

Good Hope Foundations: Part 12 – Advancement in the Faith

- It's not just about going to heaven. We bear fruit for the Kingdom of God:
 - John 15:1-4
 - What is fruit?
 - Why is Jesus so strong on this?
 - 2 Pet 1:5-9
 - God's plan is for you to advance in the faith. That's the new revival.
 - We have a path for being productive and effective.
 - You reproduce what you are. (John 3:6)
 - Luke 16:10-12
 - Be faithful in the little things.
 - This includes giving. This is actually very important.
 - Dealing with self vs grace in "my ministry"
 - We need God's grace to succeed. On our own we are useless.
 - However, we can trust God to empower us to do what He has called us to do.
 - Fear and self abasement are out of order just like arrogance and pride.
 - Blame and responsibility: Being usable in a variety of environments.
 - Sitting on the couch saying "churches are full of hypocrites" doesn't prevent you from being a hypocrite or absolve you from your responsibility to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.
 - The church is just the vehicle for service to Christ. Don't let rusty vehicles stop you from serving Jesus!
 - Matt 11:28-30
 - Put the other yokes down.
 - Do the things that give you energy.
 - Find out what your Spiritual Gifts are:
 - <http://buildingchurch.net/g2s-i.htm>
 - Don't get too fixated on these assessments. Sometimes giftings change over time. Most people have several areas of gifting.
 - Next Step.
 - We want one of our staff to sit down with you and help you move toward your sweet spot.
 - So, once you have listened to any classes you may have missed at www.goodhope.ag/get-connected/foundations-class/ talk with Tranette and let's schedule a time!
 - We use ministry scheduling software. There is an orientation Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Area. Celia is the Volunteer Coordinator among her other duties. If you are planning on getting involved come to this!
 - Background checks and ministry involvement ideas.

Good Hope Church Survey:

Say what you think. Constructive comments are greatly appreciated!

Why did you decide to take the Foundations Class?

Do you feel like you have a good idea of what Good Hope is all about now?

Why did you decide to try Good Hope Church in the first place?

What were your first impressions of Good Hope Church, both good and bad?

What, in your opinion, are Good Hope Church's top three strengths?

If you could change anything about Good Hope Church what would it be?

Any other comments?

Sample Opportunities for Involvement at Good Hope Church

Weekend Services:

Prayer Team: 30+ people that meet to fulfill various prayer needs for the church. From the prayer team there are people who pray for others after the service as well.

Worship Team: Teams of 4-5 members that help facilitate worshipping God during the weekend services. We're looking for worshippers with musical competence and try to avoid musicians who aren't worshippers.

Tech: Two people per service (or per worship team) to take care of the sound, computer, video, lighting, and recording needs that are there.

Hospitality-

Usher: Four people per service to greet people, anticipate and answer questions for new people, help with directing the crowds and dealing with people issues, and help with the offering.

Greeter: Three to six people per service to greet people and make them feel welcome, anticipate and answer questions for new people, and introduce them to staff.

Coffee: One or two people per service to set up and take care of the coffee area.

Communion Prep: One to two people to get everything ready for Communion before the services.

Communion Serving: Eight people to help pass out Communion during a service.

Children & Youth-

Reach Special Needs Program: Two people during the sermon on Saturday night to help with children and youth with special needs in their own classroom.

Children's Ministries: One main leader (Children's Pastor) with several helpers for Children's Church. Provide ministry to K-5th Grade during the sermon portion of service.

Preschool Ministries: Two people each to staff the nursery and the preschool areas during services and events.

Ministries outside of weekend services:

Church Cleaning: Eight to ten people who clean the church on Saturday.

Maintenance and Grounds: People to help with general maintenance and upkeep of the facility. This includes mowing, shoveling, minor maintenance, etc.

Building Project: We are in the final stages of our building addition. We need people to help with various aspects of that.

Missions and Outreach: A group of 6-8 people to help facilitate the missions work of the church and develop outreach opportunities in our area. This could turn into two groups as the church grows.

Small Groups and Discipleship: Good small group leaders are always in demand! This can be anything from a book study to SOAP to work projects depending on the leaders.

Youth Group: We need 8-10 adults to facilitate Wednesday night youth group and mentor the young people. Also could include events like trips to the Minnesota Youth Convention, etc.

Wednesday Night Ministries: We will be working on having all age ministries on Wednesday nights. This will include adult small groups, youth group, kids' ministries, and childcare. The need will be for about 8 extra volunteers each Wednesday night.

Administration and Office: Needs include producing materials such as inserts, flyers, and promotional materials to collecting and organizing information to general office work.

Creative Teams: These groups are temporarily formed to accomplish specific tasks such as coming up with a theme and marketing strategy for a particular sermon series.

Pastoral Advisory Board: A helps ministry to the Pastor. This team is made up of Partners who are servant leaders. Their role is to be informed of and have a voice in the inner workings of the church regarding financial, spiritual, and organizational issues.

Your Ministry: What has Lord has placed on your heart to develop? Don't be list-led, be Spirit-led!

Church Planting: Some of you may become part of teams that start new churches or campuses out of Good Hope! Those churches will need all of the components of a healthy church to be successful.

Let the Spirit Lead: I am excited to see what ministry opportunities develop in the future! From CEF Good News Clubs to church planting, the opportunities are endless if we follow the Lord!