

# **HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Purpose, Vision and Values**

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### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To display the greatness of God, we seek to glory in God through Christ above all and to spread His fame in Christ to all.

### **PURPOSE SHORT SUMMARY**

To glory in God through Christ and to spread His fame in Christ.

**Scripture Verse:** Malachi 1:11 - "For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts."

### **VISION STATEMENT**

We want Hope Baptist Church to be a family of believers that find our only hope in Jesus Christ and who passionately desire to spread that hope to people all around us.

We firmly believe that Jesus Christ alone is the true hope of every person. Our community and world is filled with people who are hurting, helpless and hopeless because of their sin and the sins of others. We want our church to be a place where they can find the transforming power of the gospel lived well and communicated well by us.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is filled with His grace and truth which can give them eternal hope. Because of sin, everyone must be confronted with God's truth and grace. Only God's truth and grace found solely in Christ can give people the everlasting hope and joy for which their hearts crave and were created.

We will strive in God's strength and grace to bring others into the everlasting joy and hope that God has given to us.

**Scripture Verses:** Luke 5:32; John 1:14, 17; Colossians 1:27; Romans 5:1, 2; I Peter 1:3

## OUR VALUES

### 1. **Word of God:** Foundational structure of our lives and all our preaching and teaching.

**Scripture Verses:** Psalm 19:7-11; I Thessalonians 2:13; I Timothy 4:13;  
2 Timothy 3:14-17

- A. We believe that God is only honored when we conform to His Word.
- B. We believe that the Word of God must establish, control, constrain, drive and saturate everything we do.
- C. We believe that we must seek to study, know, love and live doctrine and truth from the Word.
- D. believe that we must be sincerely committed to not compromising or We neglecting the Word in belief or practice.

### 2. **Worship:** God-centered, Spirit-led, and heart-engaged.

**Scripture Verses:** Exodus 34:13-14; I Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 2:11; 29:1-2; 34:1-3;  
Luke 4:8; I Corinthians 3:16, 17; 10:20-23; Ephesians 2:8,9; Philippians 3:3, 15;  
I Peter 1:13

- A. We believe that true worship demands the new birth and is crucial for our spiritual growth, requiring preparation of heart, soul and mind.
- B. We believe that true worship is a commanded act of reverence to our SOVEREIGN LORD.
- C. We believe that true worship is experiencing and savoring the revealed glory of God in Christ.
- D. We believe that true worship should be done by grace through faith, because of Christ and for the glory of God.
- E. We believe that true worship must be the fusion of the Word of God and the Spirit of God, a mixture of spirit and truth.
- F. We believe that true, private worship of the LORD is vital, but corporate worship is the pinnacle of the manifestation of the glory of God.

**3. Prayer:** Experience of communion with God and manifestation of the power of God.

**Scripture Verses:** 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 42:8; 66:18; Proverbs 28:9;

Isaiah 1:15; 56:7; 64:4; Matthew 6:9-14; Luke 19:46; Philippians 4:6; James 4:6; Jude 20

- A. We believe that prayer should be first, prevalent, fervent and never substituted in our corporate life together as God's people.
- B. We believe that prayer must be an expression of our humility before a holy, gracious and merciful God.
- C. We believe that before prayer, confession of sin must be acknowledged before the LORD.
- D. We believe that our collective ministry as a church is empowered by prayer.

**4. Gospel Outreach:** Proclaiming and living the saving gospel of Jesus Christ through proclamation and deeds

**Scripture Verses:** Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21;

1 Peter 3:15, 16; Revelation 5:9-10

- A. We believe that the grace of the gospel in our lives should motivate us to boldly and humbly proclaim Jesus Christ as the only Savior of the world.
- B. We believe that, since the LORD has particularly called us to spread the gospel in Mankato, we must make a diligent effort to reach out to our community and to labor for genuine conversions to Christ.
- C. We believe that we must have a world-wide vision of God's work in saving people from all nations and to impact the world through our own missionary endeavors as well as supporting missionaries in various ways

**5. Gospel-Driven Lives:** Lives lived for the glory of God by His power over death received by faith in His gospel-saving grace through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ

**Scripture Verses:** Matthew 10:38, 39; 20:26-28; John 3:16; 11:25; Romans 6:5-9;

Galatians 6:14; Philippians 2:8; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 12:1, 2

- A. We believe that eternal life comes through belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- B. We believe that God gave His Son Jesus Christ so that we could have fulfilling lives forever.
- C. We believe that Jesus Christ's humility in his life and death shows us how to live for God.
- D. We believe that we must always turn to the cross to receive the sanctifying power to enable us to live holy and Godly lives.

**6. Sovereignty of God:** God's supreme and independent authority for our confidence and faith that all things were created, exist and are managed by God for His glory

**Scripture Verses:** Job 38-41; Job 42:2; Psalm 46:8-11; Psalm 115:3;  
Romans 1:18-20; 3:23; 6:23; 8:28-30; I Timothy 6:15

- A. We believe that God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them for His glory.
- B. We believe that God is in heaven and will do and accomplish whatever He wants to please and bring glory to Himself.
- C. We believe that all men will bow before God and be judged justly. Those that He has drawn to His Son will receive eternal life. Those who do not know Him will receive eternal death and they are without excuse.
- D. We believe that God is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**7. God-honoring families:** Ordering of families under God's wisdom and instruction

**Scripture Verses:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9; I Corinthians 11:2-16; Ephesians 5:22-6:4;  
I Timothy 2:8-14

- A. We believe that we need to establish and train men to be faithful and holy leaders of their families for the sake of their wives and children, our church, and the glory of God. We believe that we need to encourage and instruct women in godliness for the sake of their husbands and children, our church and the glory of God.
- B. We believe that strong marriages include loving leadership by men and respectful submission by women
- C. We believe that children should be taught and trained by their parents for the LORD.
- D. We believe that we should understand, appreciate and instruct on masculine and feminine distinctions as created by God and taught in the Word of God.