



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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Wisdom for 2024

Psalms & Proverbs

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

February 25, 2024

Thanks for joining us for our Worship Service! Our staff & volunteers have been praying for each of you and we can't wait to get to know you. If this is your first time with us, fill out a Connect Card & pick up a **welcome bag** from the connect center as a gift from Hope City Church. Welcome Home!



THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Roy Halberg

Psalm 103

ADVENTURE CLUB FOR KIDS

[children 3 years old through 5th grade]

Join us every Friday at 6:30pm on the HOPE CITY Church campus
Adventure Club Kids meet in Room B105. For more information contact:

hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la

HOPE CITY STUDENTS

Students and Parents! There are three opportunities each week for 6th-12th grade

students to worship God and find community with students their own age on the HC campus:

FRIDAYS 6:30-8:00p | **HC Garage**

SUNDAYS 9:00-10:00a | **Rm B103**

SUNDAYS 10:45a-12p | **HC Garage**

DIGITAL CONNECTION

We live in a digital age & we want to use that digital footprint to make Jesus known, but we need your help:

- 1) follow us on Instagram & Facebook and then share our posts regularly
 - 2) go to google.com & give a quick review of Hope City Church Norwalk.
- These are easy ways to get word out about what God is doing here!

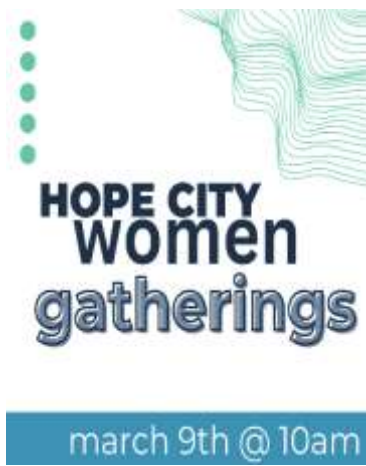


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don Fisher	Sun	Feb 25
Phyllis Fisher	Mon	Feb 26
Ron Morrow	Wed	Feb 28

THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Ironmen Bible Study	Tue	Feb 27	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (<i>Gonzalez Home</i>)	Tue	Feb 27	6:30pm
Serve Coffee to TLC Families (<i>On Campus</i>)	Wed	Feb 28	7:30am
Women's Bible Study (<i>Rm B103</i>)	Wed	Feb 28	6:30pm
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Mar 01	6:30pm
Hope City Kids Adventure Club	Fri	Mar 01	6:30pm
Hope City Students	Fri	Mar 01	6:30



All Hope City Women are invited to enjoy a spring craft, conversation and yummy breakfast bites with other women while we fellowship together in Room B103 on the Hope City Campus. It's going to be a terrific morning! Mark your calendars: Saturday, March 9th 10a-12p.

Attendance Last Week: In-Person Service 91

Online views:63



The Special and Unique Character of The Book of Psalms

As we engage this month is the book of Psalms, you will find that these poems in the very center of your Bible, are unique.

This is indeed a very special book. The psalms are poems, often set to music. Thus these poems are songs, rising up like a melody from the heart of each author. These are songs that capture the innermost thoughts and prayers of Old Testament people--and they still speak directly to our needs today.

Whether the author is David, or Moses, or Asaph, or any number of unknown writers, each one pours out his heart honestly expressing the innermost feelings, frustrations, and fears as well as his exuberant feelings of joy, gratitude and celebration. These are songs of deep and intense emotion.

For every possible emotion and mood, you can find a psalm to match. The psalms struggle with the deepest sorrows and also find freedom to ask God the hardest questions about suffering, injustice, pain. Their voice is refreshingly spontaneous. They do not throw flowery and flattering compliments toward God. They cry out to him, or shout for joy, before him.

The heart emotions and the head questions of three and four thousand years ago are the same ones that arise in the hearts and minds of people in the twenty first century. That's why so many find help and healing, strength and solace, peace and promise in the words to these songs.

After you read these poems, you can't think of the Old Testament as dry volume tied to only rules and laws. Nor are you able to see the God of the Old Testament as a God that is distant and impersonal. In almost every psalm you find the presence of God, not as a so called "higher power" or as a God who is out there somewhere, distant and uncaring. This precious book, this library of songs from the heart, leads us quickly and clearly to see God as an active, strong, loving, and caring ruler--a God who makes a difference in life. Knowing this God makes ALL the difference in life.

So. Join the choir. Read and study these songs. Especially read them out loud. Many have been set to music. Sing them freely and gladly. Enter into the heart and emotions of these songs that resonate with your own