

***We are glad you are with Hope Today!***

You are invited to learn more about us at; **hope4wichita.org**

**Hope Kids City**; if you have children (Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) please take a moment before church to Check them in (at the Kids Table in the Welcome Center). Nursery-K can be in Hope Kids City all hour, 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be dismissed after our Praise Time.

**Giving Options**: feel led to share a financial gift with us, you are invited to utilize our online Giving Options from our website [www.hope4wichita.org/give/](http://www.hope4wichita.org/give/) or text HOPEICT to 833-839-9010 & follow the prompts or 8918 W 21<sup>st</sup> N, Ste 200 #157, 67205.

**Communion**: if you have said YES to Jesus – you are invited to participate in Communion (The Lord's Supper). OnSite - you will be invited to visit one of our four Communion locations in the auditorium. OnLine - you are encouraged to get what you have available – cracker or chip and a glass of juice or drink beforehand.

**Prayer**: if you have a Prayer Need and would like our PrayerTeam to pray for you – please go to our website, click on the 'About' tab and scroll down to the 'Prayer Request' Button. There are also Prayer Partners available to pray with you during Communion.

**Pick up an Invite Card**: Invite Cards have our address, worship time, QR code to our Website, our Facebook page, and YouTube Channel address. Get one, Give One!

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**hopeict8:10 Prayer Focus** – Twice a day @ 8:10, pray for HOPE!

**New Message Series Coming**: Beginning Sun, Sept 8. "Don't Look Back" Book available for \$15; 20 copies available. Ever feel like you are stuck, struggling with what was or should have been? We will consider how to get *unstuck & move forward!*

**Our Daily Bread**: Grab a small paperback daily faith thought booklet (found on the back high top tables).

**Baptism Sunday**: Sept 15. *Grab a Faith Study Guide this week & make the decision for a Wash Clean, New Birth!*

**Hope Groups Coming in September!**: *Schedule next Sunday!*

**Service Focus: Hospitality Team!** *We need you to join & help prepare the coffee, tea, water & donuts. No experience necessary. Help with one Sun a month, ask for details.*



**August 18, 2024**



**Love God**



**Grow Together**



**Serve Others**

# SWEET WORDS!

8-18-24

Warm Up: What is one phrase that you find encouraging?

- A1. What were some of the earliest words of encouragement you remember?
2. Have you ever used words or seen someone else use words of encouragement as a tool of manipulation? What do you recall?
3. Smooth Talkers often use 'sweet words' to use or move people in some manner. What can make someone vulnerable?
4. What insight is provided in these verses? Proverbs 8:12, Ephesians 4:14.
5. There is a temptation to want only the 'easy' people who constantly 'comfort' you in life. What danger is there in only allowing people in who tell you what you want to hear (Psalm 55:21)?
6. Read Romans 16:17-18. What warnings and counsel is given toward 'Smooth Talkers'?
7. Prayer wisdom & discernment for yourself, the church and the country during this political year.

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You're encouraged to write what God brings to you during today's message.

## Word for The Week (NLT)

The plans of the godly are just;  
the advice of the wicked is treacherous. **Proverbs 12:5**

Wounds from a sincere friend are better than  
many kisses from an enemy. **Proverbs 27:6**

Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are  
serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk  
and glowing words they deceive innocent people.

**Romans 16:18**

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We  
won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new  
teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick  
us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

**Ephesians 4:14**

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes  
grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on  
fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a  
flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting  
your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is  
set on fire by hell itself. **James 3:5-6**