

IS HOPE CHAPEL FINISHED?

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May/June Edition | HC Update



HOPE CHAPEL

Centre of Community Care

Summer Clothing
Giveaway



FREE

May 27-31, 2024
@ HOPE CHAPEL

Monday – Friday
Open to high school students at lunch

Friday 2:30-6:00pm
Open to community

Donations accepted until May 24th

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Finishing Well

I have noticed a perplexing response of people when it comes to 'finishing.' For some, the nearness of a goal completed motivates them to try even harder with the end in sight. For others, an almost lackadaisical attitude sets in. I noticed this in myself as I was nearing completion of my college degree... I knew I had all my credits. It had been a long four years. I was ready for the next stage in my life to begin. But it was incredibly difficult to stay focused for the final two months in order that I didn't just finish, but finished well. Retirement also appears to be a time that can be difficult to put your full effort in as you see the date approaching. You, too, may have overheard someone approaching retirement or nearing the end of a contract, "What are they going to do...fire me?" For this year's grade 12 students, the temptation to begin celebrating the completion of high school before actually graduating is real!



The Bible also talks of this idea, "I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" (Philippians 4:13) and "Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Both verses speak of the need not to give up before the race is done. When the finish line comes into view, it is not the time to slow up or to even look back, but to push even harder to finish well.

But what if you can't see the finish line or even know where it is?

Over the past four years, Hope Chapel has become a centre of community care, and we have every intention of finishing well.

But we have a problem...namely our 'finish line.' Our current resources indicate that we will come to the 'end of our race' at the end of summer.

We can end this school year well, but in order to be able to commit to the full 2024-25 school year, we are going to need more financial support from our community.

Typically, the ministry of a church is supported through the donations given by its congregation. But Hope Chapel is not a typical church. In our efforts to establish our presence as a place of community care, we committed not only our building and staffing, but also our finances to directly benefitting our community in 2020. Who would have guessed that four years later we would have hundreds of students coming into the church during their lunch break every day, we would have a supplemental Community Cupboard for people in need to access twice weekly and that we would have our space being used by four separate non-profits and one small business venture. There is not a day in the week that something isn't happening at Hope Chapel! Unfortunately, unlike other churches, our congregation is too small to support all the good things happening here. Which is why we need the help of the community. We plan to finish well, but the finish line will be dependent on whether or not we can obtain additional financial support.

If you value the work being done in and through Hope Chapel and would like to see it continue into next year, please consider making a one-time financial donation or becoming a monthly supporter.



Monthly Community Prayer



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

Sponsorship Drive Update



We want to extend a big THANK YOU to the Collingwood Optimist Club for their recent donation of \$4000 to Hope Chapel for the GTYM High School Lunch Program.

Please consider how you might support Hope Chapel. We need the help of our community to serve our community through the GTYM High School Lunch Program, the Community Cupboard, the Giving Tree, or the many non-profits we provide space to for little to no cost.

As a recognized charity, all financial donations are eligible for an income tax receipt.

Volunteer Appreciation



National Volunteer Appreciation Week was held in April, but we wanted to provide an extra shoutout to all those who help Hope Chapel be a centre of

community care each and every day. Special thanks to our GTYM partners and all those who volunteer to make the high school lunch program such a success. We also owe thanks to all those who help at various times of the year to meet the needs of others through our Community Cupboard and many other ways. We love being a part of a much larger community meeting the needs of our community.



Thank You!



Join us on Sundays!

Casual...comfortable...and open to anyone!



11:30am Friendship Meal

12:30pm Bible Discussion...

May 5 – “King Ahab: Forgiven” & Communion

May 12 – “Practical Advice from James” / Mother’s Day

May 19 – “Practical Advice from James” / Victoria Day
Weekend

May 26 – “Practical Advice from James”

June 2 – “Tabitha: Missed” & Communion

June 9 – “Practical Advice from James”

June 16 – “Practical Advice from James” / Father’s Day

June 23 – “Practical Advice from James”

June 30 – “Practical Advice from James” / Canada Day
Weekend



Community Cupboard Highlight



Hope Chapel’s Community Cupboard serves a wide variety of people—young and old, singles and families, new immigrants to Canada and lifelong residents of Collingwood. Our Community Cupboard provides a supplemental source of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, small housewares and clothing to anyone in need. When someone comes in to access our Community Cupboard and they see something on our shelves that they need they are encouraged to take it. We accommodate upwards of fifteen households each week and no two weeks look the same.

Hope Chapel currently spends between \$400-500 to replenish our fridge, two freezers and shelves each week...we do know how to stretch a penny! However, donations are also welcome. We accept food (shelf stable, freezer and fridge items) that has not passed its best before date, unopened toiletries, cleaning supplies and small household items. We are also currently accepting summer clothing. Due to our lack of storage space, we are unable to accept winter clothing at this time.

Donations can be dropped off at Hope Chapel Monday to Friday from 1-4pm. All financial donations are eligible for an income tax receipt.



Family Fun Events

Hope Chapel hosts a fun event for everyone.



Family Fun Event – ALL ages
Friday, May 10 (6:30-8pm)

**Games Food Craft
& Special Gardening Activity!**

Cost: \$5 / household
RSVP to Pastor Jane @
hopechapelpastr@gmail.com

Online Guided Discussions

Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00pm

April 23 – May 14 – “Ruth: Better than Seven Sons”

Further studies will resume in September



Ways to Give

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ONLINE

Visit

<https://www.hopechapelcollingwood.ca/donate2023> and follow the link.

E-Transfer: collingwoodhopechapel2@gmail.com
(Please be sure to include a mailing address for tax receipt.)

Canada Helps and PayPal options available.

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