



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
December 21, 2025

THE GIFT OF HOPE
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1. God _____ me right where I am.

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For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. Titus 2:11 (NLT)

2. Hope _____ me.

About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? ...And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:1-2; 9-11 (NLT)

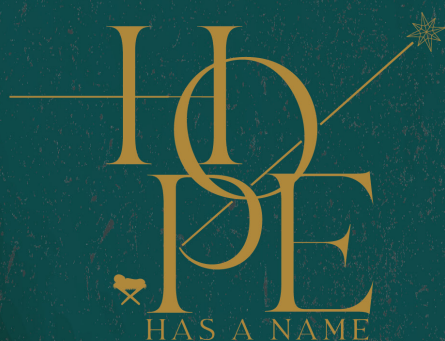
"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 (NLT)

3. We're _____ to become _____ of Hope.

He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. Titus 2:14 (NLT)

BLESSING

May we, like the shepherds and the wise men, leave changed.
Carrying hope. Living differently. Walking a new journey.
Because hope has come. Heaven has drawn near.
And His name is Jesus.



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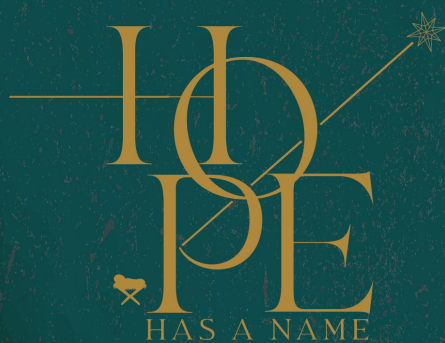
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3. We're **INVITED** to become **PEOPLE** of Hope.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

What is your favorite Christmas experience that makes you feel like, “now THIS is Christmas”?

ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

GROW

1. The message says Christmas is God declaring, “I see you. I’m here.” Where in your life do you most need to be reminded of that right now?
2. Read Luke 2:8-15. The shepherds were ordinary people going about an ordinary night when God showed up. When have you experienced God meeting you in an unexpected or ordinary moment?
3. The shepherds’ circumstances didn’t change, but they did. How have you seen God change you on the inside even when your situation stayed the same?
4. Read Matthew 2:1-11. The wise men searched, followed, rejoiced, worshiped, and gave. Which part of their response do you find easiest—and which do you find most challenging?
5. Read Titus 2:11-14. This passage reminds us that grace doesn’t just save us; it shapes us. What is one area of your life where you sense God’s grace inviting growth or change?

LEAD (YOURSELF)

As you think about sharing hope, what is one small, realistic way you could bring the hope of Jesus into someone’s life this week?