



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

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RUMORS AND FAKE NEWS

by Pastor Eric Reach out! PastorEric@OneHopeKC.org

“While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Matthew 28:11-15

I’ve seen it many times at Children’s Time. The leader tells one child something. The information is passed from one child to the next. By the time it

moves to the end of the line...with a lot of coaching for the youngest ones...the information changes, and often drastically!

Unfortunately, results are similar with adults. This tweaked and changed information becomes a rumor. Rumors grow into gossip. Gossip takes on a life of it’s own in church or in the workplace. Gossip can tear apart relationships and breaks down trust. It is repeatedly pointed out as a sin in the Bible, but we tend to ignore this.

Often today, people, even leaders, use social media and even our national media to plant an idea, or frame a story for their benefit. People continually buy into this

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fake news, even when it has no grounding or has been proven false.

In this post-resurrection story, Matthew shares a fake news story. The counsel (religious leaders) paid the soldiers to lie about the resurrection and blame the disciples for Jesus’ tomb exit. This rumor, this gross act of gossip, persisted to the day Matthew penned his Gospel.

Today, people twist and manipulate the Bible, who Jesus is, and Christianity. Many of them haven’t even read the Bible! Jesus brought both grace AND truth. Get to know our One Hope! Read the Bible, join a Hope Builders group, spend time in deep prayer. Share Jesus with grace, love, respect, joy, and truth. Have a blessed weekend!

WORSHIP PASSIONATELY

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

Last Sunday, I mentioned that I was reflecting on our Global Methodist mission statement. Specifically, it is our mission to "worship passionately." I think we all (including me) need some work on passionate worship. To begin this process, I asked everyone to e-mail (pastoreric@onehopekc.org) or text me regarding the aspect of worship that you have experience that most connects you with God. This is not necessarily what One Hope needs to improve on, because we will continue to work on improving each part! The question is, historically for you, which part of worship tends to draw you deeper into worship. I look forward to hearing from you!

May our worship be passionate!
Pastor Eric

HOPE BUILDERS GROUPS



Hope Builders Groups are where we share our joys and challenges in our faith walk. Learn more about the structure of these groups. Read [The Class Meeting](#) by Kevin Watson.

You can check out a copy from the One Hope Church Library on Sundays.

Click the link below to sign up for a group.

[Link to interest form](#)

NEW SERMON SERIES

**Resurrection:
Lessons from John the Apostle**

For the next series, we continue through the Book of John. John's account of Jesus' resurrection gives us some great insight about Jesus' teaching during the forty days before he ascended into heaven. Join us as we explore this unique connection of heaven and earth.



Sermon Link:

4/7 - [Life After Death](#)

4/14 - [Revealed](#)

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[Living Hope](#)

Hymnal #560

Worship Song

[Jesus, We Look to Thee](#)

Hymnal #108

Song of Response

[Oh Lord You're Beautiful](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for continuing to share your time and talent for our activities on Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all who attended One Hope Church.

Volunteer Opportunities include Fellowship Time - Coffee or Treats, Hospitality, Tech Team, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer, Prayer Group, Music, Children's Church, and Clean Up.

Access the signup form:

[Sunday Volunteers](#)

Note: The Keurig and 1 gallon of water can be kept in the supply cart as overnight temperatures will remain above 40°.

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Clean Up

Dana G., Michelle G.

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.

Hospitality

Michelle G.

Music

Abie R.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Michelle G.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S., Bill F.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.



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:

Tim & Deann P. on the death of Ross,
Deann's brother

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Texas Panhandle wildfires recovery

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

Global Methodist Church
Heartland Conference

Heartland Global Methodist Church
Annual Conference, May 30 - June 1

Global Methodist Church
Convening General Conference
9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

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Sherri Critchfield

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Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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