



May 6, 2018

*"He is before all
things,
and in him all
things
hold together."*

Colossians 1:17

Series: Toxic Attitudes
"Conceding Control"
Colossians 1:17

Here's What to Expect Today

Welcome & Greeting

say 'hi!' to someone

Praise & Worship

we sing together

#347 "And Can It Be?"

#654 "Change My Heart, O God"

Hope Church News

we bring you up to speed on coming events

Prayer

we believe God hears our prayers

Children's Gathering

the 2 & 3 year olds are dismissed to nursery

4 & 5 year olds are dismissed to children and worship

Giving

to be thankful, help others, and pay the bills

if you're new, your gift to us is your presence

Message

"Conceding Control"

Colossians 1:17 (pg. 833)

Prayer & Worship

we pray & sing as we reflect on the message

#596 "I Surrender All" (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

#581 "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus" (vs. 4)

Sermon Notes

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Colossians 1:17 (pg. 833)

1. Whenever we are trying to control something that is not ours to control, it reflects _____
_____.

2. Colossians 1:17—“He is before all things and in Him _____.”

3. How do we stop being a control freak?
By _____.
 - a. The problem: when we’re _____ of losing control, the more we _____ to control. The more we _____ to control, the more we’re _____ of losing control.

4. What are you trying to control? _____

5. Three questions that will help you concede control and choose surrender:
 - a. Is it worth my _____?
 - b. Is it _____ to control?
 - c. Is it for _____ alone?

After service, please join us for cookies and Water Street Coffee in the Fellowship Hall!

I'M NEW!

Welcome to Hope Church! We are so grateful to have you with us in worship today! We invite you to fill out the Contact Card in the pew and bring it to the Connection Center for a gift!

If you're interested in learning more about Hope and its various ministries, stop by the Connection Center where you can speak with a Connection Team member (with a blue name-tag) and they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have!

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS	Jim & Sue Johnson
ELDER GREETERS	Shauna Collison, Don VanLandegent, Rick Wielopolski, Heather Offringa
USHERS	Fred Gould, Lee Blanchard, Rick Wielopolski
NURSERY	McKenzie Bronsink, Amy Daniels, Katlyn Breur

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

If you have a prayer concern or answer to prayer that you would like to share, please fill out the green Prayer Card found in the pews and place it in the box at the Connection Center.

- Marilyn Ufkes broke both of her feet. Pray for a swift recovery.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- Today**
- Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
 - Mortgage Retirement Offering
 - Sunday School, 10:50 a.m. (Last one!)
 - Journey High, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Ruth Circle,
11:30 a.m. lunch at Ample Pantry
1 p.m. at Loretta Moore's (Lesson 11)
- Wednesday**
- Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
 - Journey Mid, 6-7 p.m.
- Next Sunday**
- Mother's Day
 - Worship with Pastor Dan, 9:30 a.m.
 - No Sunday School, Summer Break
 - No Journey High
- Coming Up*
- *Young at Heart, 5/15 at 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Deacon Meeting, 5/15 at 6 p.m.*
 - *Consistory Meeting, 5/15 at 7 p.m.*

Dates to put on your calendar...

- VBS Work Nights, July 12, 19, & 26, 6-8 p.m.
- VBS Decorating Night, August 2, 6-8 p.m.
- VBS, August 6-10, 6-8 p.m.
- Neighborhood BBQ, September 5
- Midweek Mix Begins, September 12

Giving Report for April 29, 2018

General/Mission Fund	\$ 5,507.00
Needed Weekly	\$ 7,035.60
Mortgage Retirement	\$ 00.00
Still Needed Before May 15	\$ 5,308.85

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Dan is closing out the Adult Sunday School season with one final presentation, entitled “Looking at Worship Through New Lenses: Part 2.” Much of this material was shared at the Consistory Retreat back in February. Today we will be learning about the characteristics of worship that attract and hold the unchurched. All sessions, along with panel discussion held on April 15, are being recorded and can be accessed from our church’s website. The handouts can also be downloaded from the website as well. It’s important that we seek a shared understanding of these matters as we move forward in faith.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

FYI: Our next monthly training will be Sunday, May 20 after the morning service. We will be discussing the value of prayer as it relates to the joys and challenges of being a nursery volunteer. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. Thank you for all you do!

RUTH CIRCLE

Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 8th for lunch at Ample Pantry at 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, they will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Loretta Moore. They are on lesson 11.

YOUNG AT HEART EVENTS

MAY: Young at Heart will be having brunch at Michelle’s in Mattawan on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

JUNE: On Tuesday, June 5, they will be having lunch at Blue Gate in Shipshewana at 11:30 a.m. and seeing the musical “Half-Stitched” at 1 p.m. Cost is \$54.95 per person, and that is due by May 20 to Lana Loedeman. Lunch will be ‘family style.’ There are 16 very good seats reserved. If more sign up, more can be reserved.

Sign up sheets for both events are on the lobby table!

HELP SUPPORT THE YOUTH!

Our Journey High Mission Trip to Detroit is only a few short months away! To help lower total cost for the trip, the youth will be selling Hope Church travel coffee mugs! These are the same high quality, stainless steel “keep your coffee hot way longer than you’ll ever need” mugs we give out to newcomers. Cost per mug begins at \$20, but you’re welcome to pay any amount for them you’d like beyond that! Sales start today in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in helping support the youth, Journey is accepting requests for yard/house work in exchange for support! Contact Kevin with any requests.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: MAY

Our Mission of the Month for May will be the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. The offering will be taken on May 20th, Pentecost Sunday, and will go towards “A Shelter from their Storm,” the campaign for a new women’s and children’s shelter.

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL

Each year Bible League volunteers send out a ‘Love Letter’ to the members of their congregations. The people in Latin America are seeking and waiting for Bibles, biblical resources, and training. Together we are enabling Christians and churches in Latin America to be equipped with God’s Word to help people meet Jesus Christ. As a result, God’s Kingdom is Growing. Please look for this letter in your mailbox. Read it, pray about it, and contribute as God leads and enables. Thank you, Lana Loedeman

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study Fellowship will be doing a new Old Testament study next fall on *People of the Promised Land*. If you have questions, contact Gayle DeYoung.

OUR MISSION

*As a community of Christ-followers, we exist to:
love Jesus
live like Jesus
lead others into a living relationship with Him*

OUR VISION

Helping a hurting world find the hope of Jesus

Connect With Us!

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