

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 – 5th 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-5th 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/ or text HOPEICT to 833-839-9010 & follow the prompts or 8918 W 21st 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!

One WORD – Annually I encourage individuals to consider discovering a Word that God provides/confirms/utilizes to encourage your heart and deepen your faith. I ask you to think of or search for a Bible verse or passage that enhances or anchors your word. Next Sunday, I am having you declare a word (you'll just write it down – with your verse). I am also going to ask for volunteers to share about their 2024 Word and how God has utilized it throughout the year.

Hope Christmas Families THANKS – Thanks to all who bought, wrapped, delivered and carol Christmas to our Hope families! It was a gift of Christmas that brought smiles and warmth to many!

End of Year – Next Sunday is the last Sunday of this year. This is a friendly reminder for any year end giving being shared in the next week. Thanks for your continued faithfulness as the Lord bless you.



December 22, 2024



Love God



Grow Together



Serve Others

Expected Realities

12-22-24

Warm Up: Favorite Christmas present you are giving this year?

1. The story of Christmas is filled with unexpected realities. List some of those unexpected elements of the Biblical Christmas story. How many did you come up with?
2. Reflect upon your own Christmas story, what unexpected realities are in your story?
3. Read Luke 2:1-7. What elements of the unexpected do you read or sense from these verses?
4. Obviously God didn't eliminate all the unexpected elements that Mary and Joseph had or will face but he did bring them through them. The reality is that they didn't know everything they would face nor how God would make a way, but they chose to trust and take the next step in front of them. What evidence of God's leading or provision have you experienced thus far?
5. Trusting God is your decision. Deciding God is trustworthy won't eliminate all the expected realities, but it does provide a lifeline to hold onto during those seasons. A lifeline made up of God's love, plan, power and purpose. What do you need to do this Christmas to allow Jesus to be the Savior of your World?

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

Word for The Week (NLT)

Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.
How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me."

Luke 1:46-47, 49

I am the Lord, who opened a way through the waters,
making a dry path through the sea. **Isaiah 43:16**

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. **2 Corinthians 9:8-9**

And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven.
He will come with his mighty angels,

2 Thessalonians 1:7