## What kept me coming back to Hope

# How we do things changes, but what we do and why we do it never does!

# The Vision of Hope Community Church:

To honor God

by helping as many people as possible

become fully devoted followers

of Jesus Christ.



### The Story of Hope Community

#### **Isaiah** 57:14

And it will be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the road. Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people."



### Prepare the Way

Build up! Build up! Prepare the way

The Lord is making peace today

Bringing His people home to stay

Remove every obstacle from their way



Seven Couples and a Church



What would Jesus say to:

Bill Clinton

Bob Dylan

Green Bay Packers

Jim Wacker

Madonna

Michael Jordan

MN Daily

The cast of E.R.

# HAVE A BAGEL OR COFFEE WITH STEVE OR HAMLET!



Sign up on an open time on the info table

# welcome to



### Children's Ministry



**Children matter to us and they matter to God!** If you would like to be involved in a small or big way with the children of Hope, call either Rhonda Gross 612-888-9387 or Annie Steinle 612-825-3401.

## Next Level Update

\$11,535 raised as of October 3rd. (the need is \$12,750)

Hope CC is going to "The Next Level" to reach the NEXT generation. We still need \$1,215 to reach our goal of \$12,750. If you are able to give a gift for this need, that would be great!







#### CIRCLE January 30th on your calendars!!

(No, not because it is SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!)

#### Hope is moving to TWO SERVICES on that DAY!

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and in order to best use our space, we will be having 2 services effective Jan. 30th.

The first service is at 9:00am

The Connection will be at 10:15 with the second service to follow.

Hope is moving to:

# WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

9:00am 10:30am 12noon

Live on or near the UofM campus? Need a ride to Hope? Hop on! It's free!



Do you have friends who think Christianity is not at all relevant to life?

Do you or someone you know have **HUGE**Questions regarding God,
Jesus, the Bible, etc.?



Now meeting <u>once a month</u> at the Living Room Music Cafe \*NEXT CONCRETE FACTORY - Tues, October 10, 2000

#### Check out **THE CONCRETE FACTORY**

Every SECOND TUESDAY of the month at 8pm

Living Room Music Cafe (Snelling & Larpenteur)

One Mile South of Har Mar Mall

Call Adam Swenson for more info at 612-623-3727

# Whaaazzzzup!

**Hope Fellowship / Concrete Factory** 

**Spring Retreat** 

**April 7-9th, 2000** 

Camp Icaghowan, Amery Wisconsin

### And we the redeemed shall be strong

In purpose, and unity

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Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks

Honor and power and strength



# Check out your

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If you would like to have Hope Community Church's message tapes mailed to you this summer, please indicate on your communication card or sign up on one of the forms on the information table in the back. Cost is \$25 to receive a tape every other week for the entire summer.

### Paul is headed South!



### This Week At

TODAY - Worship Celebrations @ 9:00 and 10:45am w/ Ministry Fair in between!

12:15 - Take Victor out for PIE @ Baker's Square

Tue, Wed, Thu (6:30am) - Prayer at Hope! Tues, Sept 10th - LT Meeting, 6pm at Carey's

Wed, Sept 11th - A Time of Remembrance - 11:30am

Thurs, Sept 12th - 3rd Strand- Meet at the Ministry Center at 2221 University Ave SE #140 @ 7:00pm

Sun, Sept. 15th - Worship Celebrations

@ 9:00 and 10:45am

Pastor Steve Treichler speaking

Hope Office: 612-378-8820 Email: hope@hopecc.com Web: www.hopecc.com

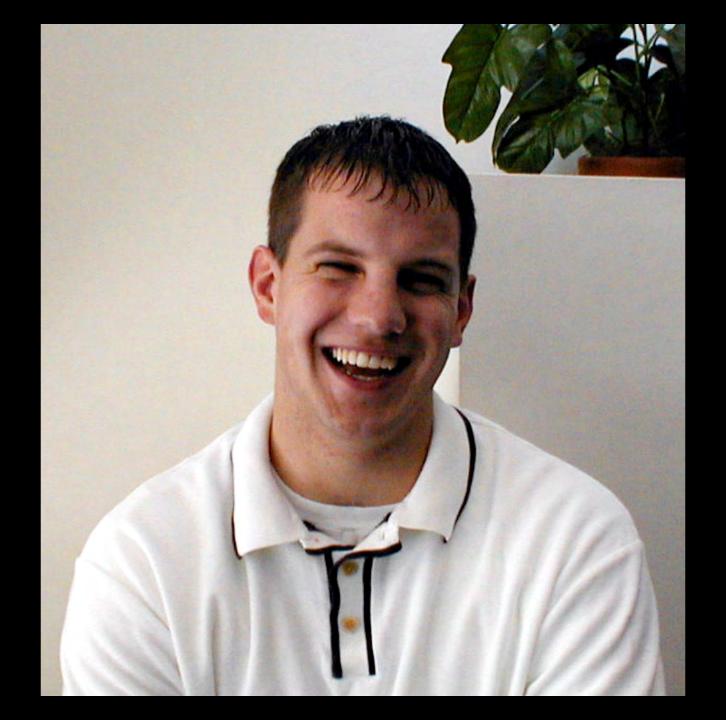
## What's next?

Introducing...



We've dreamed about it for 2 years, and it's coming. Get your brochure now at the Info table and look soon for an informational meeting!!!

More information to follow.

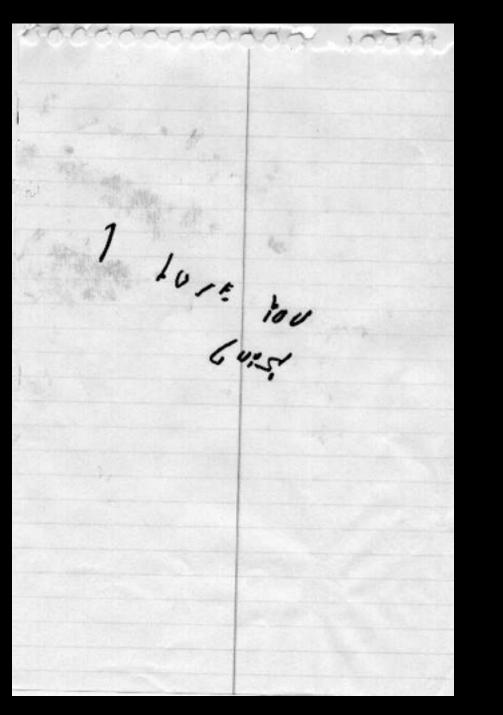


# Pray for Graham!



Every night @ 7pm, Regions Hospital, St. Paul - 2nd floor









## Call to PRAYER!

Sundays 11:15-11:45am

Mon - Fri 5:30-6:30pm



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## Two Strategies:

1. Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry w/ Hope

## Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry <u>John 3:16</u>

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

### Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry

#### **Romans 1:21-25**

<sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever."

### Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry

#### Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Very cute **church**, **but** a **little** too "Bathe me in the blood of Christ" for me.

"What I had wanted to pass through without prejudice to my things temporal was those hours or moments in which I attended to the eternal, in which I exposed myself to it.

I mean this sort of thing. I say my prayers, I read a book of devotion, I prepare for, or receive, the sacrament. But while I do these things, there is, so to speak, a voice inside me that urges caution. It tells me to be careful, to keep my head, not to go too far, not to burn my boats. I come into the presence of God with a great fear lest anything should happen to me within that presence which will prove too intolerably inconvenient when I have come out again into my 'ordinary' life. I don't want to be carried away into any resolution which I shall afterwards regret."



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"The root principle of all these precautions is the same: to guard the things temporal.

This is my endlessly recurrent temptation: to go down to that Sea (I think St. John of the Cross called God a sea) and there neither dive nor swim nor float, but only dabble and splash, careful not to get out of my depth and holding on to the lifeline which connects me with my things temporal...Our temptation is to look eagerly for the minimum that will be accepted...Swimming lessons are better than a lifeline to the shore."



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### Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry

#### **Hebrews 3:12-14**

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers and sisters, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heat, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

### Creative, Biblical, Gospel, Effective Ministry

#### Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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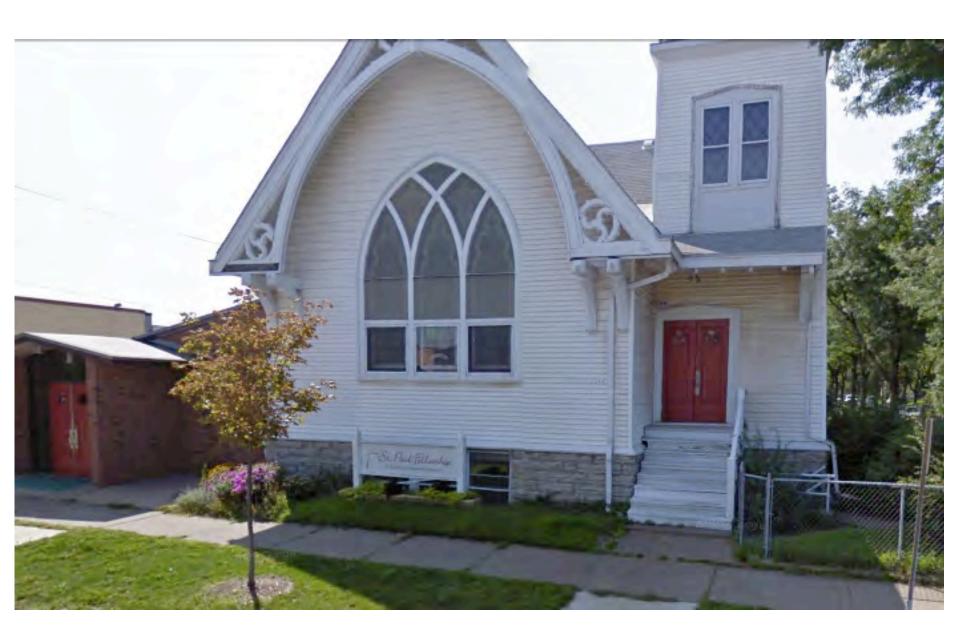
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- 2. Starting new churches and ministries around the world!

In 2002



Join us next week as we send off many of our people to St. Paul to begin a new church there! We are SO excited with God's leading in this, and are thrilled to be a parent of a new church. Sign up to bring something for a lunch afterwards!!!



#### In 2004...

## Missio Dei



following Jesus' way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance

#### Our Third Church Plant in Fall of 2006

## hiawatha Zchurch

"I am making a way in the desert, rivers in the wasteland" Isaiah 43:19

## FREE STREET PARKING





"I am making a way in the desert, rivers in the wasteland" Isaiah 43:19

Starting Sept. 3rd 2006 Sundays Services @ 10AM 4155 41st Ave S



## Providence Community Church

in Crosslake, MN

June 17th, 2007

#### Our Fifth Church Plant in Fall of 2008

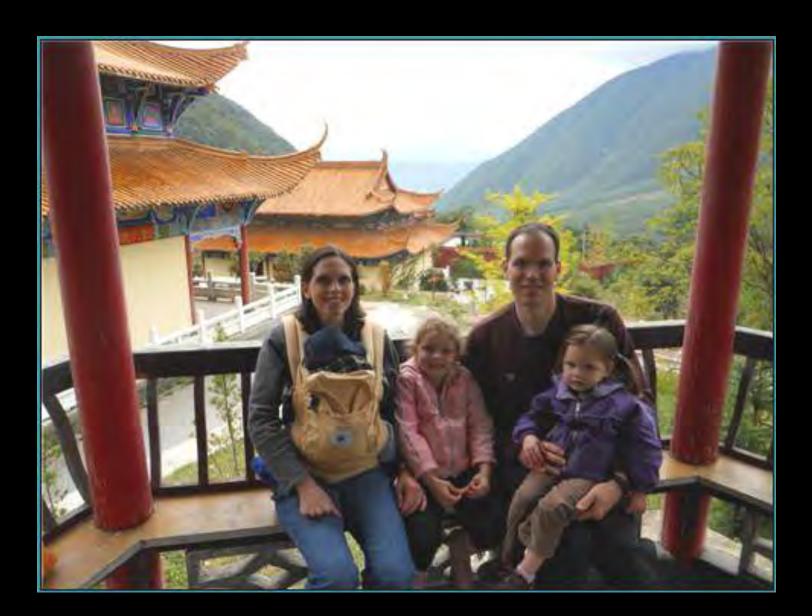


#### Our Sixth Church Plant on 10/10/10









#### Two Biblical Mandates

#### **Matthew 16:18**

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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#### Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### Quotes about church planting

"Christianity has always expanded through the multiplication of churches. The Book of Acts records how the boundaries of the Christian faith were pushed to the uttermost parts of the world through the multiplication of new churches. To this day, throughout every generation, Christianity has extended to new areas and new peoples via the multiplication of new churches."

~ Robert Logan

#### Quotes about church planting

"I begin this book with a categorical statement that will seem bold and brash to some at first sight, even though it has been well substantiated by research over the past two or three decades: The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches."

~ C. Peter Wagner [in Church Planting for a Greater Harvest]

#### Quotes about church planting

"[New] Churches worth their salt aren't parasites on existing churches. They reach believers who dropped out of church years ago. They reach people who don't really know the Lord. They reach children who have never gone to Sunday school in their lives. They reach the lost."

Dr. Ralph Winter
U.S. Center for World Missions

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## 50% increase in churches while the population increased 400%!

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"Don't change what you're doing because no one else is doing what you are doing." ~ Sharon Gorman

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  - Uphold God and the gospel.
  - Look past your friends. No one stands alone.
  - Know why we do what we do see vision.
  - Be willing to go with a church plant.
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