

# THE SUMMIT

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## FALL MINISTRY SEASON BEGINS

**Sunday, September 7**  
**International Event Center**  
**Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:45 AM**

**Children's programming for nursery through 5th grade**  
 (nursery, toddlers and 2 1/2 & 3 year old classes meet in the Event Center. Four year olds through 5th graders meet in the Endless Journey Child Care facility, located 1/2 block from the Event Center.)

**Reminder: this is Move-Up Day! 2008-2009 sixth graders and older will be part of the adult worship services.**

Information booths will be available regarding:

- Missions
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Kids Hope
- Life Groups (small group ministry)



## Living Dangerously!

This is the theme for our next ministry season. We'll be challenged to go deeper in our walk with the Lord. The Christian Life is not easy. In fact, it's dangerous. But Jesus says that when we live dangerously for Him, that is when we experience real life.

## A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

BY KEVIN WHITE

I like what editor Ronald Nickelson of Standard Publishing wrote in the Adult Quarterly of the International Sunday School Lesson. He writes, “The ancient Jews observed the arrival of a ‘religious new year’ and a ‘civil new year’ annually. Most churches also recognize the arrival of two new years annually: our ‘civil year’ begins January 1, while our ‘curriculum year’ begins with the first Sunday in September. So—Happy New Year!”

The arrival of this new year offers us a natural time for personal reflection. Our level of commitment to Bible study is one area all of us should review. Bible study is demanding, but worth it! At Hope Summit we offer a multitude of opportunities for you to grow in your relationship with Christ and with one another. One of our goals this year is to grow in the area of discipleship. One strategy is to grow our small group ministry that we call “Life Groups.” Life Groups range in size from 3 to 12 people. One of their benefits is that they meet at various times and locations, depending on the scheduling needs of the participants. If you are interested in starting, leading or hosting a Life Group, please contact me at [www.kevin@meadowparkchurch.com](mailto:www.kevin@meadowparkchurch.com) or 288-3293. I would like to encourage families with children to consider starting a group on Wednesday nights. While you connect with other adults for study and fellowship, your children will also be learning more about Jesus in a safe environment here at the church.

In addition to Life Groups we offer the following classes on Sundays and Wednesdays:

Sunday Morning  
Adult Bible Fellowship Classes  
Beginning September 14th

***New Testament Community*      Ken Larson, Instructor      8:15 in Room A6**

God’s plan to bring the church into existence took centuries to implement. Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew will look at “The Birth of a New Community.” Lessons from Acts will look at “The Growth of the New Community.” Lessons from Paul’s letters will consider “Challenges of the New Community.”

***Study of Romans*      Lee Tapper, Instructor      9:00 in the Library**

This verse by verse exposition of Paul’s letter to the church at Rome is a continuing study. New class members are always welcome as we “mine the treasures” found in God’s Word by digging deeper.

***Celebration of Discipline*      Kevin White, Instructor      9:00 in Room A6  
(beginning September 21st)**

Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard Foster explores the classic disciplines or central spiritual practices of the Christian faith. The study will cover the inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting and study; the outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission and service; and the corporate disciplines of confession, worship, guidance and celebration which bring us nearer to one another and to God.

***When God Goes to Starbucks*      Paul McAlister, Instructor      10:45 in Room A6**

There is apologetics—when God, the Bible or the Faith are being actively maligned. And then there are the difficult questions that sometimes arise in casual conversation—“everyday apologetics.” Whether the questions are directed at Christianity itself, the Christian worldview or simply truth and reality, this study does not shy away from tough problems some people—even Christians—have with the faith.

....A  
Place for  
Bible Study



**What's So Amazing About Grace? Women's Study****10:45 in the Library**

Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else. For only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world. Award-winning author Philip Yancey challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, "What's so amazing about grace?"

Beginning September 10th

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30—6:15

Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family

Wednesday Evening Classes

6:30—8:00

**Financial Peace University****Barb Ackland & Kerry Wager****Room A6**

Through *Financial Peace University* by Dave Ramsey, the average family eliminates \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700 in just 91 days. Come and learn how to put into practice the proven common-sense principles that will allow you to walk with financial peace.

**New Testament Introduction****Aaron Wager****Library**

Through this introduction and survey of the New Testament, you will gain a better understanding of the who, what, when, where, why and how of the New Testament and its application to our daily lives.

**Family Small Group****Bonnie Erpelding****Café**

Your family is invited to join us for a Family Bible Study. This is a family led and directed discipleship class designed to help families teach their children God's Word in an engaging atmosphere with other families. Moms, Dads and children of all ages are welcome.

The theme for this year is "Acting on God's Word: Studying the Book of Acts." We will kick-off the year on September 10th with a family movie, *Pilgrims Progress*, as well as a brief introduction to the Family Bible Study. Whether or not your family is planning to participate in the Family Bible Study throughout the year, we encourage you to join us for our kick-off. Call Bonnie and Rick Erpelding at 507-634-3186 if you would like more information.

**Celebration of Discipline****Kevin White****TBA**

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Student Ministries Pastor  
Todd Looney

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**WELCOME TO HOPE SUMMIT****Sunday, September 7****5:30—7:30 pm****Chapel**

Join Pastor Aaron for an introductory class on the vision and values of HSCC. This is an excellent class for those who are new to our congregation and want to learn more about us, or for those who have been attending for some time and are considering becoming a member. Dinner will be provided. Child care is available upon request. Please sign up online or by calling the church office (288-3293).

## LOIS CIRCLE'S

### FRIENDLY FALL FELLOWSHIP

The Lois Circle is a monthly opportunity for Hope Summit ladies to gather together. The first meeting for the 2008-2009 season will be Tuesday, September 9th at 1:00 pm at Mr. Pizza North, 4040 28th St. NW. The menu includes sandwiches, wraps and a variety of salads. All ladies are invited to attend. The September meeting will include an opportunity for suggestions and ideas for the new ministry season. Car pooling is available from the church front parking lot. Call Shirley at 288-2968.

## SHELDON THEATER OUTING

Friday, November 21

7:00 pm

*The Church Basement Ladies*  
Sheldon Theater in Red Wing, MN

Join a group from Hope Summit going to the Sheldon Theater to see *The Church Basement Ladies*. This is a new musical comedy celebrating the church basement kitchen and the ladies who work there, from the elderly matriarch to the young bride-to-be, as they handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, a Hawaiian fundraiser, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person. You may sign-up at [www.hopesummitcc.com](http://www.hopesummitcc.com), then go to "forms." For more information contact Bev Campbell at [bevcampbell@charter.net](mailto:bevcampbell@charter.net) or at 273-0814.

## MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) is for all mothers with children from birth through kindergarten. Child care is provided. Join us each week for:

- Teaching
- Discussion
- Creative Projects and Presentations
- Community



The first meeting for the 2008-09 MOPS year will be Thursday, September 25 from 9:15-11:15 am (meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month through the school year). Contact Judith for more information at [judith@meadowparkchurch.com](mailto:judith@meadowparkchurch.com) or at 288-3293.

September 12–13

Friday from 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday from 8:30 am - 5:50 pm

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Rochester, MN

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Our monthly newsletter is available electronically to those who have given us their email address or for download on our website. More updates coming soon!

# Children's Ministry

## Wednesday Evening 6:30 — 8:00pm

### Beginning September 10

**This Fall we are excited to launch two new Children's Discipleship programs on Wednesday evening.**



#### **For Pre-Kindergarten — 2nd Grade**

Kid's Quest is a small group, discipleship program for children in pre-kindergarten through grade two, which takes them on a quest to Discover God's Word, Discover God's Plan, Discover God's Son and Discover God's Will. Using Bible stories, kids will listen, learn, look and live with safari animals as they complete weekly lessons at home and participate in games, crafts and stories during their small group time at church.

#### **For 3<sup>rd</sup> — 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Breakout is a small group discipleship program designed to help children in grade three through five know Christ better and grow stronger in their relationship with Him, serve Christ by serving others and share Christ with those around them. Children will complete lessons at home and participate in activities at church, including games, small group discussion and prayer.



**Registration is required to participate in Kid's Quest and Breakout.**

The cost is \$25 per child which includes a student binder for the year.

**Please register by Sunday, September 7th.**

**Registration is easy, simply follow the steps below**

- Fill out a registration form (one per student please). Registration forms are available at the Children's Information table in the Connection Center or online at [www.hopesummitcc.com](http://www.hopesummitcc.com).
- Return it with the full registration fee to the Children's Information table during any weekend service, or drop off at the church office during the week.

Childcare will be provided for newborns through three year olds whose parents are participating in programs at the church. Registration is required if childcare is needed on Wednesday



Schedule for the evening is:  
**Family meal @ 5:30 – 6:15pm**  
**Programs for All Ages @ 6:30 – 8:00pm**

## STUDENT BODY

a ministry for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

By TODD LOONEY

I never really do this. This, being an editorial for our newsletter. It is usually a conglomerate of graphics, calendars, pictures of students, and/or a bulleted list of the "next dodge ball game." It's going to be different this time. "What is it you do?" is a question I get a lot. "Do you plan activities for kids, make up wild and crazy games, and figure out interesting ways to eat, smash, and juggle things?" My normal response is, "well, we like to sit in circles and sing kumbaya 8 times in a round, which normally follows our pie eating contest." That's funny I say.

We are coming to an end of a long summer (for me at least) where relationships were formed and lives were changed, and it wasn't even from a program, or from some magical curriculum. It was from God working through the lives of adults and students into the lives of other students. We can create as many programs as we want, make each one bigger and cooler than the last. But then once we start, we can never stop. Just doing programs is never enough. Being attractational is not the same as being relational. Being attractational is not the same as ministering to others.

I often find myself stuck in an endless cycle of having to outdo myself. And the biggest shortcoming of simply doing programs or planning activities is that very word: "myself." I will not change a student's life. God will. We (me and all of my volunteers) are to be used as God's vehicles to reach those students that are lost.

Just programs are never enough. Curriculum that's flashy is just that—flashy. Although the attractational program is very good looking (that's why it's called attractational!), once it's over, it's over. After the people come, they leave. And then they're gone. And where? With who? It's easy to try and make things bigger and flashier and relevant-er (is that a word?) than I or anyone else ever thought possible. But what does it accomplish? Behind all the props and sets and lights and mailings and games, what's really happening?

I was in a jail last night. I was there as a student talked to his father through some glass on a phone. I watched as others came and went, speaking to loved ones on a phone through glass, leaving looking hopeless. *Maybe if these people had only been a part of our "program" (church, Student Body, Bible Study), they wouldn't be here.* Would you believe that we think that sometimes? "Build it and they will come" mentality. I prayed that God would show up in their lives. Then I began to think about all of the things that took place this past summer. Pine Haven. Sonshine. Student Body Summer Tour. Missions Emphasis week. Parties. Movies. BBQ's. Waterskiing. Football. Softball. Late nights. Early mornings. What do all of these things add up to? Relationships. Why do we do all of these things? What is it that we are dishing out? A lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. How do we do that? By being there and doing life with them. That's why Student Body exists. To reach out to students and bring the life changing message of Christ into their lives.

You may sense weariness in my tone. You're right, I am. Summer is crazy busy for me, my volunteers, and students. I'm sure it is for you as well. But that craziness is about doing life together. We are coming into Fall, where the words "kick-off" will be used quite a bit in many settings of our lives. At church, at school, and even in the work sector. However I look at it as another season of life. A season for change. Changing school grades, changing leaves on trees, and changing of lives of students through God's help. It's more than programs, it's people.

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## JESUS' RECIPE FOR A BALANCED WORSHIP LIFESTYLE

BY RIC ROZSA

I was able to attend a very powerful experience at Saddleback Worship Conference. Great music... concerts...main sessions and more. The highlight of my whole conference however was attending a workshop called **"The Experiential Worshiper" by Bob Rognlien**. He is senior pastor at a Lutheran church in southern CA. It is not a mega church but he wrote a book called *Experiential Worship* that is transforming in its healthy, balanced approach to a worship lifestyle. I had prayed that God really show me a more clear way to communicate what worship is to our congregation. I was blown away by these sessions I attended.

In the *Experiential Worshiper* the author uses Jesus' teaching of the greatest commandments as the recipe for a healthy recipe and approach to worship.

*Mark 12:28-34: . . . he asked [Jesus], "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your entire mind, and with all your strength."*

The author contends that a healthy and balanced worship lifestyle follows Jesus' answer about the greatest commandments. We must love God and others this way...with all our ...**Heart (our choices)...** **Mind (our thoughts)...** **Soul (our feelings and emotions)...** **Strength (our body i.e. our actions).**

By turning to Jesus' Great Commandment we discover that God wants us to open ourselves to him on all four levels of human experience so we can respond to his love by giving our whole selves back to him, **heart** (will), **mind** (understanding), **soul** (feelings), and **strength** (body). If we are going to learn how to worship in this way it means we will have to be open to new expressions of worship that will open us up to God in new ways.

The challenge comes when the author calls God's people to follow this recipe in our corporate worship services. To find a balance in our worship services we should always ask these questions:

1. Was our heart convicted? Was there a call to change?
2. Was the mind engaged? Was there an opportunity for our intellect to be stretched?
3. Was the soul inspired? Was there ample opportunity for an outflow of our emotions and expressions of gratitude to God?
4. Was our strength challenged? Did we physically express our worship and honor of God?

Watch this fall for this fresh but not new way in which to approach our Sunday morning worship experience. Look for more information about this **Heart-Mind-Soul-Strength** approach in the coming weeks. Also I am excited to offer an excellent six week study that covers the **"The Experiential Worshiper"** in a small group venue. The Dates and times are yet to be determined. If you have questions or are you interested in the study email Ric@meadowparkchurch.com or call 288-3293.

Blessings,  
Ric Rozsa Worship Pastor

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For those of you wanting the graphics, calendars, and "flash," well, we have that too. Please visit, [www.meadowparkstudentbody.com](http://www.meadowparkstudentbody.com) for up-to-date information about what it is we are doing.

And one last thing. I would like to publicly thank Whitney Peters for interning with Student Body this summer and all of her hard work. Students' lives were touched and changed because of you, Whitney. Thank you. Please join us for a "Whitney Love Fest" on Sep 7<sup>th</sup> at the Looney's. Check with me for more details.

Contact for Todd Looney, Youth Pastor. [todd@meadowparkchurch.com](mailto:todd@meadowparkchurch.com), 507.993.2800

*The Summit* is the monthly newsletter of Hope Summit Christian Church. We are an independent, non-denominational congregation of Christians that use the Bible as its foundation. We invite all to worship with us.

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM  
Worship Service  
Student Ministry Small Groups  
Children's Program  
(Nursery-5th Grade)

10:45 AM  
Worship Service  
Lahu Worship  
Student Ministry Small Groups  
Children's Program  
(Nursery-5th Grade)

### Weekend Averages

August (4 weeks)  
Worship 348  
Children's Ministry 90  
Adult Education 17  
Offering \$9,989.25

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2008-2009 Season begins  
Thursday, September 18  
6:30 am in the Chapel  
*The Quest for Authentic Manhood*

The goal of Men's Fraternity is to unite men in fellowship - growing closer to God through study and prayer, building integrity and purity, discipling others, and showing the love of Jesus Christ through service and leadership to our families, church, community and the world.

*The Quest for Authentic Manhood* is a 24-session study focusing on a man's core identity and giving an overview of basic manhood issues. It will help men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of Biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?" This captivating journey helps men:

- Resolve wounds from their past
- Embrace a Biblical definition of manhood
- Develop their own personal manhood plan

For more information contact Mike Benson — 280-7978.