# HOPE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

# **What's NEXT?"** A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### The Call of God

In 1999, my wife Kristie and I knew beyond a shadow of doubt that God had called us to Las Vegas to join in His activity of planting Hope Church to impact Las Vegas, the West, and the World. And over the last 15+ years, He has allowed us to do just that. In 2015, on a personal level, we walked through a season of asking the Lord, *"What is next for our family?"* God used that season of seeking Him to clarify for us a life call to the city of Las Vegas and this work called Hope Church. It thrills me to share with you that I am more passionate than ever to be your pastor and to co-labor with you in seeing lives changed locally and globally.

#### What's Next?

After answering the question, "What's Next?" on a personal level, I naturally began to ask the same question for the ministry of Hope Church. The question that is on my heart as your pastor is, "What is next for this fellowship in reaching this generation and the generations to come?" Through the Next Campaign, we are praying toward and investing in the eternal impact that God desires for us to have on both nations and generations for His glory.

#### **Spirit-led Participation**

I want to invite and challenge you to participate on this journey as we seek the Lord as a fellowship. My desire is that through prayer, fasting, and time in the Word as a church and as individuals, each of us will hear from God and respond in obedience to what He says.

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• Visit hopechurchonline.com/NEXT to see updates on all that God has done with the Next Chapter as well as how you can invest and be involved in the Next Step,



# >>> The Vision of NEXT

The Next Campaign is a three-year spiritual journey seeking the heart of God in answer to the question, **"What's Next for Hope Church in reaching this generation and the generations to come?"** 



**NEXT STEP** 

Respond to the blessing of a growing fellowship by continuing the construction of our campus' Master Plan Design. The new and redesigned campus will provide additional space and attractional environments to connect people that God is bringing into our fellowship so that they can live the life of a Jesus follower.



**NEXT CHAPTER** 

Engage in strategic, Spirit-led opportunities in Las Vegas, the West, and the World. Together, we'll beg God to use us to make a lasting difference in our city, the western United States, and the unreached peoples and places of the world. By God's grace, Hope Church is positioned like never before to make disciples and multiply churches in this generation.



#### **NEXT GENERATION**

Establish an even stronger foundation that will prepare Hope Church to connect people to live the life of a Jesus follower for generations to come. We believe the work that God is doing in and through us is not only bigger than our church, it is bigger than our lifetime.



**1999 - A Team is Sent** The First Baptist Church of Woodstock, GA sent three families to plant Hope Church.



2002 - Hope Joins in God's Activity Globally First mission team commissioned out of Hope Church to the nations.



**2011- Ten Churches in Ten Years** Our initial goal of planting ten churches in ten years was exceeded as we sent out our fourteenth church plant.

2017 - What's Next?

Hope Church shares a long-term, God-initiated vision to impact this generation and the generations to come.



2001 - A City is Engaged and a Church is Born Las Vegas engaged through prayer and sowing the seed of the gospel and a core team of disciples are made that birthed a new church.



**Cod Clarifies our Mission** "The Life of a Jesus Follower" series was taught for the first time.



#### A HISTORY OF GOD AT WORK

#### 2012 A Permanent Launching Pad

God provided a permanent home **for** His people **through** His people.



#### **Our Campus Master Plan Design**

For over 15 years, we have been riding a wave of the favor of God. One example of that is the permanent facility He has provided for us to use as a launching pad to disciple and send Jesus followers to join in His mission. The images of the new and redesigned environments that you see on these pages will enhance this launching pad by providing space for more people to attend our Gather Time every Sunday, more attractional environments to engage children and students with the gospel, and serve as a venue for numerous ministry and community events to connect people to live this life of a Jesus follower.

#### A Place to Gather for Worship

Our new Worship Center will be 36,000 square feet and include an 1,700+ seat sanctuary, a spacious lobby, and much more. Our additional five acres of undeveloped land will be developed for new parking and a new entrance off Cactus Avenue.



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#### A Place to Invest in the Next Generation

This Next Step is going to include exciting new spaces for the next generation. It will provide attractional classes and venues to connect the next generation to live the life of a Jesus follower. We will do this through a redesign of our current Worship Center and Family Ministry Environments.



#### **Hope Kids**

Our capacity for serving children and their families will increase by over 75%. By creating more exciting, clean, and age-specific environments in our Family Ministry Area, we will impact the lives of children like never before in both our weekend ministry, Hope Kids Preschool and Elementary as well as our weekday ministry, Hope Christian Preschool and Kindergarten.



#### **Hope Students**

For the first time in the history of our church, we will be designing ministry environments specifically for students. Our current Worship Center will be remodeled to be a culturally relevant tool to attract older children, preteens, and teenagers.

#### A Place to Grow as Jesus Followers

Our new and redesigned facilities will create new growth opportunities for ministries like the Life Center, Hope Creative, and other unique ministries. Additional square footage will also allow more adequate space for our membership environments, prayer gatherings, and ministry specific events.



## **NEXT CHAPTER**

When we look back a decade from now, what is going to be different in Las Vegas, the West, and the World because Hope Church exists? Through our **NEXT CHAPTER**, we desire to seize the opportunities that are before us and identify how we are uniquely equipped to make a lasting impact for the glory of God in this generation.

# LAS VEGAS

In the city of Las Vegas, our Next Chapter will include the identification of needs in our community that are in a state of crisis and the launching of strategic initiatives to meet the practical and spiritual needs in those segments of our city. After seeking the Lord and researching the needs of our city, we believe the Lord is leading us to focus on bringing hope in the following ways:

#### Impacting the lives of children in need through engagement in the Foster Care System

In the United States, there are currently over 500,000 children in the foster care system. This number equates to approximately one in 184 children in foster care. Each year over 250,000 children are introduced into the system while roughly 230,000 exit the system. Leaving the system does not mean all of these children are now in safe, loving homes. Approximately 22,000 youth "age out" of the system every year. The results of those youth are as follows:

- 1 IN 5 will become HOMELESS.
- LESS THAN 3% will earn a college degree.
- **ONLY HALF** will be employed by age 24.

In Clark County, there are approximately 3,500 children in foster care ranging in age from birth to eighteen years old. A heart wrenching 28% of these children have experienced four or more placements

#### FAST FACTS ABOUT LAS VEGAS

Population of Clark County: **2.2 MILLION** and growing **ONLY 7.7%** of people in Las Vegas are affiliated with a religious body. ALMOST **43 MILLION** people visited Southern Nevada in 2016 (+16.3 percent from 2015) within the system. In February of 2017, Clark County reported 1,002 licensed foster homes, leaving a large discrepancy between available homes and children needing placement. As a church, we are going to lead by example in serving and loving these children and families in Clark County. We can and will make a difference by seeing new families certified, providing ongoing support for current foster parents, leading efforts to create awareness of this need, and meeting the practical needs of local agencies who are caring for children. Our prayer is that one day the foster care system in our city will have families waiting for children instead of children waiting for families.

## Helping provide a path of escape for individuals trapped in Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

It is no secret that our city is famous for celebrating sin. However, as Jesus followers, we know that what is applauded in our city is heart-breaking to God. One of those things is the abuse and exploitation that is experienced by individuals trapped in the sex industry. A risk analysis study by the Justice Department shows Las Vegas as 1 of 17 cities nationwide most likely to be a top destination for trafficking victims. This need is great, but our God is greater. Our desire as a church is to push back the darkness by raising awareness of the needs that exist in this arena and assisting individuals on a path to freedom by providing support in areas such as finding shelter, obtaining basic necessities, and securing meaningful employment.

#### Embracing our calling to serve the Educational Community in our city

Within Hope Church, God has raised up hundreds of missionaries to serve in the arena of education. We have more people in our fellowship serving in the domain of education than any other. We also know that Las Vegas ranks at the bottom nationally in almost all educational categories. We recognize the incredible influence that God has given us in the educational community as well as the desperate need for support and transformation in that arena of our city. One facet of our Next Chapter in Las Vegas is going to include the embracing of our calling to serve and bless the educational community. It is our prayer that as we live as missionaries, meeting the practical and spiritual needs that are before us, it will result in students, teachers, administrators, and families across the valley knowing that Hope Church cares for them and deeply desires to make a difference in their lives.



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Recent research indicates that only three other nations – China, India, and Indonesia – have more unbelievers within their borders than the United States. Combine that with the fact that forty percent of the unchurched population in our country lives in the western United States, and you realize that God has strategically placed Hope Church in the center of the fourth largest numerical mission field on the planet! We believe that God has given us a vision that includes impacting the West. In our Next Chapter, our vision is to plant thousands of churches and reach up to one million people with the gospel.

#### Trusting God for a church planting movement in the West that penetrates lostness by at least 1%

We are praying and planning for a movement of God in the West that spills over to every part of our country and beyond. We are begging God to use us as a church to see up to one million people reached with the gospel through planting 300 new multiplying churches in strategic cities in our region. This Godsized dream will only become a reality as we obey biblical principles to multiply the church and trust the Spirit of God to give birth to movement.

# Raising up a new generation of church planting missionaries and multiplying churches

We will seek to create even more effective pathways for those called by God to be developed and sent to plant churches. Additionally, understanding that one church cannot reach a city or region by itself, we will

#### FAST FACTS ABOUT THE WEST

# Population of the western United States: **76,657,000**

86% of the western United States does not have a relationship with Jesus Christ

continue to cultivate relationships with Kingdomminded leaders and multiplying churches.

## Reproducing the M3 Church Planting Intensive in strategic cities in the West

To better serve ministry leaders throughout the West, we will reproduce the M3 Church Planting Intensive in strategic cities following the Spirit's leadership. This intensive will be a valuable resource for leaders to be exposed to Kingdom-focused training and receive practical tools to assist them on their church planting journey.



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Globally, our Next Chapter will include seeking to join in God's activity by starting or accelerating church planting streams on all six inhabited continents. Our prayer is that this strategic objective will open the necessary doors of opportunity for Hope Church to reach one of the most resistant people groups in the world and plant churches in some of the most strategic cities in the world.

#### Starting or Accelerating Church Planting Streams

Over the past 15 years, God has allowed us to establish incredible Kingdom partnerships all over the world. Our vision is that through our existing global partnerships and the establishment of new ones, we will be directly involved in rapid church multiplication on all six inhabited continents.

Over the next ten to fifteen years, Hope Church will expand the church planting efforts that are already in place in North America, Asia, and Africa while developing new relationships to multiply churches in Europe, Australia, and South America. Our prayer is that God will allow us to infuse our DNA to enhance disciple-making, training, and sending on all six of these continents.

#### FAST FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD

#### Population of World: 7.4 BILLION

There are currently **3,231** Unreached, Unengaged People Groups in the world

(A people group is unreached when the number of Evangelical Christians is less than 2% of its population. It is further called unengaged when there is no church planting strategy under way that is consistent with Evangelical faith and practice.)

## Reaching one of the most resistant people groups in the world

In 2012, Hope Church adopted an unreached, unengaged people group in the Arabian Peninsula that we refer to as the Wadi People. This people group, with a population of approximately 700,000, currently have no access to the Gospel in their dialect, no worship community in their heart language, and there are less than ten known believers among the entire population.

Our prayer is that within the next ten to fifteen years, we will see a reproducing church planted among the Wadi people. As a church, we are going to continue to explore target areas where these people live outside of their homeland, begin leading humanitarian projects among Wadi people refugees in the Middle East, engage Wadi people with the Gospel in the US and

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abroad, as well as send and support long-term missionaries who are training and equipping believers among the Wadi people to reach their own people.

# Planting churches in some of the most strategic cities in the world

More than half of the world's population live in global urban centers. These centers are cultural and business hubs, regionally influenced, ethnically and economically diverse, global impacting, and physically and spiritually in need. Over the next ten to fifteen years, in partnership with the International Mission Board's Global City Initiative, Hope Church will seek to partner in planting hundreds of churches in global megacities and engage dozens of unreached people groups with the gospel. The cities currently being targeted are: building a multi-generational, multi-ethnic team of missionaries to be sent to engage in disciplemaking in these urban centers.

#### Witnessing the greatest season of missionary sending in the history of Hope Church

If our Next Chapter vision for the world is going to be realized, it will require the people of Hope desperately praying, generously investing, and radically going. If every member of the Hope Church Family chose to participate in one Go Time opportunity every year for the next ten to fifteen years, we could do the equivalent of 600+ years of cross-cultural engagement over that period of time. In addition to Go Time Teams, our prayer is that God would call 50 longer-term global missionaries out of our fellowship and give us an opportunity to invest our DNA in 3,000 church plants in the West who ultimately engage with us in reaching the unreached around the world.

- Dubai
- Kuala Lumpur
- London
- Shanghai
- Mumbai

We will intentionally engage these cities by leveraging professionals from Hope Church using their jobs, skills, and/or passions to join in expanding the Kingdom of God, investing resources and time in church plants, and





# NEXT GENERATION

We have all been a part of planting this incredible expression of the gospel called Hope Church. We've always known what God is doing at Hope Church is bigger than us geographically, but we now understand that it is bigger than us generationally. We believe that the favor God has lavished on this ministry is not just for our generation, but also to impact next generations to come. God's activity in the lives of Jesus followers at Hope Church today is a foundation and example so that the generations to come may know Him. This component of the Next Generation at Hope Church is an intentional effort to position our children, grandchildren, and those yet to be born for the bright future God has for this ministry.

## Equipping the Next Generation of Leaders for God's Mission

One of the ways that we desire to raise up ministry leaders for generations to come is through providing a high-quality training program for individuals who have identified a life call to full-time ministry. To accomplish this objective, we are exploring the establishment of a School of Ministry to provide next generation leaders with practical ministry experience with customized learning paths for their ministry journey.

## Raising Up the Next Ceneration of Leaders for God's Mission

We want to play a part in seeing high school and college students explore the call of God on their lives and gain experience as young leaders. We are seeking to launch a Ministry Internship Program to accelerate the development of next generation leaders. This program will be an environment for students to learn about and be submerged in our philosophy and culture of ministry, poured into by our church family, and connected to ministry opportunities in Las Vegas, the West, and the World.

**Continuing to Hear from God Concerning Hope Church's Role in the Next Generation of His Mission** Our decision-making and planning today must take place with the next generation in mind. Hope Church will continually evaluate what we do and how we do it in light of God's leading and the command of Psalm 78,

"He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting His glorious miracles and obeying His commands." Psalm 78: 5-7

# NEXT GIVING GOALS

GIFT DOLLAR RANGES	# OF GIFTS	PLEDGES	
\$1,000,000+	1	\$1,000,000	
\$500,000 - 999,999	2	\$1,000,000	
\$250,000 - 499,999	2	\$500,000	
\$100,000 - 249,999	4	\$400,000	
\$75,000 - 99,999	5	\$375,000	
\$50,000 - 74,999	7	\$350,000	
\$40,000 - 49,999	10	\$400,000	
\$30,000 - 39,999	20	\$600,000	
\$20,000 - 29,999	30	\$600,000	
\$10,000 - 19,999	155	\$1,550,000	
\$5,000 - 9,999	300	\$1,500,000	
\$2,500 - 4,999	450	\$1,125,000	
\$1,000 - 2,499	100	\$100,000	
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CIFTS	1086	\$9,500,000	

Each of us can trust God to do far more than we can ask or think as we seek Him and live generously over the course of three years.

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POTENTIAL RESOURCES	WEEKLY	YEARLY	3 YEARS
Eliminate 1 meal out per week	\$35	\$1,820	\$5,460
Eliminate 1 Starbucks per week	\$4	\$208	\$624
Eliminate 1 rented movie per week	\$6	\$312	\$936
Reduce entertainment/shopping		\$500	\$1,500
Reduce Christmas budget		\$250	\$750
Reduce Vacation budget		\$300	\$900
Garage sale income		\$200	\$600
Everyone's spare change each day	\$5	\$260	\$780
50 stock shares from our portfolio			\$5,000
Increase cash giving	\$50	\$2,600	\$7,800
THREE YEAR TOTAL			\$24,350

# WHAT IS MY PART?

# PRAY & LISTEN

In dependence on God, set aside time to seek Him through His Word and prayer. Ask the Lord to align your heart with His and give you direction concerning His will for you and/or your family. **Pray specifically. "God, show me how I can leverage my time, talent, and treasure to impact the world."** 

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

#### **CONSIDER YOUR STANDARD OF GIVING**

As individuals and/or families, plan a few minutes to consider what God has provided for you. Then ask, "What am I willing to sacrifice to join in what God is doing next in and through Hope Church?" We desire for God to speak to every person at Hope Church as they consider their level of personal sacrifice (over and above regular financial giving) in order to join in His activity. Randy Alcorn says in his book <u>The Treasure</u> <u>Principle</u>, "God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving."

"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." - 1 Timothy 6:18-19

### **TAKE AN ACTION STEP**

God is big! Trust that He will provide what He leads you to give. Remember we are not giving **to** a church but **through** a church to join in God's activity in the world. You can live this out as a part of the Next Campaign:

#### 1. A Pledge to the Next Campaign from now through June 2020

"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

# **FAQ -** FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Should I redirect my regular giving to the campaign?

No. A financial investment in the Next Campaign involves giving above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings. At Hope Church, we believe that biblical generosity can be summarized in the following two phrases: Always a Portion (Joyful obedience that always leads me to give first to the Lord out of what He provides for me) and Sometimes a Sacrifice (Spiritled generosity that occasionally calls me to give more than I think I can to get in on what God is doing in the moment). We are seeking the Lord together about Spirit-led sacrificial investment in the Next Campaign.

#### When will construction begin and finish?

We are projected to begin construction on our new Worship Center and North Parking Lot in Spring 2019 pending the expected positive outcome of our County approval process. We anticipate 12 - 14 months for construction of this project.

#### How will we pay for this project?

God has blessed us with a financial pledge of \$8.5 million toward the NEXT Campaign. The difference between our pledge amount and the cost of the project, will be funded by Hope's available cash on hand and long-term financing. If there is a need for additional financing, our total debt payment is not expected to exceed 20% of our projected annual operating budget over the next three years.

#### How will I give my financial pledge?

Gifts can be given weekly, monthly, annually, or through a one-time amount. Giving as early as possible will allow us to accelerate the construction portion of this campaign.

#### When will construction begin and finish?

We anticipate beginning construction on the north parking lot (300+ spaces) and new Worship Center in the Summer of 2019. The north parking lot will require 4 - 6 weeks of construction. We anticipate 12 - 15 months for construction for the new Worship Center. The planning for further phases of construction on other areas of the campus will begin in late 2019 pending the outcome of our Next Campaign.

#### How did my offering impact the next chapter?

As an expression of our value of generous living, ten percent of the initial offering given on Pledge Sunday (\$150,000) was set aside as an initial investment in this Next Chapter of ministry in Las Vegas, the West, and the World. These funds have been used for multiple initiatives including the launch of Purchased: Not for Sale, 12 new Church Plants and the establishment of strategic mission partnerships on multiple continents.

# HOPE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

The next campaign is a three-year spiritual journey seeking the heart of god in answer to the question, "What's next for Hope Church in reaching this generation and the generations to come?"



For updates and more information about the NEXT Campaign, visit **theheartofnext.com** 



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