

The Hope Connection



From the desk of
Ian Beevers

Who Are You Working For?

Colossians 3:23

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

Let's be honest—some days, we just don't feel like doing what needs to be done.

There are days when work feels like work. The house needs cleaning. The bills need paying. The responsibilities keep coming. Maybe your job is frustrating, or you're tired of doing the same thing over and over again.

And sometimes we find ourselves thinking, *“Does any of this really matter?”*

Paul reminds us that it does.

Colossians 3:23

gives us a different way to look at our everyday lives. He says, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”*

Notice that Paul doesn't say, *“Whatever important thing you do.”* He says whatever you do.

That means the ordinary things matter to God.

Taking care of your family matters.

Doing your job honestly matters.

Helping someone who needs you matters.

Showing patience when you're frustrated matters.

Doing the little things nobody notices matters.

Because when we belong to Jesus, there really isn't a separation between our “spiritual life” and the rest of our life. We can honor God right in the middle of an ordinary Tuesday.

And maybe that's what we need to remember this week.

You may not get thanked.
You may not get reconized.
Someone may not even notice the effort you're putting in.

But God sees it.

So don't let someone else's lack of appreciation determine the quality of your obedience.

Do what you do with all your heart—not because everyone around you deserves your best, but because Jesus does.

A Thought for the Week

The next time you're frustrated with something you have to do, stop for a moment and remind yourself:

“I'm not just doing this for them. I'm doing this for Him-Jesus Christ.”

That little change in perspective can change the way we approach the entire day.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to honor You in the ordinary things of life. When I'm tired, give me strength. When I'm frustrated, give me patience. When no one notices, remind me that You do. Help me to give my best, not for recognition, but because I belong to You. May everything I do this week bring honor to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember: You don't have to do something extraordinary to serve an extraordinary God. Sometimes, faithfulness in the ordinary is exactly what God is looking for.

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 6:30 am men's book study	3
4 Souper Sunday Undie Sundie	5 5pm Bible Recap	6 10am Bible Recap	7 10am Class meeting Choir practice @6 Childrens/ youth church@ 5:30-7	8	9 6:30 am men's book study	10 Threads of Faith
11 Undie Sundie Blessing of the Undies	12 5pm Bible Recap	13 10am Bible Recap	14 10am Class meeting Choir practice @6 Childrens/ youth church@ 5:30-7	15	16 6:30 am men's book study	17
18 Fall festival 9am Outreach meeting 12:15 AdBoard meeting	19 5pm Bible Recap	20 10am Bible Recap	21 10am Class meeting Choir practice @6 Childrens/ youth church@ 5:30-7	22	23 6:30 am men's book study Feed Bob Cat Band Friday at the School	24
25	26 5pm Bible Recap	27 10am Bible Recap	28 10am Class meeting Choir practice @6 Childrens/ youth church@ 5:30-7	29	30 6:30 am men's book study	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Jeff & Gail Griffith anni.
4 Brian Bobo
9 Becky Trevillion
11 Tommy Montgomery
 Joe & Betty Fishback anni.
15 Hunter & Kristin Price anniv.
16 Leon & Myra Prince anni.
17 Ronnie Burke



18 Lydia Bobo
19 Betty Fishback
20 Caleb Perkins
 Judy Flowers
 Libby Tyson
26 Scott Chambless
31 Todd Burgess



OCTOBER EVENTS

October 4:

*Undie Sundy's
 Boys & Girls undies size 6-12
 *Souper Sunday
 (for the Call)

October 11:

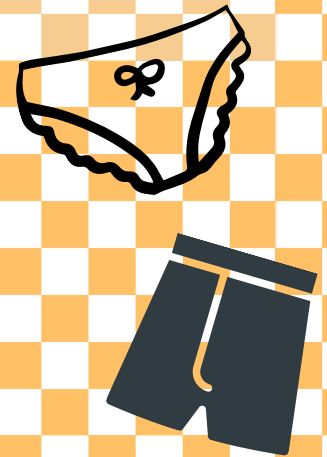
*Blessing of the Undies

October 18:

*Adboard meeting
 *Outreach @ 9AM

October 23:

Feed the Band @ the school



Feeding the
Bobcat Band



Childrens News

3rd Annual Fall Festival
Sunday, October 18, 2026
4:00 -6:00 pm

**Food, Fun, Games, Bounce Houses, Pony Rides,
Snow Cones, and More.**

PUBLIC INVITED- BRING YOUR FRIENDS

OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

This month we are organizing a special delivery of cookies and thank you cards to our First Responders to show our deep appreciation for their unwavering courage,sacrifice, and long hours on shift and keeping our community safe.



Youth News



OASIS RETREAT

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Oasis Retreat - November 2026

Camp Caudle in Hector

November 13th -15th

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS FUN WEEKEND

Fall retreat will be with other Methodist churches from the Arkansas area.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED SOON

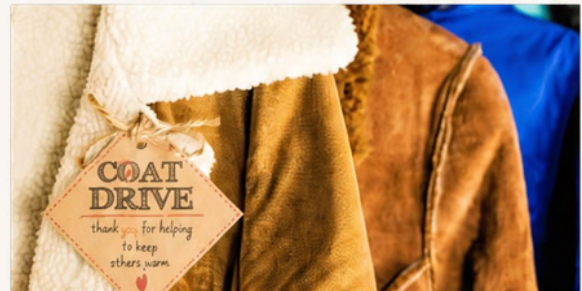
YOUTH BONFIRE

Bonfire, Hayride, & Smore's
Saturday night in October
Date to be determined.
Rose's house
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

The youth will be collecting coats for the month of October for Hope Connexion in preparation for the colder months. Please place your coats on the shelf in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Undie Sundays

Please remember that Outreach is collecting undies. Bring to church on Sunday, October 4th and place on the altar. Pastor Ian will bless them during worship Sunday October 11th. Sizes needed are: 6-12
Thank you for giving!

SOUPER SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4, 2026

BENEFITTING THE CALL
IN HEMPSTEAD AND NEVADA COUNTIES



A POT OF SOUP
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

- **MAKE A POT OF SOUP**
- **FILL QUART CONTAINERS**
(PROVIDED BY THE CALL)
- **SELL FOR \$8/QUART**
- **DONATE THE PROCEEDS!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CALL TO SERVE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
IMPACTED BY FOSTER CARE THROUGH RECRUITING, TRAINING AND
SUPPORTING LOCAL FOSTER FAMILIES



HOPE
Methodist Church
Loving · Serving · Growing



We Are Looking For A Music Director

Hope Methodist Church is seeking a dedicated
and talented Music Director to lead our music ministry.

If you have a heart for worship and a passion for
helping people grow in their faith, we would love to hear from you!

Position:

The Music Director is responsible for the interpretation of the Hope Methodist Church through the music ministry. This would include recruitment, supervision, nurturing and training of volunteers, and the supervision and nurturing of all paid musicians.

Specific Job Responsibilities:

1. Direct supervision, nurturing and care of: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Adult Handbell Choir.
2. Serve as leadership resource for music for all ages of the church.
3. Coordinate music programs with the Worship Committee, the Administrative Board, church professionals, and the Senior Pastor.
4. Coordinate and supervise the participation of all musician (paid & non-paid) in our worship services.
5. Lead the congregation to establish long range goals and short term objectives for an on-going music ministry in the life of the church.
6. Coordinate and supervise the worship services.
7. Lead the congregation to establish long range goals and short term objectives for an on-going music ministry in the life of the church.
8. Coordinate and supervise the participation of all musicians in the life of the church.
9. Prepare and monitor the budget for music ministries subject to approval of Finance Committee and Administrative Board.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in church music ministry.
- Strong leadership and organizational skills.
- Ability to work with volunteers and build a team.
- Knowledge of vocal and instrumental music.
- Commitment to the mission and vision of Hope Methodist Church.

Join us in making
a joyful noise!

For more information,
please contact:

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Bible Study

A BACK PORCH Theology BIBLE STUDY

Lisa Harper
A Jesus
Shaped Life



Tuesdays
6:00 PM

How Biblically Sound Theology Deepens
Our Relationship with God and Each Other

All are welcome!



LIGHT FROM THE WORD



TASTE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

"Solis food is for the mature, who be constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." -Hebrews. 5:14

The acidic bitterness of coffee used to bother my stomach, but bit by bit I build up a tolerance until gradually an affection for this flavor that used to bother me was born. The same could be said for my relationship with running. I can't say the feeling of my lungs being on fire was my heart's burning desire... at least, not initially. But over time, as I kept consistent about lacing up my shoes and getting out the door, the experience grew on me, and what used to be a chore became an affinity for breathing air in a new way. Unless you're a savant, your starting point when trying something new will probably be pretty shabby. And no one would fault you for

poor performance with a skill you've hardly practiced. But to settle externally for alternating between the same three chords on a piano instead of learning to play the whole piece...? Most would agree that would be a tragedy. Spiritual formation is no exception. To stay and settle for the same place where God found and saved us, rather than moving toward righteousness, would be a tragedy. God's design and intention was not that we would live off yesterday's provision, but that we would daily yield to his presence, maturing from spiritual milk to solid food. Every day God is inviting his people to develop a taste for his goodness.

--- Amt Boyle

**Train your
palette to
taste ever
more of
the
goodness
of God.**



Hope

METHODIST CHURCH

IS MAKING A **Cookbook**



We need your help!
Please gather up
your favorite recipes
or your family
secret recipes!



For more information call
 **Cathryn Looney**
979-229-7899



Drop off at the church office
or with Cathryn Looney.



Let's Get to Cooking!



Finances



PASTOR'S FUND

Any money placed on the altar rail on Communion Sundays is allocated to our pastor's fund. This money is used for helping individuals/families in need at the discretion of our pastor.

**WE MAKE
GIVING EASY!**



Text "Hope Church" to 73256 using your mobile device or scan this QR code with your phone's camera!

September Attendance & Tithing

Aug.30

Att.- 94

Tithe- \$5,914

Sep. 6

Att.- 91

Tithe- \$9,106

Sep. 13

Att.- 96

Tithe- \$6,339.03

Sep. 20

Att.- 113

Tithe- \$4,973

Sep. 27

Att.- 101

Tithe- \$6,006

PRESCHOOL News

We're Off to a Great Start!

Our teachers have some wonderful students and have been working hard to help everyone get comfortable with their new routines and classroom schedules.



Full Classes!

We are excited to have full classes and several students participating in After School Care as well!



Meet Our Director

A big shoutout to Sabrina, who is doing a fantastic job as our Preschool Director!

She is working hard through her Director's training and learning all the ins and outs of her new role. We are so thankful to have her!



Coming Next Month...

Our preschool students and teachers will be taking a fun field trip to

Miracle Farms
in Bodcaw
for a Pumpkin Patch adventure!



We are looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, growing, playing and making memories!



We love our Preschool!

