

Welcome to Hope!

We want to welcome you to our church community!

At Hope we believe that **God really loves people**, and that **He wants have a close relationship with us**. Hope Community Christian Church connects people with each other, so that together we can connect with God. Each Sunday we grow closer through our weekly worship services and by simply getting together for coffee. Each month we share together in our communion meal (first Sunday of each month). As we do these things, growth and new friendships naturally happen!

Hope is the kind of church that **welcomes people wherever they are on their faith journey**. We encourage people to ask questions. All of us need to discover truth about God and about life in general. Our church is a generational church, and we welcome people of all ages. It's very common to see people who are 70 + hanging out with high school students. Our church has a very diverse age demographic.

Church doesn't have to be boring! We try to make our meetings Warm – Friendly – Fun – Casual – Encouraging – Relaxing & Powerful... Hope is a great place for the whole family. We sing together, pray, and study the Bible together. We discover God's plans for us through the Holy Spirit's leading in our lives.

The key Bible verse that we use as the basis for our church is found in **Acts 2:42** (NLT) The Believers Form a Community: **'All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals** (including the Lord's Supper), **and to prayer.'**

We encourage you to come out and join us, we'd love to get to know you!

On behalf of the church & its leadership,

Pastor Steve Barker

Who We Are...

We are normal everyday people, who have discovered hope in life through a relationship with Jesus Christ. We don't claim to be perfect or unique, we just love what God is doing in our lives!

What We Do...

Our church family consists of young & old, children, parents & grandparents. People from various professions - Health Care Workers, Self Employed Business People, Contractors, Teachers, Administrative Personnel, Homemakers, Students, Retail Workers, Public Service, etc...

Our Goal Is To...

Extend the hope and healing of Jesus everywhere!

Our Church Mission...

To connect people locally, regionally and abroad with the message, authority, and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Church Vision...

To demonstrate love for our community by restoring people to wholeness through Jesus Christ. To be a training church that empowers & equips people to serve God.

Our Core Ministry Values...

1. We are a ***Bible Teaching*** church. The Bible is the Word of Life that changes people and leads them into the new life that God has promised.
2. We are a community that emphasizes ***Faith***. As we seek God for His plans, boldly put them into action, positive change will take place in our community.
3. We are committed to ***Kingdom Ministry***. We will care for the poor, serve our community, and bring hope to families in a genuine & loving manor.
4. We are deeply committed to ***Prayer and Fasting*** as the key source of power for the ministry that God has called us to.
5. We are a ***Life Giving*** church. God wants us to discover & use our gifts, talents & passions to encourage, heal, instruct, bless & serve others.
6. We are passionate about giving ***Glory to God***. It's not about us, it's about God. Pride, tradition, forms & styles can't get in the way of honouring God.
7. We are a ***Partnership Church***. We bless other ministries to advance God's plans & commissions. There is a ***spiritual unity among all Christians***.
8. We are a ***Commissioning Church***. As people grow in wisdom & faith, we will affirm God's calling on their lives & commission them to fulfill His plans.

Culture Targets of Hope Church

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

1. Honour Culture

Value... every person needs to understand their worth. We honour up... Older people, personal successes, leaders, government, etc... We honour down... Children, people with special needs & our most vulnerable. We Honour all around. We honour the team that we serve with.

2. Volunteer Culture

Encouraging people to serve in their gifting. Serving creates opportunity for joy. It takes our minds off our own problems and helps us to live out the values of Jesus.

3. Relational Culture

How we relate to others is what the church becomes. If I don't step up, somebody else will need to. We try to celebrate special events like birthdays and anniversaries. Our small groups, teams and ministries need to be Relational.

4. The Bringing Culture

We must Bring people to church and take them home or out for lunch or coffee.

5. Worship experience Culture

We are not in the heavenlies yet, we are on earth worshiping God. Let's model joy... be happy, smile, and make sure that what we do make sense to new people. The whole team is the worship leader (from the parking lot as we arrive to the time we drive home)

6. We Get to Give Culture

We seek to draw people in and we ask them to contribute. We are glad that they are here, we seek for ways that they can get involved. Don't give excuses for people not to give or not to serve.

7. Life Giving Culture

Our attitude has the ability to bring life to the church. You can choose what comes out of you... The first 15 minutes from when a new person comes on our property and from the beginning of the service is what helps them decide to connect or not. What kind of atmosphere do we have for children? It's so important! Did the kids have fun today? Were people able to connect through worship?

Hope CCC Covenant

Our Covenant with God: We have been led by the grace of God, to repent from our sins and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. This faith and hope in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is our hope and salvation. With the Holy Spirit's help, we maintain this covenant with God and with each other. We will develop and enjoy our relationship with God because He deserves all the glory, honour and praise. Our first priority is to seek and submit to God's plans for our lives. He teaches us to pray "His Kingdom come and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

(1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36)

Our Covenant with Each Other: We will seek to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit amongst us. As we learn to serve together in love, we must get rid of bitterness, anger, and harmful speech. With humility, gentleness, and patience, we will be kind to each other, tenderhearted, and forgiving, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us. We are a church body we are committed to helping restore people to wholeness and maturity through Jesus Christ. Our aim is to support each other through the journey of life. We rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. We pledge to watch out for each other; to pray for each other; and to help each other through times of sickness or distress.

(Eph. 4:1-3, 29, 31; Luke 17:3; Col. 3:13; Gal. 5:16, 25, 6:2, 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Pet. 1:22, Rom. 12:15)

Our Covenant with Community: We will love our children and teach them the ways of the Lord. We will seek to live our lives in a way that demonstrates the gospel to our community. We will strive to maintain personal prayer and Bible study and to initiate family Bible discussions. We commit to be governed by the relational commitments that are taught in the Bible. These commitments address: peacemaking, accountability, leadership, church discipline, submission to authority, sexuality, marriage, divorce, counseling, confidentiality, community living and the protection of our children.

(Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:1)

Our Covenant with Purity: We will strive to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives, regardless of how culture changes. We will be truthful in our dealings and faithful in our commitments. We will avoid gossip, backstabbing and excessive anger. We will depend on God's grace to abstain from illegal drugs, drunkenness, and practices which bring harm to the church, jeopardize our faith or the faith of someone else. We will honour and pray for our governmental leaders and for people who are in authority over us. As Christians, we eagerly wait for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ to rule in this world.

(Gal. 5:22-24; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:14)

Our Covenant as Church: We will gather together as church for worship, instruction, fellowship and outreach. We will support the preaching of the Bible and its gospel message. We will encourage and support the leadership in our church including pastors, elders and deacons. We will participate in the observance of water baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the loving exercise of biblical church discipline. We will contribute cheerfully and generously to the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the advancement of the gospel in our country and in other the nations around the world.

(Heb. 10:25; 2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 11:26; Matt 18:17; 1 Cor. 5:13, Matt. 28:19; Luke 12:33; 2 Cor. 9:7)

If the Lord moves us to another community, we will as soon as possible, join with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

In all these things, we rely on God who has made a new and everlasting covenant with us, saying:

"They shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them...I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good ... with all my heart and all my soul." Jeremiah 32:38-41

In and because of Jesus we pray, Amen.

What We Believe - Hope CCC Doctrine Statement

God

God is bigger, better and closer than we can imagine. He is the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. He lives eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Bible

The Bible is God's perfect guidebook for living. It is His authoritative word to all people. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian belief and living. In its original manuscripts, the Bible is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105-160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is equal with the Father. Jesus had a miraculous birth and conception, being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our personal substitute. He arose from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He is reigning now in heaven, and is a mediator between God the Father and Humanity. He will return to earth again to reign as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

(Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-5:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Colossians 1:15-20)

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need to turn from their sins and to put their faith in Jesus Christ. He lives within every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for ministry, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance for living. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. We are to use the power that we receive from His baptism, filling, and anointing to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ in this world.

(2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-15, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

Human beings

Male & female have dignity and are of high value to God. They are created in the image of God, and are to be like Him in character. All people have tremendous potential for good, and are to love, be holy, and care for creation. Each of us however, is inherently marred by an inborn disobedience toward God called "sin". Sin separates us from God, and places us in need of God's grace.

(Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2)

Salvation

Salvation is a gift from God and is offered to all people. We can not make up for our sin by self-improvement or by good works. Trusting in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour is the only path to God, and the only way to be saved from sins penalty. God's grace has the power to transform our lives, and to save us from His divine wrath and judgment. Eternal life begins the moment a person recognizes their need to be forgiven, turns their allegiance to God and receives Jesus Christ into his/her life by faith. This salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.

(Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; John 3:16, 10:29; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10,14; 1Peter 1:3-5; Romans 6:23)

Eternity

People will exist eternally in one of two ways: separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places. God's plan and desire is that all people will come to repentance in Jesus, and experience the full life that He has for them.

(John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; 1 John 5:11-12; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-31; 1 Timothy 2:4; John 10:29; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10,14; 1Peter1:3-5)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested through a variety ways to build up and sanctify the Church. They demonstrate the validity of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and they confirm the power of the gospel message. The lists of these gifts in the Bible are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of spiritual gifts in their lives. These gifts are to operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should not be used in a manor that violates their biblical design.

(Romans 1:11; 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy. 1:5-6; Hebrews 2:1-4; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

Water Baptism

Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new believer in Jesus Christ is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38, 8:12, 36-38, 47-48)

Lord's Supper

A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and wine (or grape juice) (representing the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' love and sacrifice and in expectation for His return. It is a time to celebrate the unity and oneness that we have in Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-26)

Church

The Church is God's people and is referred to as the "Body of Christ." It is the mystical habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine authority to fulfill the Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the universal Church. Each believer is to come under the blessing and authority of an assembly of believers called local church. All Christians individually have the ability to be led by God, and to commune with Him without the need for a third party. There is a functional hierarchy in the kingdom of God that includes Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(John 17:11, 20-23; Hebrews 10:23-25; Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:28-31; Titus 1:1,5)

Spiritual World

The Bible teaches that there are various spiritual beings. Angels are often used as messengers, or in providing protection, or in the enforcement of God's agenda. Evil spirits, demons, etc., are aligned with Satan (the chief of the fallen angels) and carry out his plans to kill and destroy all things that are good. In Christ Jesus, the believer is given the authority and the power to overcome any spiritual force that opposes the work of the kingdom of God.

(Daniel 10:4-20; Genesis 1:24; Ephesians 6:10-18; John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8-11; Revelation 12:7-12; Mark 16:17; James 4:7-8)

Healing of the Sick

Healing of the Sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign that is to follow believers. Divine healing is also a part of Jesus' work on the cross and is one of the gifts of the Spirit. All believers should seek healing here on earth. Some may not receive their full healing until they meet the Lord face to face.

(Psalm 103:2,3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16,17; Mark 16:17,18; Acts 8:6, 7; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; James 5:14-16; 2 Timothy 4:20, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

Provision

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and fruitful in all areas of life. Because of the sin in this world, many may not receive the full benefits of God's design while on earth. That fact, though, should never prevent believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to serve others. This includes:

Spiritual - *John 3:3-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 2 Timothy 1:7*

Mental and Emotional - *Isaiah 26:3-4; Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:6-8*

Physical - *Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24-25*

Financial - *Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 34:10; 84:11; Malachi 3:10,11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Philippians 4:19*

Family & Marriage

The family is the foundational institution of human society. Although many have experienced real hardship in their families, we must strive to do all we can to help mothers, fathers, and children find hope and restoration. Marriage is the uniting of one man to one woman in a covenant commitment for life. The husband and wife are of equal value before God. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing from the Lord. They are to experience the love of God in their homes, and are to be taught the truths of scripture. Parents are to love their children, and children are to honour and obey their parents.

(Genesis 1:27-28, 2:20-24; Titus 2:1-8; 1 Corinthians 7:1-40, 6:9-11; Romans 1:24-27; Jeremiah 1:5; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Ephesians 6:1-4)

Return of Jesus Christ

The Return of Jesus Christ will be personal and visible. He will come again to earth to fulfill the purposes of God, and will bring all people to judgment. He will give eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost. He will then establish a new heaven and new earth.

(Matthew 24:30-51; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-8)