



HOPE
on the Beach Church

A Simple Way to Connect to Jesus



When You Feel Abandoned by God

May 7, 2023

WELCOME

NO JUDGMENT ZONE

We believe God loves you and has brought you here today to experience His love. This is the place where it is okay not to be okay. Our worship experience is designed to be a simple way to connect to Jesus. If you need assistance or have questions, please feel comfortable in asking. We like to acknowledge all who worship with us, so please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin.



Children of all ages are welcome at our worship experiences. If needed, our nursery and Children's Church are available during worship during our 98 Church Campus Worship Experience. Worship bags are also available.

Nursery (Birth to 3)

Children's Church (Age 4 to 4th Grade)



This Worship Experience is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Receivers are at the tech booth. (98 Church Campus only)

GET CONNECTED

Hospitality Team Training, Monday May 8th @ 6:00 pm at 98 Campus

This dinner and training is for everyone who serves or wants to serve as an usher, greeter, welcome table, prayer team, or with food at any of our worship venues. The night will include a dinner, fellowship, large group training and then venue breakouts. You will have a great time with the Hope Family and gain clarity and confidence to make serving even more enjoyable. Don't miss it!

Youth Group, Wednesday, May 10th @ 6:00 pm at 98 Church Campus

All youth, 6th—12th grade are invited to an evening of fun as we celebrate the start of the new year and pray a blessing over you. We will have dinner together, study God's Word, and play games. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Kristie.

Breakfast at the Beach, Sunday, May 14th @ 9:00 am at Ed Walline Pavilion

Plan now to join in fellowship while enjoying breakfast after worship on the beach. All attendees are invited. Please mark your Connection Card if you plan to attend.

Want Something To Watch?

Hope on the Beach Church is excited to offer RightNow Media FREE to you. RightNow Media is a Christian streaming service with on-demand videos on books of the Bible, marriage, parenting, men, women, kids cartoons and much more that are Christian and well produced. Use the link to find some of the top Christian leaders of our time and better options for you and your children to watch. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/hopeonthebeach>

Altar flowers in loving memory of Mary Rutrough,
whose birthday is May 8th, given by her children.

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH (98 Church Campus)

Children are starting in Children's Church and will join us for the remainder of worship during announcements.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP SONGS

"Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God yes I am

Free at last

He has ransomed me His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

In my Father's house there's a place for me

I'm a child of God yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

"Good Good Father"

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night

You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good good Father

It's who You are it's who You are it's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am it's who I am it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide

But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide

Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak

Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

As you call me deeper still

Into love love love

“DOUBTING GOD: WHEN YOU FEEL ABANDONED BY GOD”

Pastor Jason Scheler

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶*About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).* (Matthew 27:45-46 NIV)

3 RIGHT RESPONSES WHEN YOU FEEL ABANDONED BY GOD

1. REMIND YOURSELF GOD _____ YOU AND IS WITH YOU.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5 NIV)

A. BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, YOU’RE NOT _____.

“... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20 NIV)

B. BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, TAKE YOUR _____ QUESTIONS TO GOD.

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. (Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT)

C. BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, THIS SEASON IS A PART OF YOUR STORY, NOT THE _____ STORY.

MEMORY VERSE

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. **Now I know in part; then I shall know fully**, even as I have been fully known.

(1 Corinthians 13:12 ESV)

2. TURN “WHY, GOD?” INTO “_____, GOD?”

A. ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO _____ ME?

Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. (Hebrews 5:8 NLT)

B. ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO _____ ME?

... or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

(2 Corinthians 12:7 NIV)

C. ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO _____ ME?
... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

3. WHEN YOU CAN'T TRACE GOD'S HAND, TRUST GOD'S _____.
Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
(Luke 23:46 NIV)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV)

... "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
(Hebrews 13:5 NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28 NIV)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us ...
(Ephesians 3:20 NKJV)

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 NIV)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. What are some differences between asking God "why" and asking Him "what"? Have you experienced this shift in your life?
2. Talk about a time when you felt loved and seen by God. How can you remember that moment when it's harder to feel His presence?
3. Read **Hebrews 4:15-16**. What bold prayers, questions, or concerns do you have for God? How can you approach Him with these things this week?
4. Find one promise in Scripture that you can declare "Amen!" over. Write it down and reflect on it daily this week.

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION (98 Church Campus)

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.

OFFERING/CONNECTION CARD

"Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly."
(1 Chronicles 29:9)

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LORD'S SUPPER (Beach & 98 Church Campus)

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in glad confidence that, as Jesus says, this meal is not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. If you have been baptized, repent of your sin, and desire the life of grace offered by Jesus, then we welcome you to the Lord's Table. Please read 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 for what the Bible says about The Lord's Supper. Please talk to a pastor or elder before worship if you have any questions.

BLESSING (98 Church Campus)

WORSHIP SONG

"Your Great Name"

The lost are saved find their way at the sound of Your great name
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name

Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name
The enemy he has to leave at the sound of Your great name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name*

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name
The fatherless they find their rest at the sound of Your great name
The sick are healed the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name

Your great name Redeemer my healer
Lord Almighty My Savior defender
You are my King Redeemer my healer
Lord Almighty My Savior defender
You are my King

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name



Hospitality Training

Monday, May 8

6:00 pm

Plan now to join in this training to help learn more about serving at worship and our events.

Dinner provided.

YOUTH GROUP

Join us for fun, food, and spiritual insights.
Good friends, studying God's Word and growing in Jesus together.

6th - 12th Grade

Wednesdays at 6:00pm @ 98 Church Campus

Dinner Provided

Breakfast at the beach

Sunday, May 14th

Ed Walline Beach Pavilion
After 8:00 am Worship



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY @ 12:30pm—Growth Track @ 98 Church Campus

Monday @ 6:00 pm—Hospitality Training & Dinner @ 98 Church Campus

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm—Youth Group @ 98 Church Campus

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, May 14th @ 9:00 am—Breakfast at the Beach @ Ed Walline Pavilion

Wednesday, May 24th @ 6:00 pm—Youth Group @ 98 Church Campus

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Women of Hope Monthly Donation:

For the month of May the Women of Hope are asking for donations for the Ft. Walton Beach Center for Women as we honor them for Mother's Day. Our goal is to make "Bags of Hope" for the women who have chosen to have their babies. We are collecting small soaps, hand lotions, loofahs, candy, small candles, small pots for planting seeds, finger nail files/polish, notebooks, Christian baby books for them to read to their babies, and etc. The "Bags of Hope" will be delivered the 1st week of June.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am on Ed Walline Beach (*If raining, moved to Shunk Gully tent*)
Communion offered first Sunday of the month.

9:20 am at Shunk Gully (*In the tent*)
Communion offered third Sunday of the month.

11:00 am at 98 Church Campus (3834 US Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach)
Communion offered first, third and fifth Sundays.

Live Stream: Share with your friends too!

8:00 am—Facebook

11:00 am—Facebook, YouTube, and hopeonthebeach.com

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