



News of Hope

*Intimacy with God
Community with Other Believers
Redemptive Relationships within the World*

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God at Work in People's Lives: John & Joyce Doughty

We are John and Joyce Doughty and live in Glenwood. We have been attending Hope Community Church for about a year.



We have been married for 41 years and like most, have had our ups and downs. We have been blessed with 2 daughters, Jessica and Jada, that both live in Willmar. But the delight of our lives is our 4 grandsons. We have been so amazed at how different boys are from girls. Even when they were little, the boys would get on the floor to play with the toys and made driving noises, it came so naturally to them.

I, Joyce, was born and raised in Mt Lake, MN. Even though I was raised in a church I didn't hear about salvation until a friend of mine brought me to a Bible Study. I did not accept Christ as my Savior until 1973 at a Lowell Lundstrom Crusade. When I went to college I became involved in Intersarsity Christian Fellowship and that is where I started to grow in my faith. After graduation I came home to work at the local nursing home until I passed my boards. It was here that John and I met.

John was born and raised in Midland, MI. After high school he

went into the Air Force. It was during this time that one of his fellow Airmen started to talk to him about a personal relationship with God. While watching a Billy Graham Crusade he accepted Christ as his Savior.

John and I lived in Mt Lake for 20 years. During this time John went to college to become a nursing home administrator. After his graduation we moved to Edgerton, MN where he worked for the Good Samaritan Society as the administrator at Edgebrook Care Center.

Our time in Edgerton was some of the hardest and some of the best time we have had during our marriage. Our daughter Jada went into drug and alcohol treatment during her senior year of high school. During this time we began attending Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church. This body of believers helped us see what a true body of Christ looks like. They prayed for us and for Jada and surrounded us with love and encouragement. We grew tremendously during our time in Edgerton.

After Edgerton we moved to Elk Horn, IA where John became the administrator for Salem Lutheran Home. I worked for the Good Samaritan Society and started 2 home care agencies and 1 hospice agency. We attended the Atlantic Free Church where we were involved in college ministry, the oil change ministry, small groups

and Bible studies. We continued to live and work in Elk Horn for 7 years.

In 2014 we moved to Glenwood. John worked away from Glenwood running nursing homes until he retired in 2019. I continue working for the Good Samaritan Society overseeing 7 home care agencies in MN. After John's retirement we began attending Hope. We love the people and the fellowship that we have found at Hope. I love women's Bible Studies and have a heart for hurting women. As a couple we have a heart for marriages. We are looking forward to getting to know more people and becoming more involved.

*John & Joyce
Doughty*



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“When you don’t know what you want, every obstacle that blocks your path will cause you to change direction. But, when you are passionate about your end goal, you will find a way over, under, around the obstacles that come your way.” This wisdom that helped me overcome to pursue God’s call in college, can inspire us today as we navigate the relational obstacles that block the way as we continue to cope with Covid-19.

Our normal patterns and previously established habits of relating with God, God’s people, and our friends and neighbors in need of Jesus have been radically altered for months now. Regardless of whether these limitations have come our way by executive orders, our concern to avoid harming precious people, the comfort level of others, or our own convictions; we must find ways through every roadblock that stands in the way of genuine, life-shaping relationships that we were made for. These challenges need not change our commitment to connecting with God, His people, and His mission. Breakthrough living in this way has been modeled for us by the earliest Christians. For God’s people, neither persecution, nor prison could thwart their commitment to worship God, gather with God’s people, or boldly proclaim the good news to those who had not yet heard. In fact, adversity often com-

elled God’s people to even greater works than they would have accomplished had they stayed in their comfort zone. It was the intense persecution in Jerusalem that scattered God’s people and spread God’s message like wildfire from the beginning (Acts 8:1, 4; 11:19). Through the book of Acts, you read of Paul and his associates driven forward to town after town by persecution (Acts 16:11-12, 39; 17:1, 5, 10, 13-15; 1 Thess. 2:2-4). As God’s people continued to seek God in prayer, rely on one another, and boldly proclaim the gospel entrusted to them, they changed the world!

We cannot wait for all “this” to pass. God is at work now. Our mission and our message are critically important; therefore, we must prayerfully capture this time well by engaging with God’s people in new and creative ways even if they are out of our comfort zone. You may have a strong preference for masks, or you may be passionately opposed. You may have no concerns for gathering or you may have strong convictions and good reasons not to physically gather. Regardless, there are ways around these barriers if our priority is a relationship with God, His people, and being there for those who have not yet found forgiveness and new life in Christ. While the sun still shines, we can gather outdoors. Though we may not prefer it, Zoom is a great way to capture both the words and expressions that convey the fullness of another brother or sister’s heart. We can prioritize ministry over comfort by having small groups in large spaces and can even humble ourselves, like

our Lord (Phil. 2:5-8), even if it means wearing a mask when we would prefer not to. The cell phone can still reach out and touch almost anywhere in the world. A thoughtful email, a timely text, and even the old school method of sending a letter can transform a life. Paul himself wrote some of the most precious treasures of truth from prison. Even now, his passion reaches out from that prison to appeal us in our day saying,

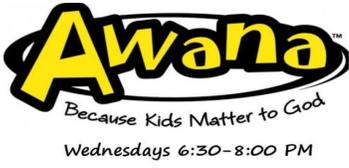
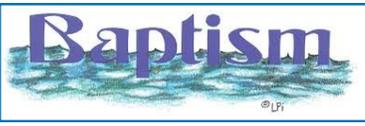
“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life (Phil. 2:14-16)”

Whatever it takes, let us commit to figuring out ways to overcome these barriers while maintaining our witness as those who are “above reproach” in our words and actions. May this truly be a time when we shine bright for Him as overcomers who maintain our commitment to God, one another, and a people greatly in need of God’s grace. Let us make God’s message, God’s mission, and God’s people our passionate priority regardless of whatever this year brings!

Pastor Kelly J. Mahoney



What's happening @ HCC?

 <p>YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>Starts September 9</p> <p>Junior High: Grades 5-8- Central Square Community Room at 6:45-8:00pm. Bring Friends!</p> <p>Senior High: Grades 9-12-Central Square, Suite 200 at 6:45-8:00pm. Bring Friends!</p>
	<p><u>Kick Off/Family Night</u></p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 9 at First Baptist Church, Glenwood</u></p> <p>If your family is planning to attend, please call ahead or come early at 6:20pm Wednesday, September 9th. Family Night begins at 6:30pm in the sanctuary after registration. If you have any registration questions, please text or call Jamie Zabel 320-815-7573 or call Lee Rosten at 320-634-4189 or email Lee at lrrosten@gctel.net</p>
<p>CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND HEALTH</p>	<p><u>Taylor (Wilson) and Taylor Goergen:</u> invite HCC friends to join them in a celebration of marriage and health for Caroline. Saturday, September 19 from 1-4pm at Pome De Terre Park in Morris, MN. Food is available for a “drive thru” stop or bring a lawn chair to stay and visit. They are registered at Amazon and Target.</p>
	<p>Friday, August 21 at 6:00pm</p> <p>Starbuck Park Bandshell</p> <p>Ice Cream Social to Follow</p> <p>Bring your own Chair</p>
<p>Community Worship Service</p> 	<p>Friday, August 21 at 7:00pm</p> <p>Starbuck Park Bandshell</p> <p>Pastor Kelly and the Cihlars Leading</p> <p>Bring Your Own Chair</p>
	<p><u>Rejuvenate Women's Retreat: September 25-27</u></p> <p><i>Check out Shamaineau.org for details and to register. There is a copy of the Covid-19 Procedures for retreats on their website. It will be updated if regulations change. Contact Vickie (320-805-0450) if you are interested so we can group women from our church together.</i></p>
<p><u>Financial Peace University</u></p> 	<p>Starting September 24 at 6:30pm at Central Square, Suite 200. Nick Hunter will be leading it and is the contact person (509-895-4625). You will need to purchase the materials soon at https://www.financialpeace.com/. The code for this class is fpu.com/1120050. The good news is that Hope Community Church will reimburse you 1/2 the cost to take this class!</p>