



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

February 14, 2025



THIS WEEK

A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT
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A Great Encouragement from Jude

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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25

After driving that small U-Haul to Denton, Kansas, I began a new life in ministry. I was assigned to be the quarter-time pastor of the only remaining church within the town of Denton while I would attend seminary. The church seemed excited to have someone young and new, as well. I don't know if they really understood how NEW I was to ministry!

The beginning of ministry reminded me of childhood at the Clay Center swimming pool. The water wasn't heated, so you had two choices. First, you could slowly walk down the steps in the three-foot end, and gradually get used to the cold. Second, you could just jump in. Here you would feel the

rush of the cold water in one burst and the body would just be forced to adjust. There were times when this transition from accounting to ministry felt like option number two. I just had to jump in and get used to it. By the grace of God, the church was used to rookie pastors, so my lack of experience was no shocker to them!

Soon after this adventure began, I received that first call for a funeral. At this point, I could say that I had been to a few funerals (in several different types of churches). My dad and brother were both in the funeral business. I was not!

I had a hymnal, a Book of Discipline, and a Book of Worship (United Methodist). It was a bold move in the early 2000's, but I bought the Book of Worship on CD. Here, I discovered that I could cut an paste much of the liturgy. For that first funeral, I found one of the suggested funerals and cut and pasted what I thought (or hopefully: discerned) what would work well.

There was also a service for

internment, or burial. Due to weather conditions, I learned to trim this service to five to ten minutes. One graveside service, it was cold and snowing. Cars parked on each side of the road at the cemetery. I walked back and forth between them to offer the service. They rolled down their windows to hear me.

The blessing from the Book of Worship for the graveside service seems like one of the most powerful facets of the entire funeral experience. I learned that this bold declaration of faith, life, and death came from the book of Jude, which only has one chapter.

Jude is one of the half brothers of Jesus. Jude wanted to encourage the church. Although we don't refer to this small book often, it is worth reading and studying as we face similar grumbling and misinformation in the church today.

I still use Jude's blessing. I encourage you to read it over and over this week. Read the whole book (one chapter). Next week, we'll look closely at this powerful benediction and how it is still a great encouragement for the church.

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY COURSE



The Heartland Conference Board of Ministry Sub-committee on Certified Lay Ministry is pleased to announce the launch of its Certified Lay Ministry School with the first course entitled Lay Ministry Foundations.

The course will begin on Monday, March 3 with five required LIVE sessions on Thursdays at 7pm CST.

Live Sessions: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3.

The cost is \$30 plus books. Books are ordered separately and not included in the course fee.

Please see the [Certified Lay Ministry Course Info Flyer](#) for books and other required materials.

For questions please email: clm@heartlandgmc.org

OUTREACH KC - DATE CHANGED



Due to the inclement weather One Hope will postpone serving in Kansas City, Kansas until **Sunday, February 23!**

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

Hello God...How Can I Know It's Really You?

Are you real? Do you hear us? The world can be confusing. Religion can be confusing. Everyone seems to have an opinion about God. How can we know what is Good News and what is just fake news? How can we recognize God and experience God? Our first series of 2025 will dive right into the heart of the difficulties many have with trusting God today. Join us beginning January 12 as we walk through 1 John 4 and 5 to tackle some difficult questions about knowing God. John helps us filter out the rumors to discover the God who loves us, who is real, and who is present.

Hello God...How Can I Know It's Really You?

- 2/02/2025 – 1 John 4:16-21, Love vs. Fear
- 2/09/2025 – 1 John 5:1-5, Overcome the World
- 2/16/2025 – 1 John 5:6-13, Believing God
- 2/23/2025 – 1 John 5:14-21, What We Can Know



WORSHIP SONGS

[Nothing But The Blood](#)

[Trust in God](#)

[I Will Follow](#)



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PRAYER CONCERNS

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Philippians 4:6

Prayers for:



JOY

Joanna G. & Presley, who welcome Beckham, 8lb, 11oz

Larry, recovery after eyelid surgery to remove cancerous tumor

Earl S., recovering after hip replacement

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J's mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.'s mom

Rick Hard & family, lost everything in the California fires, David P. family

Healing for all who are struggling with illness, and/or seasonal stress

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church Heartland Annual Conference 5/28-5/31/2025

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan

2/16 VOLUNTEERS

Tech - Audio

Laurie K.

Tech - Video

Bob K.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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