



Newsletter

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HOPE CHAPEL Centre of Community Care

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New Focus for 2024

Welcome to a New Year! And as it is now 2024, we also have a new focus at Hope Chapel which begins with a question, "If you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow, how would you choose to live your life today?"



How we live our lives often resembles bland routine. But a simple question has the ability to catch our attention...to bring our impermanent reality into sharp focus... and, can prove to be a great motivator for living with more intentionality.

I believe that many people who claim to know and love God have been lured into complacency because we have lost our sense of any real urgency. Even for those who believe that Jesus will return, we find ourselves thinking in future tense. Yes, he's coming back, and yes, it could be any day, but it's been roughly 2000 years since the Bible writers recorded this promise of Jesus...he doesn't appear to be in any hurry.

The biggest problem with adopting this complacency is that it can impact all aspects of our lives. We can become procrastinators, promising ourselves that we will do later the things that ought to be done now. One of the biggest losses we can suffer is to our relationships. Let me illustrate with a story from my own life...

In 2008, my family returned to Ontario after having lived in British Columbia and then Saskatchewan for ten years. My father had passed away during that time and I had a sense that I should go visit one of my uncles (dad's brother) and his wife. I put it off. Before I made the time, my aunt had died of a brain aneurism. My postponed visit to their home turned into having to attend a funeral service instead!

This experience was a stark reminder for me that old age is not guaranteed...and even if we do live to be 100 years old, this life will end...whether through unforeseen circumstances, ill health, old age or even the promised return of Jesus.

All that to say, if there is something you have been putting off that needs doing, stop procrastinating. Stop looking the other way. Stop waiting for others to do what needs to be done. If there is good to be done, well...then do it! If Jesus does come back tomorrow, I want him to catch me doing good. Don't you?

Sponsorship Drive

Our goal since 2020 has been to become a 'center of community care' and today Hope Chapel is doing just that. We are inviting in hundreds of high school students each day from Collingwood Collegiate Institute (CCI) and Our Lady of the Bay over their lunch hour to enjoy a safe and comfortable space along with a free cookie, drink and/or hotdog lunch. Our Community Cupboard is providing assistance to individuals in our community in need of food, clothing, cleaning supplies, toiletries and small household items free of charge. And, we are providing space to other likeminded groups at little to no cost. Our community has taken notice!

Hope Chapel has committed our building, staffing and finances in order to become a center of community care, but we never could have dreamed where that goal would take us in just a few short years. It is encouraging to hear from our neighbours, "*Thank you for taking great care of our community!*" Our desire is to care for others—spiritually, physically and emotionally. There is no cost to those we care for, but there is significant expense.

Hope Chapel has seen its goal of becoming a center of community care realized, but we need help to make it sustainable. This is why we are reaching out, inviting individuals, businesses and other organizations to partner with us in caring for our community. Volunteers, donations and finances are all needed and we'd ask you to consider how you might be able to partner with us in the coming year.

On behalf of those being cared for, thank you!



On ways to give financially, see page 5 of the newsletter.



Join us on Sundays!

11:30am Friendship Meal

12:30pm “The Chosen” and Bible Discussion

1st Sunday of the month – Communion & Worship

Lent – February 14-March 30



What is lent? A short explanation for those wondering...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT_CbPUB6-U

Monthly Community Prayer

A poster for community prayer featuring silhouettes of people holding hands against a sunset background. The text is overlaid on the image.

COMMUNITY PRAYER
@ Hope Chapel

“I urge you to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.”
(1 Timothy 2:1)

All are invited to join us from 4-5pm on the following Fridays for a time of prayer

January 5	February 9	March 1
April 5	May 3	June 7

In the News...

During the two months leading up to Christmas, Hope Chapel found itself highlighted in articles produced by CollingwoodToday.ca and Barrie CTV News in relation to the work being done with high school students and our *Community Cupboard*. If you've not had an opportunity to see these interviews / articles we'd encourage you to check them out. Many thanks to Erika Engel, Jessica Owens and Maddie Johnson of CollingwoodToday.ca and Molly Frommer of Barrie CTV News for taking the time to get the word out about the things happening at Hope Chapel.

High School Lunch Program

<https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/free-lunch-program-at-hope-chapel-nourishes-hundreds-of-students-1.6636873>

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/following-up/hope-everyday-school-lunch-hour-offering-now-serves-hundreds-7999013>

Community Cupboard & Christmas Craft Sale

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/local-news/full-hearts-and-cupboards-at-hope-chapel-thanks-to-strangers-7763830>

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/helpers/pastor-hopes-christmas-craft-sale-will-bolster-community-cupboard-7892376>

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Family Fun Events

Hope Chapel hosts a fun event for everyone.



Friday, January 26th (6:30-8pm)

Board & Online Games

Bring your fully charged cell phone and a snack to share!

Online Guided Discussions

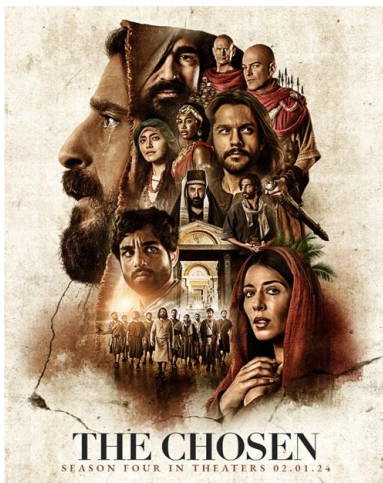
Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00pm

January 9, 16, 23 + 30



“Jesus’ Final Words from John 14-17”

The Chosen



“The Chosen” is a television show that has been created about the life of Jesus and his disciples. Here at Hope Chapel we’re big fans.

Season Four is being released to theatres in February. We will begin watching it on Mondays after school once streamed for public use. Stay tuned!

February 6, 13 + 20



“Sharing Your Faith”

(Alpha’s “Life Shared” small group series)



Ways to Give

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Visit

<https://www.hopechapelcollingwood.ca/donate2023>
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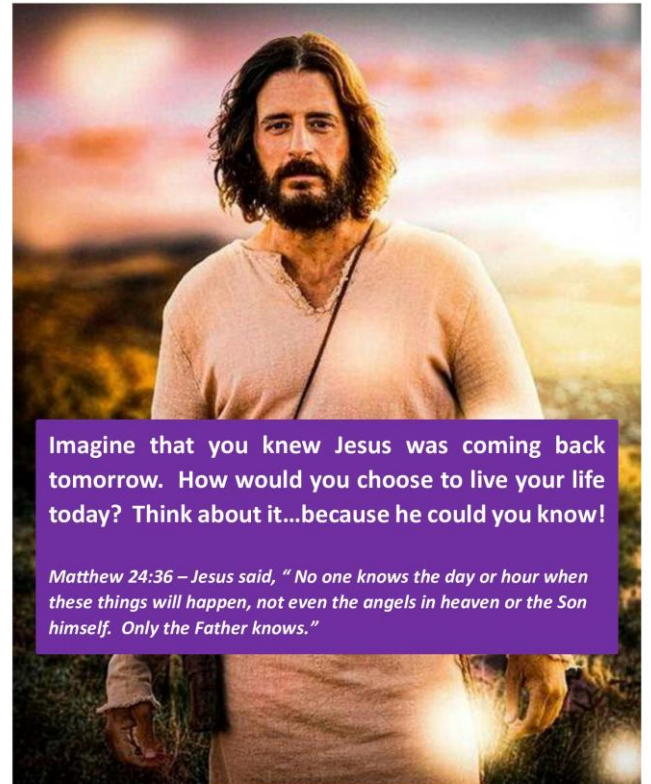
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and request to be put on the mailing list to receive newsletters.



Our 2024 Focus!



Imagine that you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow. How would you choose to live your life today? Think about it...because he could you know!

Matthew 24:36 – Jesus said, “No one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.”

