## OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT: WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

Hope Church exists to reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ that they might experience a life of purpose and fulfillment that God always intended for them. When this happens their personal family and the church family will be impacted as well.

## **GOD'S PROMISES FOR MY LIFE**

Psalm 122:1 (NKJV)

The God of the universe has made you some big promises. He made them first in the Old Testament:

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians." Exodus 6:6-7 (NIV)

These promises remain at the core of His heart and have never changed. They are the key to your fulfillment and his plans for you.

	• "I will bring you out."			
	■ "I will free you from being slaves."			
	■ "I will redeem you."			
	■ "I will take you as my own people."			
	At Hope Church these four promises are key:			
l.	SALVATION			
	We consider reaching people one of our greatest responsibilities. Our weekend service serve people at all stages in their spiritual journey but are primarily geared toward the lost and unchurched.			
	WEEKEND SERVICE			
	Our Weekend Service focus is on four values:			
	1			
	"I was glad when they said to me, llet us go into the house of the Lord.""			

"True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." John 4:23-24

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"But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes inhe will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'" 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 (NIV 1984)
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"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV 1984)
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"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"  Romans 10:13-14 (LB)
HOW TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST:
One of our primary purposes is to reach people far from God. Every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:
1. Accept the personal
2. Build a personal
3. Share your personal
Give a personal

4.

# POINTS OF PASSION (Local, National, and International Outreach)

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach the world around them in three areas:

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8  1. "In Jerusalem"  "Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight." James 1:27 (Message)  2. "In Judea and Samaria"  "Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." 1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)  3. "To the ends of the Earth"  "Jesus said to His followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone." Mark 16:15 (NCV)  WHAT CAN I DO?  1  "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38  2  "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go and tell this people." Isaiah 6:8-9  3  "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV 1984)		
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II. FREEDOM –

Real life change happens in the context of relationships – small groups. In the Bible, they worshipped in the temple but ministry happened house to house.

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house." Acts 20:20

#### SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1.	A place to
	"yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." 1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)
2.	A place to
	"We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 (NLT)
3.	A place to
	"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Our small groups provide a place for you to connect, grow, and discuss the issues and challenges of life. Regardless of your age, interest, or location, we are sure there is a group for you. Small groups are also where we pray, care for one another, and are missed if we don't show up! If you would like to join a small group, simply visit our website or visit the Information Tables during our sign up time. We would love for you to get connected.

There are three things you should know about small groups:

## You can host an nTOUCH Group

We believe that everyone has areas of strength and gifting that could benefit others. The first step in becoming a small group leader is to attend the Small Group Leader Training. These classes are offered throughout the year to give you an overview of what it takes to start a group. You'll discover that it's easier than you think.

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All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which

God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me." Acts 20:24 (NIV 1984)

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

At Hope Church:	
Every member is a	
Every task is	

Every member is a "10" in\_\_\_\_\_\_.