



HOPE CITY CHURCH

*“Helping people experience the Hope
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus”*

LOVE | *unconditionally* - **REACH** | *intentionally* - **TEACH** | *transformationally*

SERVE | *relationally* - **SEND** | *courageously*



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TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

September 03, 2023

Worship Service - Spanish (*Rm D101*): **9:00am**

Bible Classes - All Ages: **9:00am**

Gathering in the Courtyard: **10:15am**

Worship Service - English (*Worship Center*): **10:45am**

Hope City Kids Worship (*Rm B105*): **10:45am**

Hope City Students Worship (*Rm E101*): **10:45am**

SERMON

Lessons From the Wilderness

Pastor Oscar Chavez

GRACE COURTYARD SIGN-UPS | SERVE

As we continue to grow together in 2023, our Grace Gathering in the Courtyard from 10:15-10:45a on Sundays is a great way to see others and connect with people between services. We are looking for individuals willing to participate in this time by choosing a month of the year to donate juices & chocolate milk for our Grace Gathering in the Courtyard.

Scan the QR Code here OR stop by the connect center to Sign Up.



HOPE CITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Hope City Women, we are kicking off our Fall Bible Study Tuesday Sept 5. at 6:30pm – 8pm We will meet every Tuesday. Childcare will be available. If you let us know you're planning to come, we'll send you a reminder text on Mondays. Looking forward to studying God's Word & growing together.

See you Tuesday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hannah Lansing

Thu

Sept 7



THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

Ironmen Bible Study (Rm C103)	Tue	Sep 05	6:30pm
Hope City Women Bible study(B103)	Tue	Sep 05	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (Gonzalez Home)	Tue	Sep 05	7:00pm
All Church Picnic	Fri	Sep 08	6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

Hope City Women Bible Study (B103)	Tue	Sep 05	6:30pm
Church Picnic Night / Sports Night	Fri	Sep 08	6:30pm
Church Painting/ Cleaning	Sat	Sep 09	9am-12pm
Women of Grace Bible Study (Rm D102)	Tue	Sep 12	6:00pm
Hope City Church – LAUNCH SUNDAY	Sun	Oct 15	10:45am

GIVING UPDATE

As we transition things over to Hope City Church in preparation for our October 15 Launch Sunday, if you are writing a check for your offering under our new name, please make the checks payable to **'Hope City Church Norwalk'** as this will help with our banking process. Checks made payable to **'Grace Brethren Church Norwalk'** are also still acceptable.

VALUE # 3

TEACH | transformationally

Because Jesus changes lives, we teach all scripture to form faithful followers of Jesus

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God^[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

TRANSFORMATION

At **Hope City Church** we value Teaching, because we value the Word of God. Jesus spent His ministry teaching the disciples and those who followed Him. Why? We find the answer very clearly in scripture – Christlikeness.

2 Corinthians 3:18 states, *“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”* Jesus finds us and saves us, just as we are, but He doesn’t want to leave us that way. He is in the transformation business! And that transformative work is a continual process that changes us both inwardly and outwardly.

Paul says in Romans 12:2, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewal of your mind..”* Transformation starts inwardly and is only done as the Spirit of God begins to change our thinking through the study and meditation of His Word – the Bible! The end result however, is not inward transformation ONLY, it is meant to also have an outward expression in how we act and respond to the world around us.

The word ‘transformed’ in the Greek, which is where we get our English word ‘metamorphosis’, carries the idea of outward transformation, as well as inward transformation. So, what does that look like for you and me?

How are you at finding time to study God’s Word so that your thinking can be more aligned with Jesus? Do you study God’s Word privately? Are you plugged into a Bible study with others? Are you regularly finding ways to hear, read and study God’s Word? Is Christlikeness on your mind?

Journey with us in the year ahead as we TEACH | transformationally so that the Spirit of God can renew our minds through the study of His Word and the outward expression of that internal change will be Christlikeness