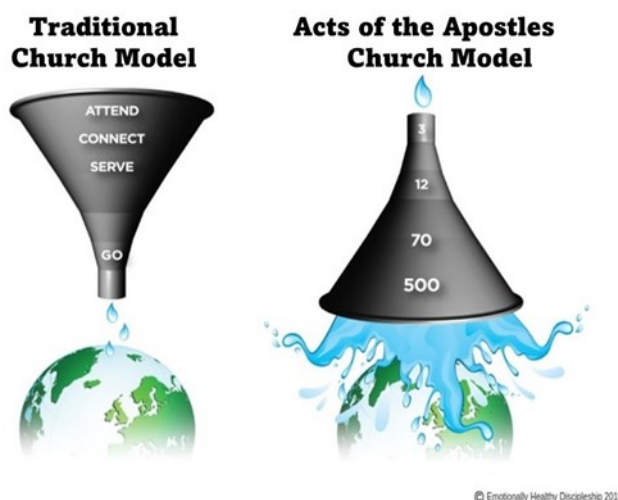
PLUG INTO THE COMMUNITY AT HOPE

September 21st
AFTER THE SERVICE



HOPE CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

Mission Update – The Great Commission – Why aren't we all involved?



This illustrates what I see as two realities. One we live in; the other we read about in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. The first questions are: Does this make any difference to us? Does it make any difference in what we expect our church to be? Does it make any difference in what we would like our lives to be like?

If it does, then there are other questions to ask: Why is there a difference in the results of the two diagrams? Is there anything we can do to become more like the model that the first disciples gave us in Acts?

There are so many things that keep us in the traditional church model. It is the way we live our lives. It is our expectations. It is what we have been taught and what we teach. It is our culture. To do things differently would mean that we would have to embrace the most painful word in the English language: “change!” Change means we have to both unlearn things and relearn things differently. It means our priorities of life change. It means that how we spend our time changes.

One of the interesting facts about people who come to the Lord from non-Christian backgrounds is that they embrace the teachings of the Bible much more readily than those who have grown up in the church. The truths and challenges in the scriptures excite them and draw them to want to do what they read about. When they first come to follow Jesus, all they know is what the Bible teaches them, not unlike the first disciples, who just had the teaching of Jesus to follow.

If a person embraces the teachings of Jesus and model of the disciples in Acts, the world around them begins to change. At first the change is small, but the changes grow exponentially. How do I know? I have seen it. Others have seen it. It is exciting, but yes, it is painful. Jesus said, “in this world you will have troubles, but I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Take a few moments to consider Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore [having gone – Gk.] make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Where to start? Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey my commands.” I think that is a good place. Learn a command of Jesus, obey it. Then learn another and repeat the process. What resources will you need? Start with a Bible, it contains the word, and the word was with God and was God (Jn 1:1). If you do this with one or two others, Jesus said he would be there with you (Mt 18:20). He said his Father would send you the Holy Spirit to teach you all things and bring to mind all his commands (Jn 14:26). Furthermore, Jesus who has all authority, will be with you until the end of this age (Mt 28:18, 20).

Jim Lilly

FALL EVENTS



YOUNG ADULT
SUNDAY MEALS

WANNA MAKE A
MEAL FOR OUR YA?

SIGN UP HERE:



4 Years - 5th Grade!

Oct 1

**FALL
Kick Off**

Dinner
5:45
Start Time
6:30

Food - Games - Small Groups - and More!!

YOUNG  ADULT

FALL FUN DAY

CORN HOLE COMPETITION, PUMPKIN CARVING, CHILI + BONFIRE

OCTOBER 18TH / 3PM

PLEASE SIGN UP HERE:



We need your "Trunk"
Indoor OR Outdoor Option



Register by October 22



OCTOBER 31ST
5:45 TO 7:30PM



YOUNG ADULT
BONFIRE

Yard Games, S'mores, and Worship

SEPTEMBER 27TH | 6PM



FALL HAYRIDE



**HOPE
CHURCH**



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5 | 2:15 PM

BUNKER PARK STABLES
550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD NW ANDOVER, MN 55304



\$13 PER PERSON
FAMILY MAX OF \$65



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to sign up

CONFIRMATION
Service

COMBINED SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 9:30 AM
FOLLOWED BY CAKE AND COFFEE



JOIN US FOR A
Thanksgiving

WORSHIP AND TESTIMONY SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 6:30PM
FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS AFTER THE SERVICE



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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8:15AM & 10:30AM



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