

IN TOUCH
HOPE MATTERS

Dear Friend:

Hope matters. We see that in the fact that “hope” is the subject of so many of the songs in our culture. We see in the books we write – Amazon stops counting at 60,000 books on hope in their collection. “hope” has been in the top 500 names for girls since 1909 (although it’s ranked only 231st in recent years – 112 spot behind “Ezra”): (that’s right – Ezra as a girl’s name!) But what is “hope” exactly, especially from a biblical perspective? Hope is usually used today much like “wish,” “dream,” “possibility,” and “maybe” are used. But that’s not the way “hope” is used in God’s Word.

“Hope” is biblically based on the trustworthiness of the object or being in whom we place our hope, not on us. So hope as used by God, is not a wish or a desire or a yearning. That which we have hope for is certain and guaranteed. Our “hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.’ What God promises, we hope – with certainty. Live in biblical hope!

Our Hope is in Christ,

Rev. Bob Gentzel (Pastor Mike’s Brother)

Prayers: Frank Hammond Family (sympathy), COVID-19 vaccine success, John Brokloff Family (funeral viewing Saturday)

Events: Sunday, February 7, Communion, Food Pantry Donations

Sunday, February 14, Building Fund Commitment

Sunday, February 14, After worship service a short informational meeting about a potential Pre-school start-up here at Franklin