ONLINE SCRIPT - December 26, 2021



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF ONLINE CHURCH.

- 1. **Be Present.** Treat this time like you are in a house of worship, which is where you are! Try not to hold a side conversation, answer calls, or multi-task. Be with God and His people like always. After all, we believe in the communion of saints!
- 2. **Worship, don't just watch.** Sing when the leader sings, pray when the pastor prays, say "amen" or "hallelujah" out loud when you hear something that resonates with you.
- 3. **Interact with God and Each Other.** Feel free to comment in the thread below the video to ask questions, give a word of praise, or ask for prayer. We will have an online host to help facilitate the comment threads.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (98 Church Campus Only)

WORSHIP SONG

"What Child Is This"

What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

This this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste haste to bring Him laud the Babe the Son of Mary

Nails and spears shall pierce Him through
The cross be home for me and you
Hail hail the Word made flesh the Babe the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh Come peasant king to own Him The King of kings salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone Him

> The Babe the Son of Mary The Babe the Son of Mary

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION (98 Church Campus Only)

- All: Lord, we confess that we are often overcome by negative and narrow thinking. We fail to trust in the truth of your grace and in the faith you have given us. We too often become prisoners to the lies of Satan and forget to live as the free and empowered children of God we are.
- L: Hear the Good News, God in his mercy has given us everything we need pertaining to life and Godliness through His son, Jesus Christ. He has given us the truth and the truth has set us free from sin and negative thinking. As born-again believers, we ask for the Holy Spirit to give us the power, strength and protection of our Savior Jesus Christ so we can live as His children with hope.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (98 Church Campus Only)

WORSHIP SONG "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy

> He has come for us This Jesus He's the hope for all mankind He has come for us The Messiah Born to give us life

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

All the angels sing Hallelujah Jesus Christ is born All the children sing Hallelujah He is Christ the Lord

SERMON "NEW MIND, NEW LIFE: WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?"

Steve Rice, Director of Discipleship

1. WE ARE IN A BATTLE FOR OUR MIND.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. (Romans 7:21-25)

A. THE DEVIL TRIES TO SHAPE OUR THINKING ONE LIE AT A TIME.

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

B. <u>NEGATIVE</u> THOUGHTS DO NOT COME FROM GOD.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

2. OUR THOUGHTS DRIVE OUR LIFE.

MEMORY VERSE

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7a NKJV)

- A. OUR LIFE IS ALWAYS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR STRONGEST THOUGHTS.
- B. WE CANNOT LIVE A <u>POSITIVE</u> LIFE IF WE HAVE A <u>NEGATIVE</u> MIND.
- 3. LET'S TAKE INVENTORY, WHERE ARE YOUR THOUGHTS TAKING YOU?
 - A. WORRIED OR PEACEFUL
 - **B. NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE**
 - C. WORLDLY OR ETERNAL

4. WE NEED TO RENEW OUR MIND.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

STEPS TO RENEWING OUR MIND

- 1. <u>DEMOLISH</u> LIES THAT BATTLE GOD'S TRUTH & GRACE.
- 2. TAKE <u>CAPTIVE</u> EVERY THOUGHT AND MAKE IT <u>OBEDIENT</u> TO CHRIST.

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

- 1. Can you identify one negative "rut" of thought you always go to?
- 2. Can you find a Biblical truth to combat that negative thinking through God's grace?

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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3834 US Hwy 98 West
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
Drop off an offering on Monday between 10:00am and 2:00pm



NEXT STEPS

Please fill out a Connection Card online by using this link: https://hopeonthebeach.breezechms.com/form/ConnectionCard Follow us on Facebook to find worship, prayers, and devotions all week long. Subscribe to our YouTube channel as well!

Removal of the Greens, Wednesday, Jan. 5th @ 10:00 am at 98 Campus

Plan now to help take down our Christmas decorations. Many hands make for light work.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, January 8th @ 8:00 am at 98 Church Campus

Calling all men to join us for our monthly breakfast and a great opportunity to fellowship with other men at Hope. Please make note of our special starting time at 8:00 am, so we can participate in the Campus Work Day, too. For more information, contact Steve.

Campus Work Day, Saturday, January 8th @ 9:30 am

The Hope Family is gathering together to all pitch in on getting important work done around our 98 Church Campus. Some of the projects will include painting, cleaning and organizing, and other needed maintenance. All are welcome to join in the fun of working together!

Youth Group, Wednesday, January 12th @ 6:00 pm at 98 Church Campus

It's a New Year and new time. Come join the fun as we prepare dinner together, study God's Word, and plan for the next 6 months. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Kristie.

Life Group Facilitators

We would like to offer some additional Life Groups this Spring. If you are interested in facilitating a group, please connect with Steve or mark your Connection Card. We will host a facilitators training on Saturday, January 15th @ 10:00 am at the Rice's home. Lunch will follow.

Life Groups, Starting week of January 23rd

Our spring semester of Life Groups will begin the week of January 23rd and sign-ups will begin Sunday, January 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Steve or mark your Connection Card.



For more information and details scan the code or go to our online calendar @ hopeonthebeach.com/events

BLESSING (98 Church Campus Only)

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May He look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: AMEN

WORSHIP SONG

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)"

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
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Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
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Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Rejoice rejoice our God is here with us Emmanuel our God is still with us

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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