

Introduction - How I found Hope
Community Church

Sermon Series
Renovation Project:
How the Gospel Changes Us

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Week #3: Thoughts and Feelings
Week #4: Decisions and Actions

THIS WEEK:
The Renovation Project called Hope
Community Church

5 Questions to determine whether
Hope could be your church home

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Hope's story
Isaiah 57:14-21

2. What are you doing?

The vision of Hope
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3. Will I fit here?

1 Corinthians 12:12-19
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If anyone speaks, they should do so as
one who speaks the very words of God. If
anyone serves, they should do so with the
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2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

“Keeping the heart is a constant work...with no let
up...it is the most important business of a
Christian's life.

John Flavel, English clergyman



Proverbs 4:23

Watch over your heart with all diligence,
for from it flow the springs of life.

TRUTH

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“Actions are not impositions on who we are, but are expressions of who we are. They come out of a heart and the inner realities it supervises and interacts with.”



Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart

BIG IDEA:

If you are a Christ follower, sin no longer has authority (mastery) over you and therefore, obedience is possible!

Romans 6:11-14

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.



Sin is never the last word for the children of God.
Grace is always the last word.



Tim Chester, *You Can Change*

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16 I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me – the very people I have created. **17** I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. **18** I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, **19** creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the Lord. "And I will heal them."

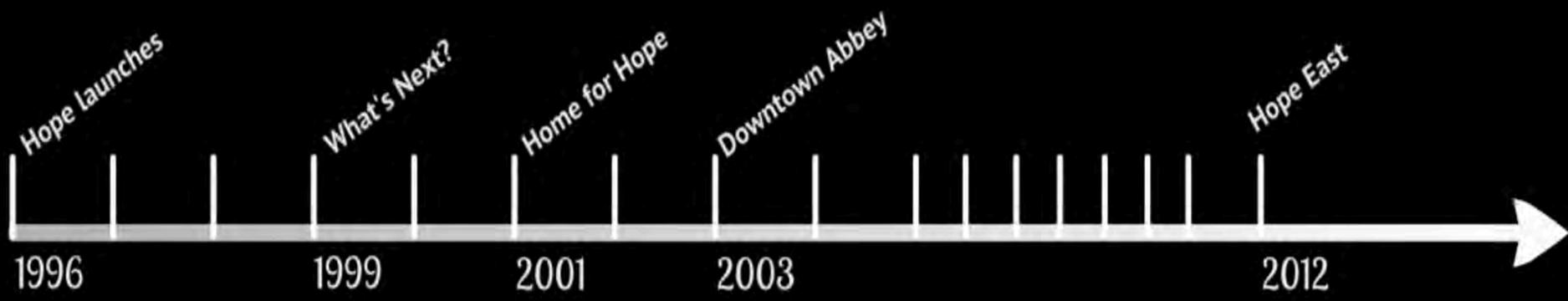


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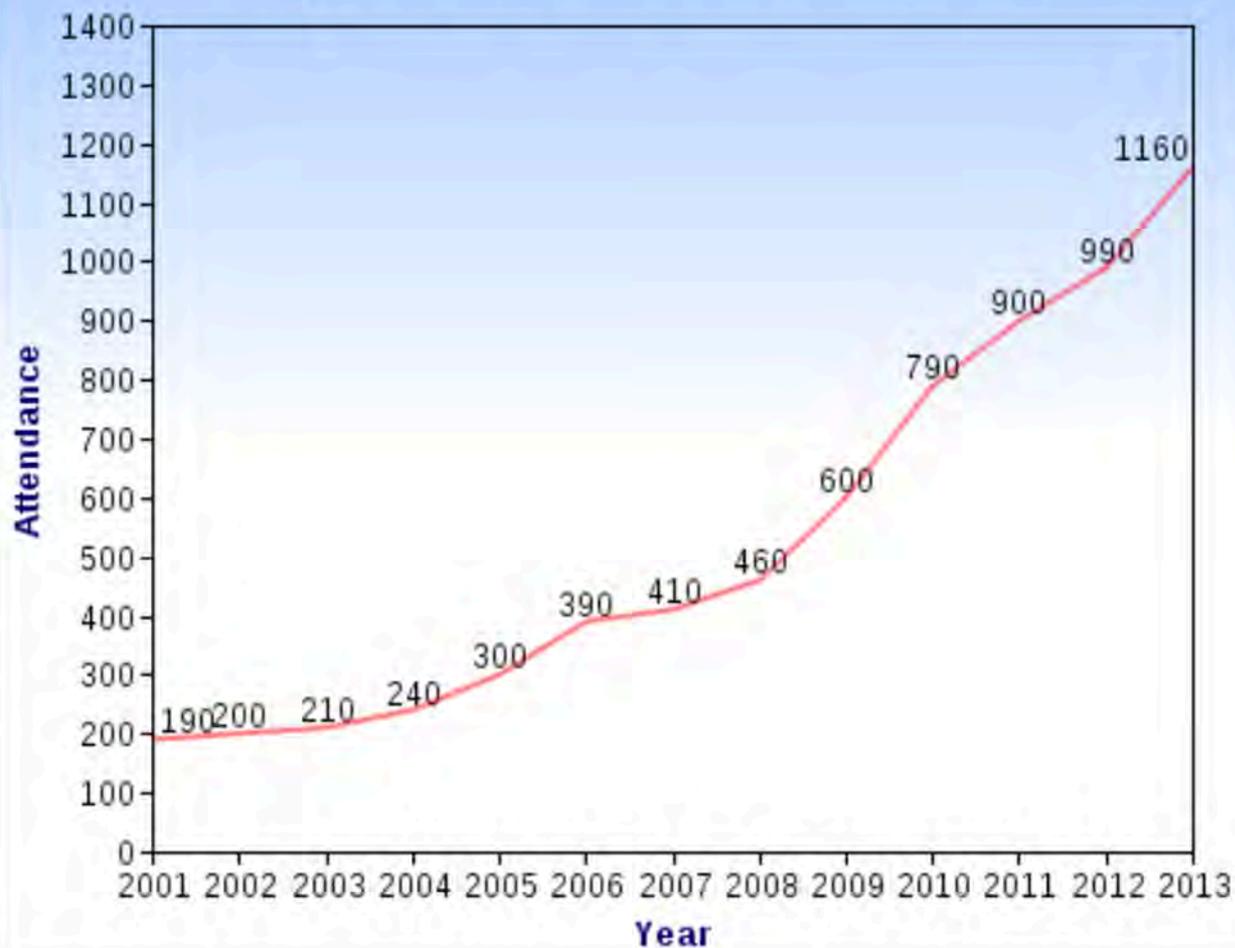
A Home for Hope



Town Meeting
October 3rd, 2001



Progression of Attendance since 2001

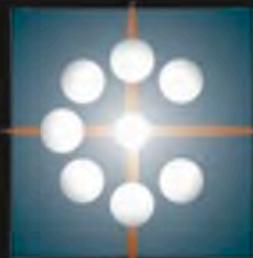


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#2 - What are you doing?

The vision of Hope Community Church

To honor God by helping as many people
as possible become fully devoted
followers of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 29:1-2

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to
the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship
the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Revelation 4:8, 11

“‘Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.’”

...

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory
and honor and power, for you created all things, and
by your will they were created and have their being.”



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Matthew 16:24-26

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"





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#3 – Will I fit here?

1 Corinthians 12:12-19

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

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