



If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

### **Women's Ministry**

- Join us on October 18 for a bus trip to Frankenmuth to visit Bronners Christmas Wonderland & Zehnders for a chicken dinner! The bus will leave at 8 am and return around 8 pm. Sign up by Sunday, October 17. The cost is \$10 per person to reserve your seat on the bus. Reach out to Mary Slagh at [slagh65@hotmail.com](mailto:slagh65@hotmail.com) with any questions!

### **Teens Ministry**

- Youth Group happens each Sunday night from 5:00-6:30 pm at the Ebenezer Campus. This program is for Middle & High Schoolers, 6th - 12th grade.

### **Family Ministry**

- We would love to honor the widows at Family Church this November! If this is you, please fill out a form and attach a picture to honor you! You can find this form at the info desk in the lobby.

### **Outreach Ministry**

- Family Church has been asked to provide Kids Hope Mentors at Woodbridge Elementary! Volunteers are needed to meet with their students for one hour a week at school, for the school year. Prayer partners are needed as well. Training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Kids Hope Mentor or Prayer Partner, email [kidshope@familychurch.app](mailto:kidshope@familychurch.app) or sign up at the Scooter Table.

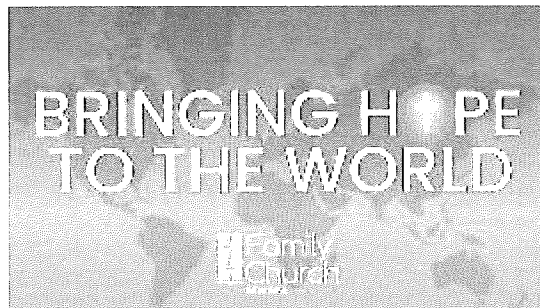
### **Family Church - Weekly Services**

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
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- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

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*Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples*



**October 2021**  
**Hope in Kenya**

**1 Timothy 4:10**, That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

**Nehemiah 1: 3-4**, They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

**If you want to bring Hope to the world you \_\_\_\_\_.**

**You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what you will not \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Persistently \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

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**Nehemiah 2:8**, ....And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

**God doesn't call the \_\_\_\_\_. God equips the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**What is one change you could make today that would put you on the path God has called you to and purposes for you?**

**You get to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Nehemiah 2: 17-18**, Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

**Nehemiah 2: 19**, But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us.

**Nehemiah 6:3-4**, so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

**Life Application**

God is bringing HOPE to Kenya through Family Church. Pray this week about how God wants you to get involved. Visit [www.helpingkenyakids.org](http://www.helpingkenyakids.org) for ideas.



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**KEY VERSE: 1 Timothy 4:10**, That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

**READ: Nehemiah 1: 3-4**

1. First Nehemiah identifies the problem. What was the problem?

**KEY POINT: If you want to bring Hope to the world you define the problem.**

2. How do we define the problems in our culture or our own life? Why is it important to begin with WHY questions?
3. Nehemiah didn't just hope or wish things would get better. Have you ever spent time hoping/wishing things would get better?
4. Some problems are so big they seem like an insurmountable mountain, in this story it had been a 100-year+ sized problem. What does this tell you about problems once God is invited into the solution?
5. Defining a problem helps us to know how to solve the issue.

**KEY POINT: You cannot defeat what you will not define. Call it out, make it clear, name the problem.**

**READ: Nehemiah 2:5**

6. Nehemiah didn't immediately start with excuses. What did he do?
7. Is it time for you to have the courage to flip a page in your life concerning a problem you are dealing with? Is it time to say this has gone on long enough? If so, what is next?

**KEY POINT: Persistently seek & follow God.**

**READ: Nehemiah 1: 4**

8. Is it ok to weep and cry over the things that break us? There is a reality of sadness here when you read this verse to see how he sits down to cry *but* then he kneels to pray. This is a

key and because Nehemiah did this, he changed the course of a nation! Do you seek God and seek Him to guide you?

**READ: Nehemiah 2:8**

9. Do you think doubt would have flooded into his mind telling him he could not accomplish this great work? How do you think you would have handled this daunting mission?

**KEY POINT: God doesn't call the equipped. God equips the called.**

10. God always equips those that he calls. Do you believe this for yourself or only for others?

**QUESTION: What is one change you could make today that would put you on the path God has called you to and purposes for you?**

11. How do you put hope into action?

**KEY POINT: You get to work. Everything God wants to do in our lives will be limited by the work that we are UNWILLING to do.**

12. Every time we say: I don't have enough time, I don't have enough money, I don't have the right skill set, or I will get to it when X happens in life. These are excuses or what we like to call them, rational reasons but are really us saying no to God. How do you feel about this statement?

**KEY POINT: You must make a CHOICE to put HOPE into ACTION!**

**READ: Nehemiah 2: 17-19, 6:3-4**

13. What was Nehemiah's response to the nay sayers?
  14. What was the result of Nehemiah's mission?
- KEY POINT: God did and does exceedingly and abundantly beyond all that they or we could imagine or expect.**

15. Discuss the Hope we have in the mission for Kenyan Kids that Marilyn began. How might we get involved in this mission?

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