

# HOPE IS HERE

**Matthew 1:21, 23b** – And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins ... and they will call him Immanuel, which means “God is with us.”

**Romans 15:13a** – I pray that God, **the source of hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him.

**Romans 5:5a–6** – And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us ... When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

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**1. The shame of the past can be forgiven.**

- **Colossians 2:13–14** – You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

**2. The suffering of the present can be temporary.**

- **Romans 8:18** – Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

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- **2 Corinthians 4:18** – So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

### 3. The stress of the future can be avoided.

- **John 20:31** – But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

#### Coming soon:

1. **Merry Christmas!** The Dan River Church staff and leadership wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.
2. **End-of-Year Celebration:** Don't miss this Sunday, December 28, as we close out this unforgettable year with one service at 10 am. We will celebrate with baptisms and reflect on all God has done this year.
3. **Vision Sunday:** Be sure to join us Sunday, January 4, as we kick off a new year. Pastor Scott will be sharing the vision and focus for our church in 2026.
4. **Night of Worship:** Don't miss an incredible Night of Worship on Friday, January 9, at 6:30 pm: prayer, communion, and the launch of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.