

1. A SPIRITUALLY IMPACTFUL AND UPLIFTING SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

- A strong, Biblical pulpit ministry is essential to the health of the church.
- Commitment to expository, exegetical preaching which protects against personal opinion, human wisdom, or worldly philosophies. The Bible shouldn't be viewed as the diving board, but rather the swimming pool.
- Gospel-centered, vertical, God-honoring music that is passionately offered to God as an act of worship.

A. THEOLOGY

- Psalms 145:1-7
- Colossians 3:12-17

B. PHILOSOPHY

- Emphasis on proclamation of the Word
- Emphasis on praising God in singing
- Emphasis on centering everything around Jesus

C. METHODOLOGY

- Textual, expository proclamation of the Word
- Uplifting, vertical directed worship music
- Doctrinal observance of the Lord's Supper and Baptism

2. A COMMITMENT TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

- Discipleship happens in community. For us, that can take place in small groups, smaller intentional study groups, or intentionally doing life with other people for the purpose of accountability and spiritual health.
- Church has to be more than a Sunday service. A spiritual journey that is based only on sitting and listening is ultimately incomplete and unfulfilling because it is only one part of living as a closely connected community of faith.
- Live this out through Community Life so that people can meet at various times and locations to experience close community with other believers.

A. THEOLOGY

- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 3:12-13
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

B. PHILOSOPHY

- Living life together with other Christians in smaller groups of people, one-on-one discipleship, a bible study, or a gender specific group.
- Practicing the one-another that are found in the New Testament.
- Promoting unity and oneness by being truly connected with the people who are the church.

C. METHODOLOGY

- People meeting in various locations and various times to provide the greatest opportunity for people to be connected.
- Providing resources and opportunities for people to grow in their faith through relational discipleship.
- Experiencing prayer filled, supportive, loving community in a way that attracts family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.

3. A DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Outreach to those with “felt needs” in our community. Which may include health, housing, food, or family care.
- Establishing connections with local organizations that are meeting the needs of people. Creating those relationships leads to an opportunity for people to see the church in motion and for Christians to have Gospel conversations that otherwise would never happen.

A. THEOLOGY

- John 13:1-20
- 1 Peter 4:8-11
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

B. PHILOSOPHY

- Making Jesus visible in our community through serving our community.
- Servant evangelism
- Connections that lead to relationships that lead to Gospel conversations

C. METHODOLOGY

- Visible Jesus
- Church-wide, group-wide, and individual projects.
- Partnering with local organizations.

4. AN EXCITING, VIBRANT AGE-BASED MINISTRY

- Our main focus is to partner with parents to help children know and love Jesus.
- The idea is to supplement, not substitute, the spiritual responsibility of the parent(s).
- A large group / small group format models what they will experience in adult ministry at Hope Church

A. THEOLOGY

- Mark 10:13-16
- Matthew 18:1-5
- 2 Timothy 3:15-17

B. PHILOSOPHY

- Children and youth need purposeful, intentional time in the Word of God
- Curriculum should be designed to point our children to Jesus and develop a strong understanding of and faith in the Bible
- Encourage parents to take their responsibility seriously and disciple them to be effective families that are focused on God.

C. METHODOLOGY

- Cradle to college programs
 - Infant - 5 year old: Hope Kids Littles
 - K5 - 5th grade: Hope Kids Bigs
 - 6th - 12th grade: Hope Students
 - Large group gatherings
 - Small group gatherings
- Orange, Gospel Project, or curriculum of equal quality

5. THE CONTINUAL PLANTING OF THE GOSPEL IN RURAL AREAS

- Being true to live in obedience to the work of making disciples as commanded by Jesus in the Great Commission.
- New churches reach new generations, new residents, and new people groups.
- New churches are desperately needed in small communities where churches are dying or complacent.

A. THEOLOGY

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 1:38
- Titus 1:5

B. PHILOSOPHY

- The Great Commission necessitates the establishment of churches.
 - Make disciples
 - Baptize
 - Teach

C. METHODOLOGY

- One church, multiple locations.
- Planting the Gospel in smaller communities.
- Hope Missions to consolidate financial and personal efforts that increases the opportunity to plant churches.