



HOPE

OVERFLOWING

In 2002, Hope began with the vision to be a church of **“real people looking to the real Jesus for real change.”** Over the past 21 years, God has shaped us into a community where that ideal is embodied far beyond what we could have imagined. While many churches around the country have experienced decline, God has graciously continued to grow us as a **community of people** who are real with one another – real about our fears, our dreams, our failures, and our need for a redeemer. We have become a church where every Sunday morning, the person and work of Jesus is preached with a vulnerability and honesty that is winsome and powerful. God has used these two elements– Gospel Community and Gospel Preaching– to change people in remarkable ways.

- We’ve seen unchurched people hear the good news of God’s unmerited favor for the first time and begin following Jesus.
- We’ve seen people who grew up in the church really understand grace for the first time, or rediscover the Gospel in a way that has produced freedom, joy, and worship.
- The Gospel has become real for people in the midst of betrayals, addictions, and profound loneliness and loss.
- Men and women have experienced grace in ways that have freed them from the bondage and shame of sins that were kept hidden for years.
- We’ve heard numerous stories of people discovering the idols that control them and learning to depend on Jesus to give them life instead.
- God has blessed us with a rich gospel community, leaders who passionately and vulnerably point us to Jesus, and an opportunity to reach our urban and suburban neighbors with the Gospel.

Considering all that God is graciously doing in and through each of our three sites, it isn’t surprising that we are **overflowing as a church**. We are physically overflowing in our worship services and children’s ministry classrooms at our OP site, where visitors have a hard time finding a place to park and somewhere to sit. We are overflowing into our city, where lives are being changed through the community of Hope loving and serving the needs of others. We are overflowing into ministries and churches across the country and the world, where Hope’s grace-centered ministry model is having a powerful impact on hearts and lives!



As a result of the overflowing that is taking place into and out of Hope, the elders feel that the Lord is calling us to take intentional steps to continue participating in this great Kingdom work. As a church, we are going to embark on a One Fund initiative called "Hope Overflowing". The heart behind this title and initiative comes from Romans 15:13 where we read, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Hope Overflowing initiative will enable more people to:

FLOW INTO WORSHIP by expanding the sanctuary and parking at our OP site, renovating the worship space at our Cotswold site, and making plans for the future of our South End site and other congregations.

FLOW INTO COMMUNITY by creating larger spaces for community-building events, seminars, and our children and youth to gather and experience community.

FLOW INTO OUR CITY by reaching, equipping, and deploying more people to love and serve Charlotte, having greater space to offer our neighbors and ministry partners, and increasing financial support for local ministries.

"Hope Overflowing" is a 24-month expanded giving initiative. We are asking everyone at Hope to prayerfully consider expanding their regular giving for the next two years in order to invest in this vision. Our total goal over the next 24 months is \$20,000,000 (\$5,000,000 annual operating budget x 2 years + \$10,000,000 additional giving).

As we continue to offer the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ to hurting people in our city, country, and the world, our prayer is that we will continue to overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a part of our community, you play a critical role in this great work. We hope that your experience of God's grace will lead to deep gratitude and joyful generosity.

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