

THE HOPE CONNECTION

News from Hope Methodist Church



From the Desk of the Pastor

STEWARDSHIP

Our topic this month touches every facet of our lives as followers of Christ: stewardship. Often, when we hear the word “stewardship,” our minds immediately go to finances, and while that is certainly a vital aspect, stewardship encompasses far more. It is about faithfully managing everything God has entrusted to us - our resources, our talents, and indeed, our very lives.

Let us first consider the gift of our time. This is perhaps the most precious and easily squandered gift we possess. Unlike money, which can be earned and lost and sometimes regained, time is irrevocably lost once it has passed. Every minute is a fleeting moment that will never return. We are constantly reminded in Scripture of the brevity of our days; as Psalm 90:12 says, “So teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.” We live in a world that constantly vies for our attention, tempting us to fill our moments with distractions and trivialities. Yet, our time here on earth is incredibly short in the grand scheme of eternity. Let us therefore be intentional, discerning how we spend each day, seeking to honor God with our minutes and hours, investing them in what truly matters for His kingdom and for our spiritual growth.

Secondly, let us reflect on the gift of our money. This is not merely an obligation, but a profound act of worship. When we give, we are not simply donating to a budget; we are offering back to God a portion of what is already His. For the truth is, it all belongs to God. Every penny we possess, every resource we acquire, is a gift from His generous hand. It is a testament to God’s faithful provision in our lives. When we give cheerfully and sacrificially, we are not diminishing our own lives, but rather affirming our trust in His ability to provide for all our needs. Our giving shows that we truly value God above worldly possessions, demonstrating that our hearts are fixed on heavenly treasures rather than earthly ones. As 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, god God loves a cheerful giver.” Let us embrace generosity not only as a duty, but as a joyful response to the immeasurable grace we have received.

Let’s prayerfully consider how we are stewarding both our time and our money. May we be found faithful in managing these precious gifts, using them for God’s glory, for the advancement of His kingdom, and for the blessing of those around us.

In His Love,
Pastor Marshall

2025

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Regular Sunday Services 9:45- Sunday School 10:50- Worship					1 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed	2
3  Blessing of the Backpacks	4	5	6 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Bonfire & Burgers for Youth @ Rose's	7  Melon Fest begins	8 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed	9 Melon Fest Water Tent 9am-Noon- Threads of Faith
10	11	12	13 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir	14	15 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed	16
17 9am- Pairs & Spares Breakfast 12:15pm- Ad. Board meeting	18	19	20 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir	21	22 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed	23
24	25	26	27 10am- Class Meeting 6pm- Choir 6-7:30pm- HMC Kids & Youth	28	29 6:30am- Men's Book Study Office Closed	30
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August 15 is the deadline to submit photos to the office to be used in the Photo Directory. If you had your picture taken at the church by Libby Tyson in the fall, you do not need to submit a photo. If you wish for a picture from an old directory to be used in the new one, please let Jessica know. Thank you.

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What's Happening?

- **Sunday, August 3** will be our Blessing of the Backpacks ceremony during our Worship service! Bring your students and their school bags (or you teacher bag if that applies) and have it blessed for the upcoming school year!
- **Sunday, August 17 @ 9am**, Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class will host a breakfast in the Mall Area before Sunday School. All monetary donations will be given to charity. Please join us for good food and fellowship!
- After church on **Sunday, August 17**, Admin. Board will meet at 12:15 in the Pairs & Spares classroom!
- Join us at the Watermelon Festival on **August 9** to hand out water and connect with our community! See Cathryn Looney for details!



Children's News



BIBLE CAMP 2025

The kids had a lot of fun during Bible Camp. They had 2 Bible classes each day, along with music, games, and crafts. We had 15 children sign up and the highlight of the week was going to eat at the Purple Cow and going ice skating. The kids were thrilled with their Nativity Books. Special thanks to Dana Cox, Amberley Almarode, and Julia Bobo for all their help!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 3

Bring your backpacks to church for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Kids and teachers who request them will receive a backpack tag to remind them that they are being prayed for daily during the school year. A list of kids to pray for will be in the bulletin.



Wednesday night activities to resume

August 27!

Taco and Family Game Night!
Come enjoy some fun out of the sun!
Bingo, Family Feud, Dodgeball, Bible Jeopardy, and more!

Register online for HMC Kids:
HMC Registration

Live Boldly,
Love Deeply,
Serve Humbly
Faith in Action
Love in Motion

YOUTH NEWS



Meet the newest youth on the block!
Welcome to Lilli Beaver - 7th Grade
Welcome to Trace Price - 6th Grade



Lydia Bobo is our Senior this year!
Lydia attends the Hope Collegiate Academy and participates on the Tennis Team.
Praying you have a blessed Senior Year and look forward to your leadership and mentoring of our younger youth.



Meet the youth night!

Come out to a BBQ and Smore's Cup night!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH - 6:00PM

Where: Rose's house - look for text with address

Who's invited? - All youth and their families - old & new and any youth/families looking for a new church home!

Please RSVP to Rose by August 17th either by text to Rose or call the church office @ 870-777-8816



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SEPTEMBER MISSION FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

It's not too early to start collecting for our September mission project! We will be collecting water, socks, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, protein bars, fast food gift cards and other snacks to put into gallon ziplock bags. These will be put together and distributed to the Blessing Boxes, Hope Connexion, and people can put in their cars to hand out to those people on street corners. Please put donations on the shelf marked Sept mission in the fellowship hall.





GARAGE SALE

September 6, 2025
beginning @ 7am

Clothing ♦ Kitchenware
Books & Toys
Home décor ♦ Furniture

And more surprises!

HOPE METHODIST CHURCH
2300 SOUTH MAIN ST.
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“Show me your
ways, Lord,
teach me your
paths. Guide me
in your truth
and teach me,
for you are God
my Savior.”
-Psalms 25:4-5

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Light from the Word

“FINDING THE RIGHT ROUTE”

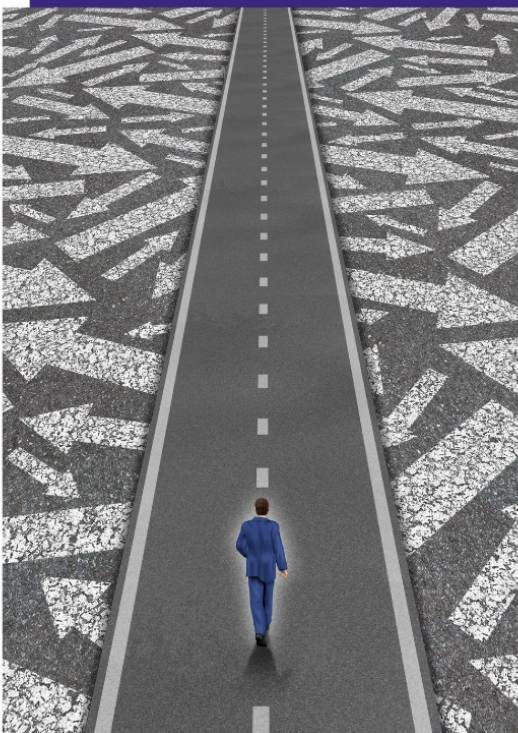
In many parts of the world, modern navigation is incredible; with a global positioning system, or GPS, I can input my destination into a smartphone, knowing I will be guided to my stop by the most efficient route. I can even set my GPS to avoid construction, highways, tollways, or anything that might delay my journey. I no longer have to fumble with folding a paper map that doesn't depict the best routes or road closures. But as amazing as GPS technology is, it isn't perfect, sometimes due to the error of the person using it, sometimes due to flaws in the technology itself.

In our walk with God, we need direction and guidance. As those called to minister and share the gospel, it's vital that we take a route focused on the right destination. Our destination is always to know Christ more fully every day.

This psalm reminds me how to choose the right destination for my life every day. When I surrender the desire to make my own path and allow the Lord to teach and guide me instead, I position myself to know God more fully. “Operator error” may occur at times, but you can be sure God will never lose sight of you or lead you down the wrong path. So we pray today and every day, “Lord, show me your ways.”

PRAY THIS VERSE TODAY IN FAITH.

Psalm 25



ENGAGE

Outreach MISSIONS @ HMC



During the month of August, we will be collecting 10-12 oz hand sanitizers & Kleenex for Back to School at our local campuses! Please leave your donations on the brown shelving units in the Fellowship Hall!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Birthday Bash Bingo Night a success! It was a great night and fun was had by all!

Our church family is so special and we are thankful you are always so willing to give of your time, your talents, & your treasures!

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School is starting and we want to be sure the pantries at our local campuses are stocked! Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall and leave on the brown shelves. Thank you!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SNACKS:

- NON-PERISHABLE INDIVIDUAL SIZED SNACKS
- PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS
- FRUIT SNACKS
- CHIPS
- FRUIT CUPS



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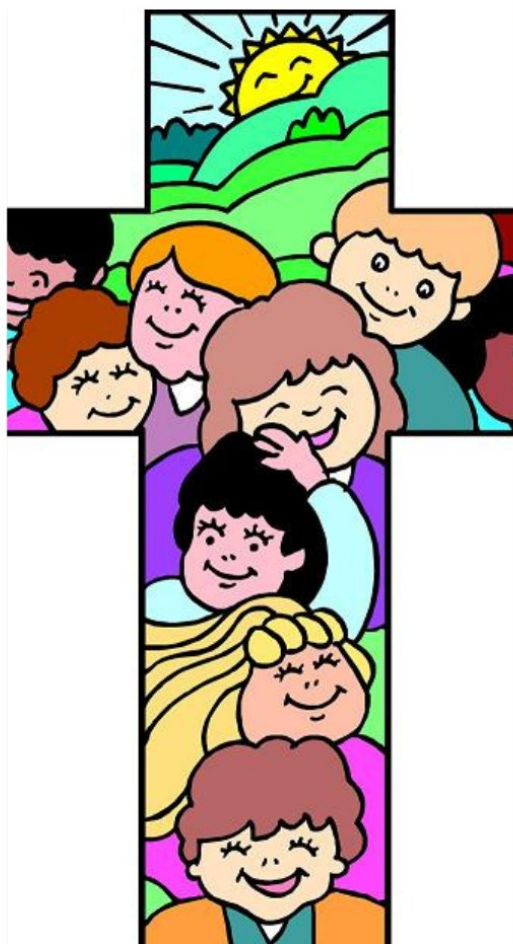
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WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

9:45- SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:50- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



Preschool News

We are enjoying our summer break so far but we are ready to start working on rooms for the upcoming school year and most importantly, to meet our kids and families!

Our Preschool Board recently hired Sabrina Lambert to teach our 3-year-old class and our 4-year-old teacher will be hired @ the beginning of August. Haleigh Honea will be teaching After School Care again. It's going to be a great year!

We ask that you please pray for us over the next couple months! Ask God to guide us as we begin a new year, give us the wisdom we need to teach our children about Him and protect all of us throughout the school year! Your love and support are always appreciated!

Still enrolling 3s and 4s!

Contact Jessica at 870-777-8816 or visit our website at hope-methodist.com for more information!