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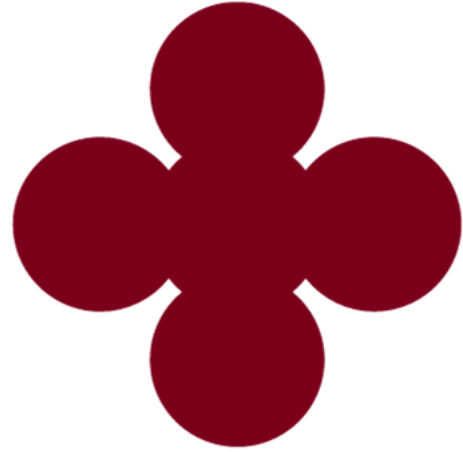


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Isaiah 57:14-15

¹⁴And it will be said: “Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.” ¹⁵For this is what the high and exalted One says – he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”



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The vision of Hope Community Church:
to honor God
by helping as many people as possible
become fully devoted followers of
Jesus Christ

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WE

Most of the time we go through life governed by a straightforward logic: Practice makes perfect, effort leads to reward, winners get admired. But here was a moral logic radically at odds with that: The meek shall be exalted, blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who hunger and thirst, where there is humility there is majesty, where there is weakness there is might. This logic struck me as both startling, revolutionary and astonishingly beautiful. I had the feeling I had glimpsed a goodness more radical than anything I had ever imagined, a moral grandeur far vaster and truer than anything that could have emerged from our prosaic world.

It hit me with the force of joy.

~ David Brooks, Opinion Columnist NYT,
The Shock of Faith: It's Nothing Like I Thought It Would Be
12/19/24



Hit with the Force of Joy!

1. The Joy of Inception (Past)
2. The joy of Participation (Present)
3. The Joy of Anticipation (Future)

Colossians 1:15–20

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I am always proud to bring family, friends,
Christians and non-Christians alike to Hope
because I know that they will **ALWAYS** hear
the Gospel.



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Downtown Weekly Update

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Church updates, resources, events, opportunities, & more!

Ways to serve

Children's Ministry

Hospitality/Treats Team

Worship Team

Production Team

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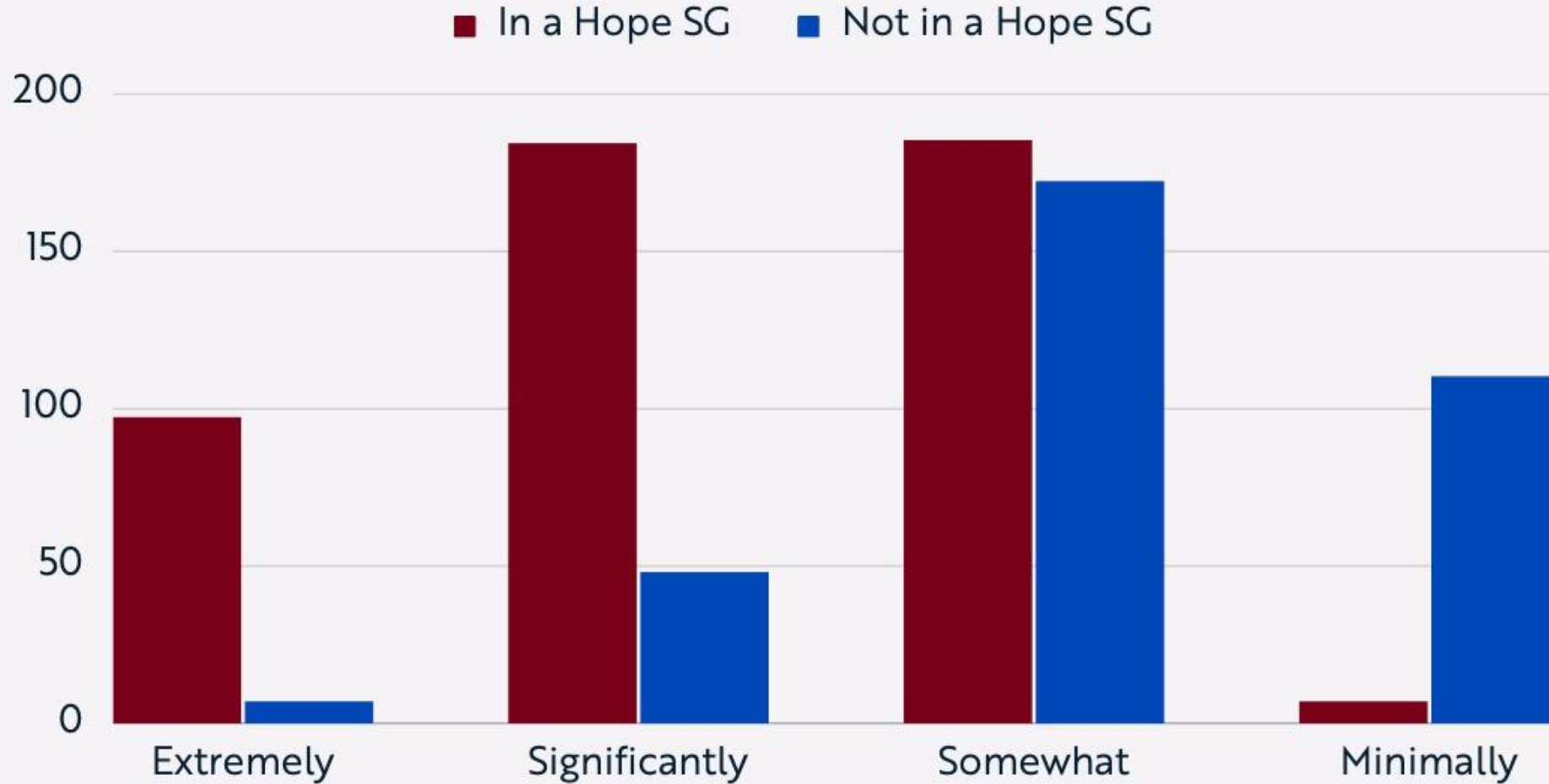


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Sharing God's love is a group project.

~Erica Messerli,
Associate Director of Operations

SMALL GROUP INVOLVEMENT & CONNECTEDNESS



Interviewer: Maybe Sartre was right; maybe hell really is other people. Maybe we're better off denying ourselves social interaction. And I called you, and the first thing you said is that the question that I was asking touched on what you see as a fundamental paradox at the core of human life. What is that paradox?

That paradox is really just a fundamental tension between the nature of who we are and the choices we often make in our daily lives. On the one hand, we are fundamentally social beings. It's Aristotle who was right when he said that we are by nature social animals. We really need other people in order to get along well in life. He suggested that people who didn't actually need other people were either beasts or gods. We're not beasts or gods; we're people, we're normal people. The only way we get along well in life is through our connections with other people...We're fundamentally social. It affects our health. We're happier when we're connected positively to other people. It is, without question, I think, the biggest determinant of happiness, or at least one of the biggest determinants of our happiness. And so there's that. We're fundamentally social.



And yet, go outside and look around a little bit and watch what we actually do...and what instead you see is a whole bunch of people totally choosing to keep to themselves. There are all these people around them who they could engage with, who they could talk to, and they're choosing not to. So we are, on the one hand, fundamentally social, and yet, on the other, we so often choose to isolate ourselves. And that hits you like a bat to the face if you're a psychologist. Why is it we do that? Why do we make those choices?

University of Chicago psychologist Nick Epley on the Plain English with Derek Thompson podcast in an episode titled "'The Anti-Social Century': America's Epidemic of Solitude – and How to Fix It."





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Was on a vacation this past weekend to Minneapolis and my buddy and I stopped by your church to worship and had a great experience. The pastor came up and introduced himself right after arriving and didn't even judge us for being in town for a Metallica concert! It was such a great atmosphere, worship, and sermon. It was so encouraging and uplifting to see so many young people attending. We just don't have many churches like that here in rural Iowa. I pray God continues to bless your church and it's body and wanted to reach out and express my thanks for you.

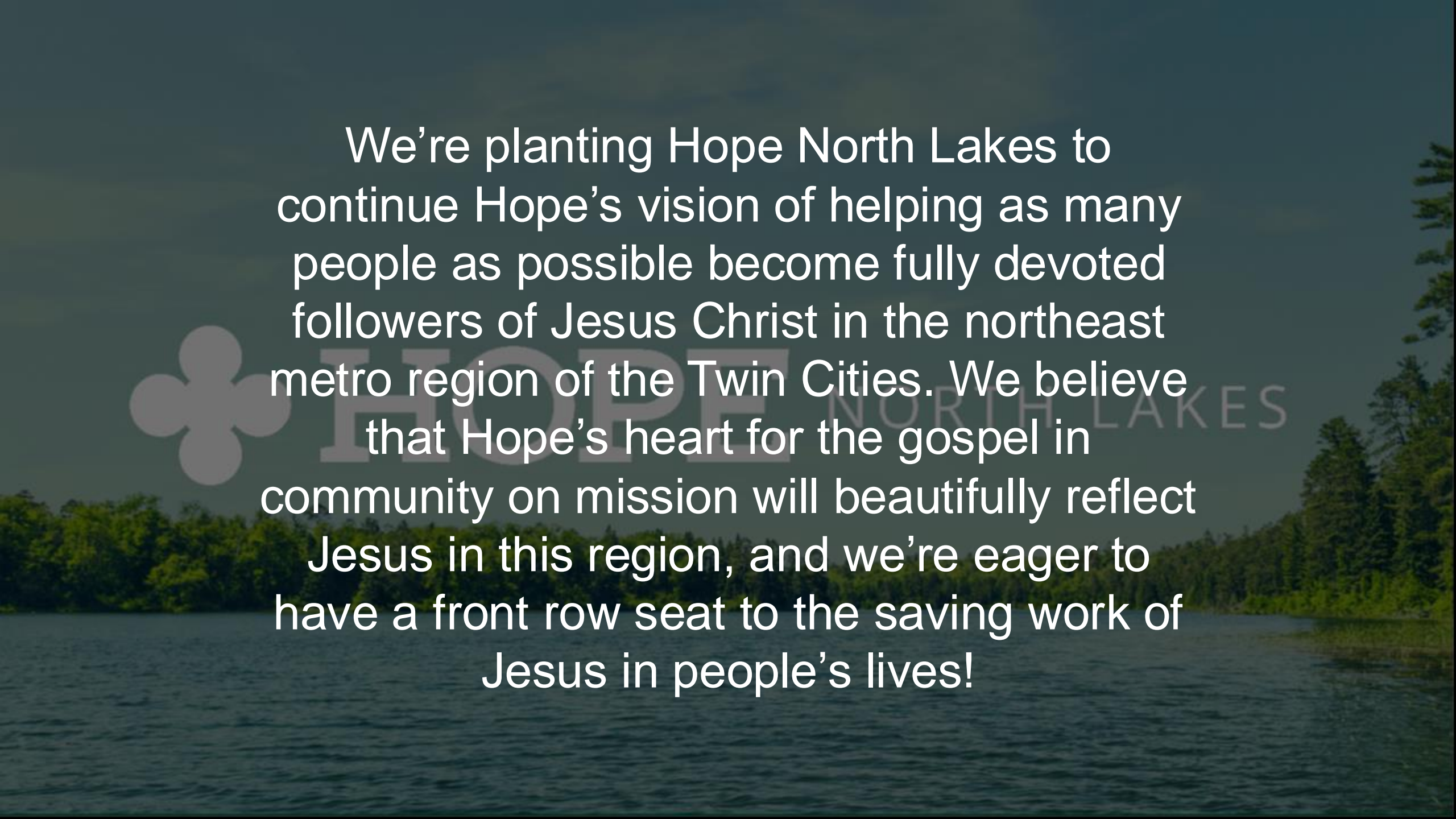
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11
LOCAL
CHURCHES

St. Paul Fellowship, 2002
Missio Dei, 2005
Hiawatha Church, 2006
Providence Community Church,
2007
Antioch Church, 2008
Trinity City Church, 2010
Revolution Church, 2013
Grafted Community Church, 2015
Lowertown Location of Hope CC,
2015
Resurrection City Church, 2019
Columbia Heights
Location of Hope CC, 2020



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NORTH LAKES



We're planting Hope North Lakes to continue Hope's vision of helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ in the northeast metro region of the Twin Cities. We believe that Hope's heart for the gospel in community on mission will beautifully reflect Jesus in this region, and we're eager to have a front row seat to the saving work of Jesus in people's lives!

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GOD IS MOVING

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UPDATE!

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2024-2025

“God is moving!”

Dr. William Berg spoke these words over us in 2012 when at 101 years of age he charged Hope Community with carrying the baton of Gospel ministry to the next generation. And we believe that God's not done moving!

Scan to listen back to Pastor Berg's inspirational message!



INSERT God is still moving

VIDEO

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Moving

“We cannot outgive God!”

2 Corinthians 9:8

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.



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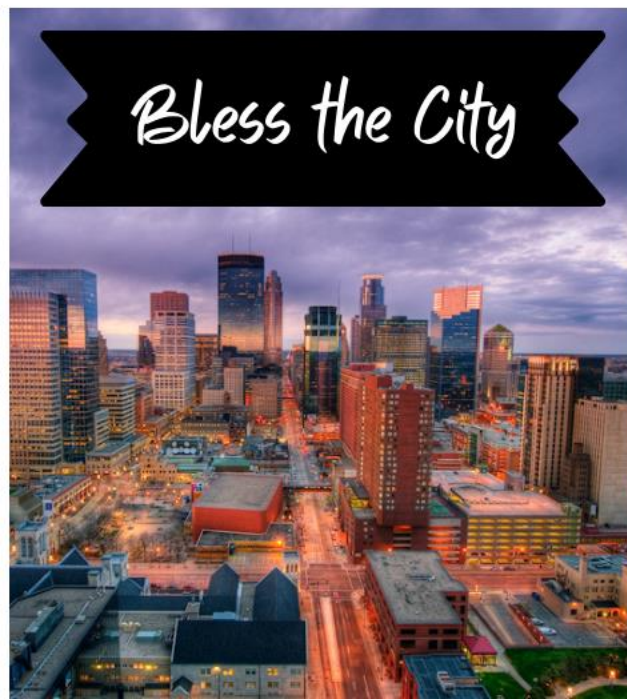
2024-25 Fundraising Needs



Amplify Worship



Enhance Ministry Spaces



Bless the City



Purchase & Renovate Missions Respite Housing



Michael: Nobody cares about your stupid beet farm. Beets are the worst.

Dwight: People love beets.

Michael: Nobody likes beets, Dwight. Why don't you grow something that everybody does like? You should grow candy. I'd love a piece of candy right now...not a beet.



Above and Beyond!
Amplify Worship (Sanctuary/Tech): \$250k
Parsonage Purchase/Renovation: \$300k
Enhance Ministry Spaces: \$350k
Bless the City: \$50k
Miscellaneous: \$50k



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look at the needs
of Hope Downtown



Hello! Did you know that there's ham drying in this cathedral?



“

It was through Hope's Romans series that inspired me to read more of the Bible. The more I attended Hope and read the Bible, the more I started to realize what it means to be a follower of Christ and live a Christ-centered life...Hope CC led me to fully trust in Jesus for my salvation, which I was able to proclaim through my baptism at Hope's kickoff event in September 2024...I am beyond blessed to be a follower of Christ, as through him, I've been gifted new life.

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God is Moving Current Numbers

Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000

Amount Received: \$278,451.78

Amount yet to be received (but pledged): \$97,073.29

Remaining to Raise: \$624,474.93



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Blessing the City

Partnering with Local Organizations
to Serve Our City

EXIT 16B
EAST
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St Paul
1 MILE



Arrive Ministries

Arrive Ministries is a refugee resettlement agency providing essential services and practical assistance to refugees and immigrants to advance self-sufficiency. We mobilize volunteers, in partnership with local churches, to extend love and friendship to our new neighbors to promote thriving in a new homeland.

ALL FOR THE
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GOD

Sacred Steps: Donate a Tile







REESE'S
MILK CHOCOLATE
PEANUT BUTTER CUP

NET WT. 6.0Z (170g)

TWIX
fun

No Artificial Flavors or Colors
100 GRAND
Caramel • Peppermint • Crispy Crunch

TWIX
fun

TWIX
fun

York

KitKat
CRISP WIFFERS IN MILK CHOCOLATE

TWIX
fun

FUN SIZE

ALLERGY INFORMATION: CONTAINS PEANUTS, MILK AND SOY MAY CONTAIN TREE NUTS.

LEFT

RIGHT

TWIX
fun

York

WACKIES

100 GRAND
Artificial Flavors or Colors

York

RIGHT

LEFT

TWIX
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WACKIES

100 GRAND
Artificial Flavors or Colors

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York
NO CHOCOLATE CANDY

100 GRAND
Artificial Flavors or Colors

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MADE IN THE USA

Artificial Flavors or Colors

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This Unit Not For Sale
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of Gospel ministry to the next generation!**

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today!

The Joy of Anticipation (Future)

Colossians 1:27

To (us) God has chosen to make known among the Nations
the glorious riches of this mystery,
which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.



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Have you been hit with the
Force of Joy?



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