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# OCTOBER 3, 2021

## WORSHIP SONGS

Reign Above It All

Not To Us

Graves Into Gardens

How Deep The Father's Love

Jesus Messiah

## SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-5; Romans 1:18-23

## MESSAGE

“We Can Know God Exists ”

Pastor Jon VanderWall

## TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship

10:45 am - Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am - Sunday School/ Discipleship Hour

5:30 pm - Middle School YG Kick Off

6:00 pm - R-GEN



## **Hopkins Community Church**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

October has once again been designated as Pastor Appreciation month with the mission to uplift and encourage pastors, missionaries and religious workers. We wish to bless our pastors with a love offering and envelopes for this purpose have been placed in your mailboxes and made available in the back of church. There will be a box designated for collection of these gifts in the back of church through October 31. Checks may be made out to Hopkins Community Church (or "HCC"). Feel free to contact Kathy in the church office with any questions.

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF** takes place tonight from 5:30-7:00 PM at Hoffmaster's Barn (3087 17th Street)
- **RUBIES (7th and 8th grade girls)** meet Wednesday, October 6 from 3:30-5:30 PM in the youth barn.
- **GEMS (2nd-6th grade girls)** meet Wednesday, October 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **CADETS (4th-8th grade boys)** meet Wednesday, October 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **5TH QUARTER is happening again on Friday night!** We can always use a few more volunteers and if you're able to donate treats, please drop those off to the church kitchen. Thank you!

**FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Advent Blocks! A Christmas practice that helps kids—and parents!—anticipate the birth of Jesus, and not just presents. This practice is a tangible, Bible-based, 25-day guide to creating an exciting environment in the home around God coming to earth. Each day of December leading up to Christmas Day, you read a story with your kids, and rotate that day's block to see the image. Ordering these block sets in a bulk order as a church, we can get the 1-inch block set for \$20. If money is a concern, let us know and we will gladly help out. If you're interested, please email or talk to Pastor Caleb as soon as possible before supplies run out! Block sets will ship in late October to the church. Check out [www.adventblocks.com](http://www.adventblocks.com) for more information.

**CAMPING NEXT AUGUST 5-7, 2022 AT CRAN-HILL RANCH:** Last year we had about 7 families join us for a weekend of fun at Cran-Hill, and we would love to have many more. We need a total of 8 families to get the early reservation. Please sign up on the back table or get in touch with Dan or Mindy Laarman today! We look forward to seeing many of you next summer for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

**YOUNG ADULT BONFIRE NIGHT:** all post high school/college age/young adults (18-25ish years old) are invited for a bonfire on Sunday, October 10 at the bonfire pit by the Youth Barn from 7:30-9:00 PM. Desserts and pop will be provided! Come and get to know other young adults, hang out and hear about our plan for the year! Feel free to invite your friends and our rain plan will be to meet inside the church. Contact Pastor Caleb with any questions!

**PARENTS:** we ask that you complete the **Parent Consent/Student Registry Form** in the church app if you haven't done this yet.

This is for all children participating in any of HCC's child/youth programs from Nursery through 12th grade. Please log in to the app prior to filling out the form. Select "add child" to the "Household Members" field and fill out requested fields. Select "add child" again if you have additional children. There is no need to submit a separate form for each child in the family.

The form can be found here:

<https://hopkinscommunity.churchcenter.com/people/forms/290109>

**SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center** is looking for Board Members. Is God placing a burden on your heart to serve but you aren't sure where He is leading? Consider serving as a Board Member for SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center. We are looking for men or women who have a heart for bringing Jesus to the next generation! Check out our website: [www.son-lifecamp.org](http://www.son-lifecamp.org) to learn more about our ministry. Then, give Hope a call at 269-792-2081 or email [hope@son-lifecamp.org](mailto:hope@son-lifecamp.org).

## THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

One of the greatest questions that Atheists pose to believers is that of proof of God's existence. Because God is spirit, and therefore invisible, and because you cannot quantify Him in any scientific way, many hold that He simply does not exist. Science, they say, has proven how and approximately when the universe began and how it exists today. Everything that exists, they say, finds its beginning in the Big Bang and is the natural result of several billion years of random evolutionary process that brought us to this point.

While science may be able to explain, in varying degrees of specific language, the nature of the first seconds of the universe, it has yet to (and will not be able to) explain the root cause of the beginning of the universe. What science has shown, however, is that there definitely was a beginning; the universe itself is not eternal. In keeping with its own laws of physics, then, we (and they) know that there is a cause behind the beginning. Nothing simply cannot appear from nothing. Scripture, however, is very clear on this point: "In the beginning, God..."

### Questions to take home:

1. Last week, Pastor Jim spoke about the attributes of God. Which ones on the list he gave us really apply to the conversation about the existence of God? How do they play a role in what you believe about who God is?
2. What have you heard or been taught about the beginning of the universe? What would you save are the theological implications (impacts on what you believe) of this teaching? How do or don't they fit in with what Scripture teaches about God?
3. Part of apologetics is offering reasonable and well thought out answers to why you believe what you believe. How would you respond to someone who says, "I don't know how anyone could believe in God, there is no proof that God exists"?

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2021

### OCTOBER 3

**Greeters:** Kyle and Stephanie Hoffmaster, Bill and Annette Hennip

**Coffee Fellowship:** Kyle & Stephanie Hoffmaster (cookies: Cindy Hoffmaster)

**Nursery:** Cindy Hoffmaster, Joy Athearn

**WOW:** Kammy Leep, Braden Wamhoff, Hope Reed

### OCTOBER 10

**Greeters:** Tom and Rainelle Jansma, Jean Calkins, Kim Langlois

**Coffee Fellowship:** Randy and Amy Folkert (cookies: Kim Langlois)

**Nursery:** Kathy and Lydia Athearn

**WOW:** Hope Reurink, Tally Laarman, Miles Kukor

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

### TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM	Sunday School/ Discipleship Hour
5:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group Kick Off
6:00 PM	R-GEN (youth barn)

### MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
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### WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM	Rubies
6:00 PM	GEMS
6:00 PM	Cadets

### THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Praise Team practice
7:00 PM	Expectancy (Bible study)

### FRIDAY

9:00 PM	5th Quarter
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## PRAYER

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

We extend our sympathy to the Hibma, Kennedy, Knowlton and Swainston families as they mourn the passing of loved ones. May God give them the strength and the peace they need in these difficult times.

- **Louise Allen** (Carol Boverhof's sister) as she continues cancer treatment.
- **Ryan Beffrey** (Pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Dorr) had successful brain surgery and is recovering well!
- **Ron Galloway** (Cindy Kukor's uncle)
- **Leon Huff** (Hollie Roblyer's father) will begin chemo soon; cancer was found in his lymph nodes but the liver was clear. Pray for minimal side effects and that treatment will remove the cancer.
- **Jill (Mele) Jackson** (daughter of Steve Mele from the Hopkins community) is fighting throat cancer.
- **Shelly Kibby** (cousin to Diane Stone and a Hopkins bus driver)
- **Bob and Norma Knowlton** as they grieve the sudden passing of their daughter, Margaret Arndt this past week. Services were held at HCC on Saturday.
- **Mitch Punches** as he continues to make good progress.
- **Hollie Roblyer** is recovering well from kidney surgery; however, there is a spot on her colon doctors believe to be a cyst, but will require further testing.
- **Mike Stearns** (son of Steve and Sandy Stearns) had a good report from the doctor this past week for the right eye. The fluid is gone and he can see up to 400 feet which is enough to read and drive. Continue to pray for the left eye which is still having issues and will be addressed at a later time. Thank you for praying and we praise God for this good report!
- **Arlan TenClay** (former interim pastor at HCC)
- **Rachel VanderKlipp** (Dave and Cindy Kukor's daughter-in-law) in her journey with a difficult health diagnosis and decisions that will need to be made.
- **Amanda (Weber) Sal's uncle, John** as he continues radiation.
- **Lauren Wolffis** (friend of Kristen VanderSyde) as she continues her journey with stage 4 breast cancer and is seeking a second opinion on treatment.

## GIVING

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

**Gifts and Tithes received for 9/26 - 10/1:** \$ 8,020.66  
(includes Sunday, mailed and online tithes)

**Weekly Missional Expenses:** \$ 8,075.06