

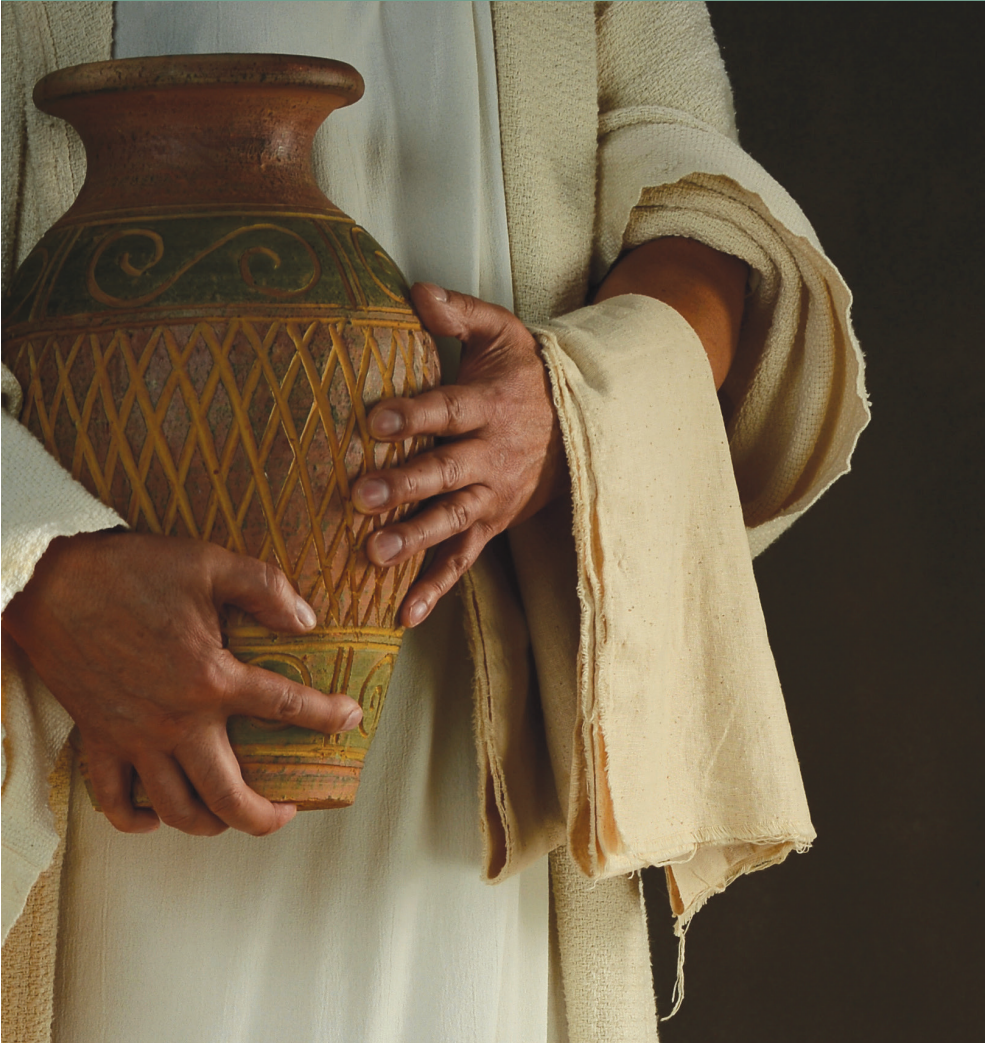
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Hope Chapel Newsletter

# A Family Called Hope

*Connected through Community*



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# SACRIFICIAL Servanthood

Self-sacrifice is one of the major themes found in the Bible. Jesus modeled it for us in the way He lived. When we willingly limit our freedoms, set aside our own rights, and pursue the best interest of those God has called us to serve, we are practicing Biblical servanthood. We don't do this in order to appease God or earn His favor. We already have that because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. We choose it because we know it pleases our Father and we want to be more like His Son. May the following testimonies from some faithful "behind the scenes" servants of Hope Chapel be an encouragement to you.

Testimony | **Christian Collins**

## **JESUS** served us, He died for us – so we serve Him by serving others

My name is Christian and I serve as Media Operator with the Hope Chapel Technical Team.

From Hope Chapel's origin in 1971 to 1992, there were no screens – at best, an overhead transparency projector displaying worship lyrics. The screens and media computer arrived in 1993 and as technology evolved, so did the church's use of computers and media.

In 1996, during my time with the Worship Ministry and as Pastor Alan Kisaka's assistant, the church started projecting the Scriptures and bulletin notes on the screens (still bring your Bibles, though). What started with PowerPoint evolved into specialized worship and presentation software paired with professional style equipment and many monitors.

## *Christian Collins cont'd*

As part of the Tech Team (which includes audio, video, and lighting) and working in conjunction with the Communications and Graphics Departments, the Media Operator prepares and screens everything that appears on all monitors. No Chat GPT, all human effort.

If you watch the livestream service, the videos that you see (at all stages of the service) need to be prepared, coded, and formatted for viewing. We use templates to ensure consistent messaging and formatting, while keeping the focus where it belongs – on God's Word and the care of His flock.

We liaise with many different pastors, personalities, and presenting styles...and occasionally have changes in the service schedule (the church equivalent of the football "audible"). By God's grace, it works.

As someone who has served in multiple ministries at Hope Chapel over the last 32 years, between here and Carson, my ministry philosophy has remained the same: Jesus served us – He died for us – so we serve Him by serving others. The "Rock" Apostle described it well in 1 Peter 4:10-11:

***As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)***





## Testimony | Corina Chinen

### **Serving is one of my passions.**

I've been attending Hope Chapel since 1995 after moving to California from Hawaii. Hope Chapel is a church that teaches God's Word straight from Scripture which draws people to Christ and teaches us God's Word. In addition to that, Hope is a place where community takes place, building relationships with other believers, and discipleship through fellowship begins. One of the ways that happens is through serving. By getting involved in the life of the church, volunteering and serving in various ministries – you get the opportunity of serving with other Christians who love Jesus, and you find those who will sharpen you and help strengthen you in your walk with the Lord.

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My heart's desire is to always be doing  
whatever God leads me to in the ways of serving  
Him and serving others all for His Glory.***

I have been blessed with the privilege of serving and volunteering in various ministries, some past, some current. One of my first involvements here at Hope was serving in the Children's church for about 5 years which then led to the youth ministry, working with Jr. Higher's (and loved every minute of it) before going to the High School group. I also got to serve alongside and help lead the Skid Row outreach (which holds a special place in my heart) and learned a lot about volunteering with the hospital visitation ministry. Other serving positions include being a part of the greeting team, short-term mission trips, common interest groups, elderly ministry (aunties), women's Bible study groups and whatever God has me doing. As the Lord puts on my heart:

***if you see a need, go and fill it (kokua or help)!***



My view of service is what it says in John 13:14–15 when Jesus washes His disciples' feet. He says to *do likewise*. We are to serve like Jesus. And love like Him. And if you know Jesus, He did everything with love and He was obedient to His Father. When I reflect on who Jesus is and what He did on the Cross for me, for us all; that He loved me/us so much all the way to the Cross, I can't help but to respond to Him by serving Him and His church.

If you have not had the chance to serve or volunteer in the life of the Church yet, I encourage you to do so. Not only will you meet other amazing believers who could possibly become lifelong friends, but you will grow in so many ways, all drawing you closer to God and strengthening your walk with Him; iron sharpens iron. May our lives be such as Romans 12:1, *offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*, worshipping Him in our daily lives by loving God and loving others in the ways of serving.

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A circular portrait of a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a red and black plaid shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

## Testimony | **Joey Iside**

I have been a member here at Hope Chapel for the last 18 years. I have had the pleasure of serving Hope Chapel on staff for the last 14 years as our operations supervisor and facilities manager. Above and beyond that, I have been a MiniChurch Shepherd for 10 of those years, as well as served sporadically in different ministries. These included our skid row outreach and private home Bible studies.

As a MiniChurch Shepherd, I serve the body by caring for our small group. Practically that consists of a thorough comprehension of the message, coordinating worship, finalizing questions that will stimulate our group chat, facilitating that conversation, and leading prayer. Being a MiniChurch Shepherd bleeds into every aspect of my life though. In our MiniChurch, we strongly believe in doing life together, not just on Wednesday nights. This includes meeting with members outside of MiniChurch, being intimately aware of the individual needs of group members, reaching out to help members with those needs, and being on call 24/7. I am there nightly to talk, advise, and pray with any member that needs it. I'm blessed that my MiniChurch provides these same things to myself as well.

My view of service as a Christian is that it's my duty to share what I have been given. My talents can all be put to good use for Christ and His body. My possessions can all be put to good use for Christ and His body. My brothers and sisters can benefit from all that Christ has blessed me with. It is as simple as identifying what you are good at and then doing that in an area that is beneficial to the Church.

Jesus' example shaped my view of service by showing me that service isn't always comfortable. It is not always convenient. It is something you do even if you don't necessarily "feel" like doing it in the moment. And it is by abandoning comfort as a standard, that I have become blessed beyond all measure with a family that nothing can come between. Usually where you find perfect comfort, you do not find growth. If you are looking to grow, nothing beats focusing on others instead of focusing on yourself.

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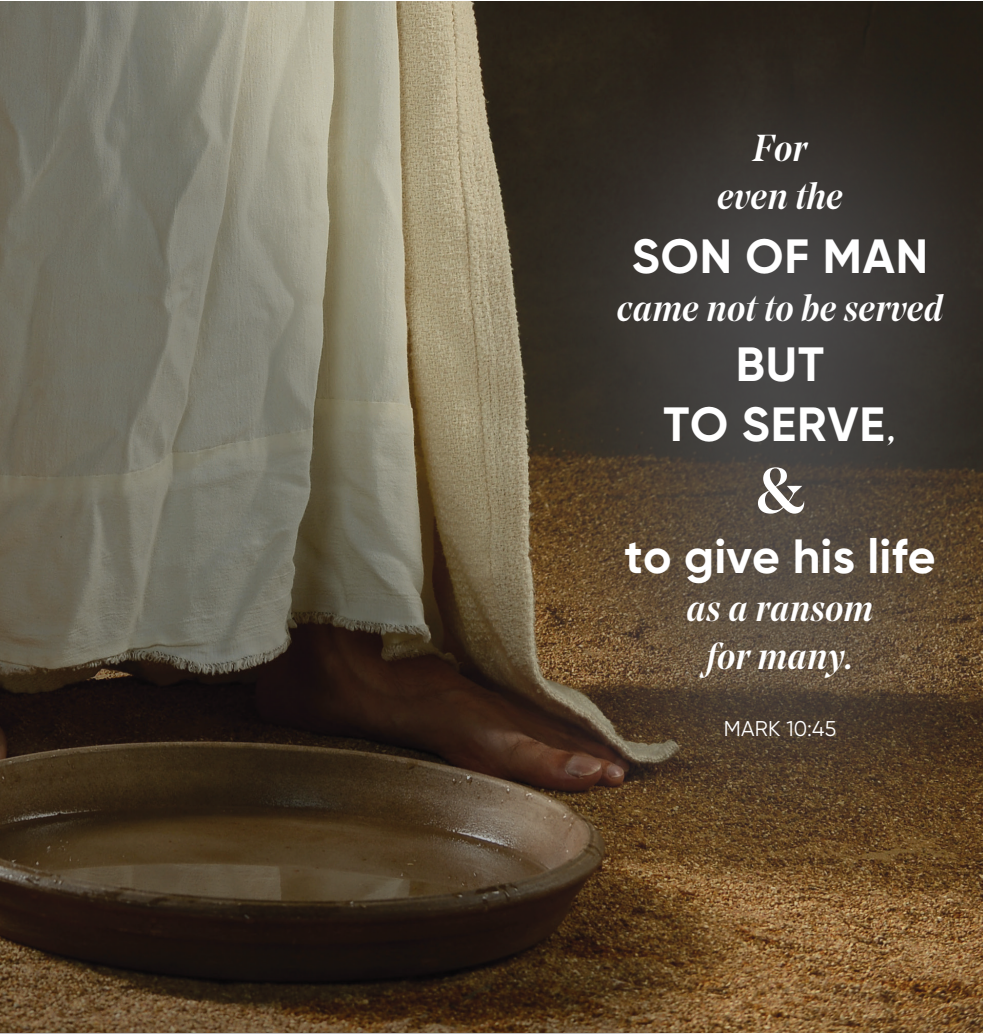
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**SON OF MAN**  
*came not to be served*  
**BUT**  
**TO SERVE,**  
**&**  
**to give his life**  
*as a ransom  
for many.*

MARK 10:45

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## Weekend Services

Saturday		5:00 pm
Sunday		9:00 am
Sunday		11:15 am

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