



Annual Meeting

March 20, 2008



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As a valuable member of the body at Hope, thank you for your willingness to take such a strong interest in the financial and ministry welfare of our church. The very fact that you have taken the time to pick up this report and look through the material presented within it is a testimony to God's faithfulness in brining you to be a part of this fellowship. Thank you.

As you will soon realize in reading through this document, we have structured our 2008 Annual Meeting report in a more readable and more understandable layout. For each ministry reported on within these pages we have outlined for you their purpose/vision statement, their 2007 achievements and their top three to five 2008 objectives as settled upon within their ministry teams. This allows you as the reader to get a quick overview of the heart and intentions of these ministries – a fact that is often not stated in such meetings or reports. This understanding allows us to boldly and intentionally move forward together as a body.

We have not included all ministries involved at the church, but only those that are normally seen as the family intensive ministry programs. Our reasoning is simple, these five ministry areas: Children, Youth, Missions, Men and Women are the five core programmatic ministry areas that historically consume the largest majority of the annual budget. We believe all ministries are vital to the church and have provided the financial reports for that reason. However our limits on both time and space caused us to make choices on the highlighted areas due to their vast participation church wide.

We hope you find in these pages a life-filled body gratefully embracing the future the Lord is presenting to us. It is our joy to serve you in leadership and look forward to many years of fruitful ministry ahead.

With deepest gratitude,

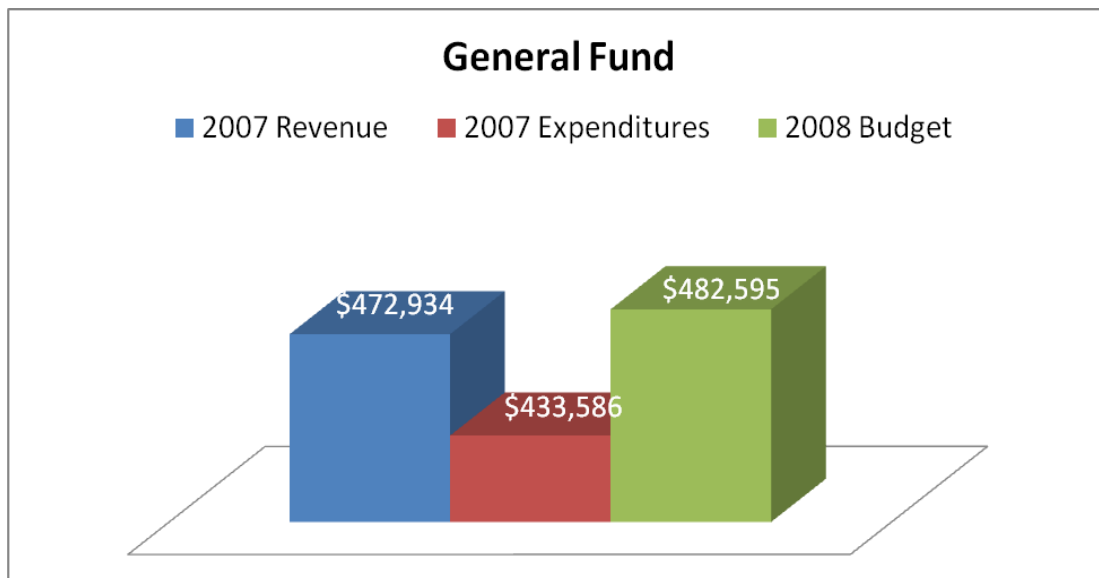
Your Pastoral Staff & Board of Trustees



Board of Trustees Overview

According to our By Laws, the Board of Trustees is charged with the authority and responsibility to oversee the financial health of the church. It with great honor and humility that this board has been formed and carries out their duties. Hope Chapel has been blessed to have such high minded people serve in such an important role. It is because of this board that the staff and ministry team leaders are able to be released to serve and minister in increased capacities, knowing the financial strength of the church is handled and guarded with such care.

Although 2007 was a difficult year in our body, we were able to stay financially healthy for our fiscal year of January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. As you can see from the graph below our 2007 revenues were an accumulated total of \$472,934 with actual expenses of \$433,586.





Our projected budget for the 2008 fiscal year has been approved by the staff and Board of Trustees for the amount of \$482,595 – a 10% increase over 2007 expenditure totals with expectation of modest growth church-wide.

We have a strong balance sheet showing the our Net Assets at a value of \$670,109. This reflects the current long-term liability of our mortgage value of \$242,196 and the depreciaton of our fixed assets that include all buildings, awnings, church van and office equipment.

A full report of the “Statement of Financial Position” can be found on the next page.

One of the most notable increases in the 2008 budget is the area of Building and Grounds. This budget was increased in 2008 to a total of \$31,565 or 7.1% of the total projected tithe revenues of \$440,000 (6.5% of total budget). The reason for this increase is because we have an aging campus which will need repair throughout the year. As of the 2008 Annual Meeting, we have spent \$7,500 on an unexpected water main break as well as \$6,500 on new sanctuary doors.

Other projects include:

- Painting and stucco added to the exterior of the main sanctuary building
- Painting of the church house
- Renovation of the visitor reception room
- Possible renovation of the church house
- Ongoing beautification and expanded landscaping of the property
- Re-insulation of the church sanctuary attic space
- Insulation of the church house
- Replacement of air conditioner unit for church house

All things considered, we are happy to report that the financial health of Hope Chapel is strong. We are dedicated to keeping the financial strength of the body a priority and have asked all department heads to target their spending at 90% of their projected budget. The full budget is included at the end of this packet.

**HOPE CHAPEL**Statement of Financial Position
For All Funds Ending 12/31/2007**Assets****Bank**

CHASE Checking-Regular-5922	43,025.39
DVCU Checking	17,770.54
CHASE Savings-Regular-8586	13,547.23
DVCU Savings	5.00

Total Bank **74,348.16**

Fixed Assets

Buildings & Grounds	
Awnings-Coffee House	6,490.76
Buildings-Coffee House	5,000.00
Buildings-Storage	10,430.64
Building A-Classroom/Office	124,364.40
Building B-Education Building	86,352.91
Building C-Sanctuary & Original Building	582,175.59

Total Buildings & Grounds 814,814.30

Equipment	
Copier	5,504.09

Total Equipment 5,504.09

Playground Awnings 3,769.86

Vehicles	
Van 1	3,698.07

Total Vehicles 3,698.07

Accumulated Depreciation	
Awnings Coffee House	3,495.02
Awnings Playground	2,029.92
Equipment	
Copier	1,522.41

Total Equipment 1,522.41

Vehicle 1 8,067.09

Total Accumulated Depreciation 15,114.44

Total Fixed Assets **842,900.76**

Total Assets **917,248.92**

Liabilities**Current Liabilities**

Credit Card Payable	
American Express	648.38
Chase	3,500.80

Total Credit Card Payable 4,149.18

**HOPE CHAPEL**Statement of Financial Position
For All Funds Ending 12/31/2007

Total Current Liabilities		4,149.18
Other Current Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes & Retirement Payable		
Federal Taxes Payable	-12.22	
Medicare Tax Payable-Employee	0.01	
Retirement 403(B)-Employee	765.00	
Retirement 403(B)-Employer	756.00	

Total Payroll Taxes & Retirement Payable		1,508.79
Payroll-HSA		-715.26

Total Other Current Liabilities		793.53
Long Term Liabilities		
Mortgages Payable		
CHASE 1994	242,196.48	

Total Mortgages Payable		242,196.48

Total Long Term Liabilities		242,196.48
Total Liabilities		247,139.19
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	632,064.20	
Temporarily Restricted	0.00	
Restricted	38,045.53	
Total Net Assets		670,109.73

Total Liabilities & Net Assets		917,248.92
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Ministry Reports

For each highlighted ministry team in this report we have asked them to report on the following areas – Purpose/Vision, 2007 Achievements and 2008 Goals or Objectives. For many, this simply means a listing of their answers with explanation given at the meeting; others have answered in paragraph form. Regardless, we have included their answers here verbatim as they were written by the team leaders. They are listed in this report in the order they were presented.

Trail Blazers Children's Ministry

Activities, MPact Girls, Royal Rangers, King's Kids

Purpose Statement:

We exist to ***team*** children and adults together in order to ***reach*** children for Christ and ***assist*** in our community while ***inspiring*** young believers to grow into the calling God has for their lives and encouraging them to ***love*** God with all their hearts – forever.

2007 Ministry Achievements:

Accomplished major events –

- Easter Outreach
- VBS
- Harvest Festival Outreach
- Secret Grandparents Month

King's Kids Outreach –

- three performances for the Rescue Mission
- two performances at the Desert Winds Retirement Center
- performed two fabulous musicals for our church body



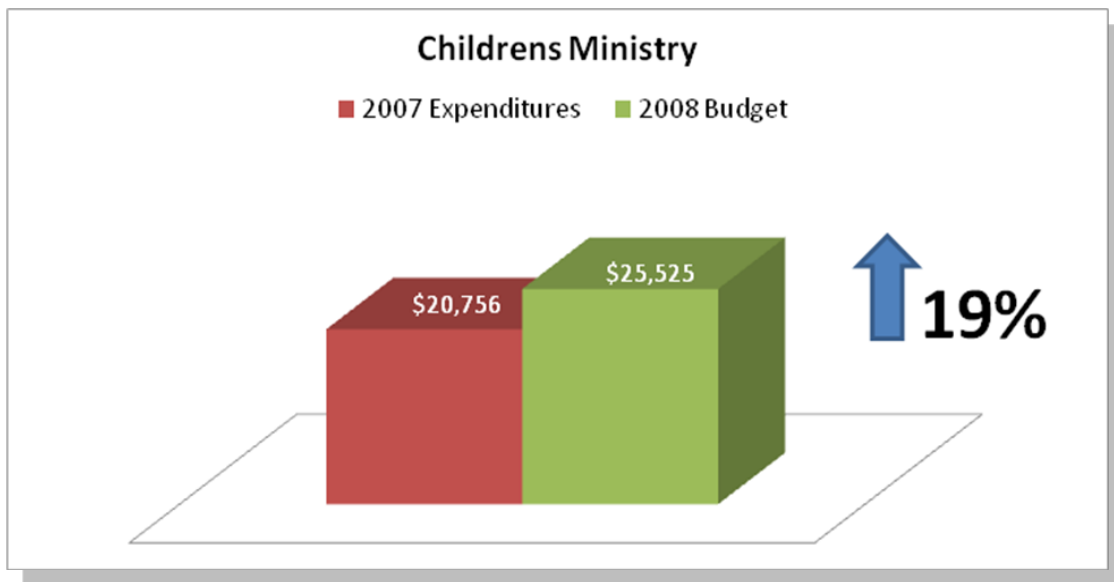
MPact Girls and Royal Rangers –

- Added church-wide Mother/Daughter Tea.
- added the Jamboree and Hope Chapel Patrol Campouts

Sunday ministries for Trail Blazers grew to approx. 115 children!

2008 Ministry Objectives:

- Doing what we do, but doing it better = publicity!
- Leading kids to Christ





Women's Ministry

Purpose Statement:

Our vision is a personal approach as we endeavor to meet the needs of the women at Hope Chapel. We have been focusing on developing relationships within the body, with an emphasis on drawing in ladies who don't normally attend any of the studies or activities offered on a regular basis. We consider women's ministries to be an essential part of an active and healthy church. When a woman's life has been touched and changed by the power of God, they will also affect the lives of those around them in a very positive way. We include weekly morning and evening Bible Studies, Ladies of Hope activities for Christian fellowship, Beauty for Ashes, which is a support for women who have experienced abuse in their lives, and Mobile Meals as a hands-on ministry which provides meals to families in our church who are facing a crisis in their family. We also include Women's Retreats as a time apart for spiritual growth, relaxation, and a chance to make new friends or strengthen existing friendships

2007 Ministry Achievements:

Ladies of Hope Activities:

- Chinese Cooking Class
- Gardening Tour and Luncheon
- 2nd Annual Wacky Bowling
- Health and Beauty Class
- Christmas Buffet – largest attendance ever!

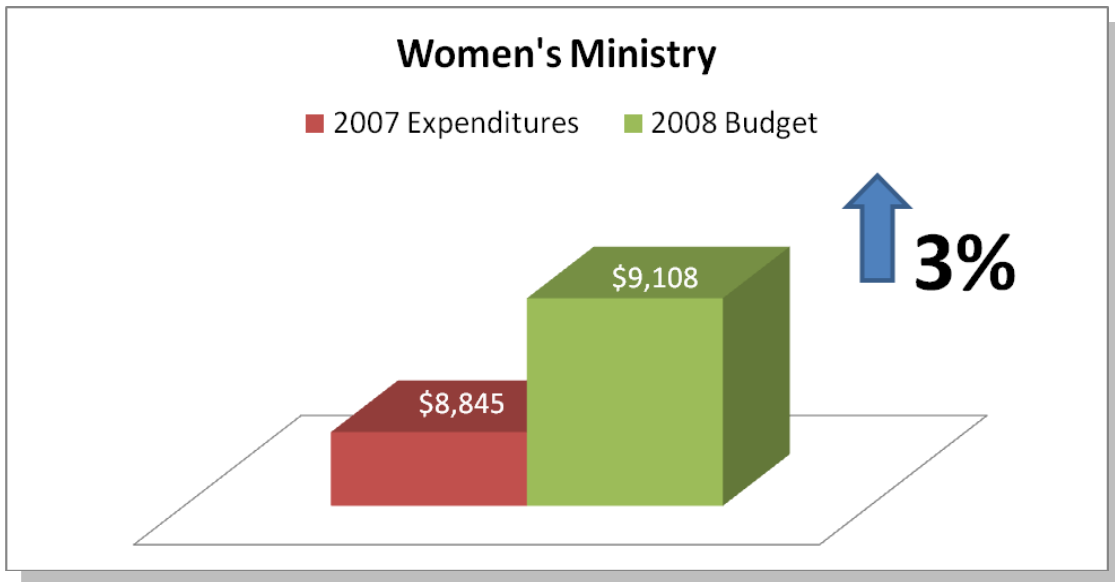
2008 Women's Ministry Objectives:

Ladies of Hope Activities:

- Game Night
- Outdoor Container Gardening Brunch
- Road Rally and Potluck with Men's Ministry
- Decorating Your Home with "Pop"
- Cooking Class
- 2nd Annual Chick Flick Event
- 3rd Annual Wacky Bowling



- Crafting Class
- Women's Retreat
- Christmas Buffet



Men's Ministry

Purpose Statement:

To reach and equip the men of Hope Chapel to be spiritual leaders for their families, church, workplace and community.

Goal: To deepen our covenant relationship with our Lord, family and fellow man.

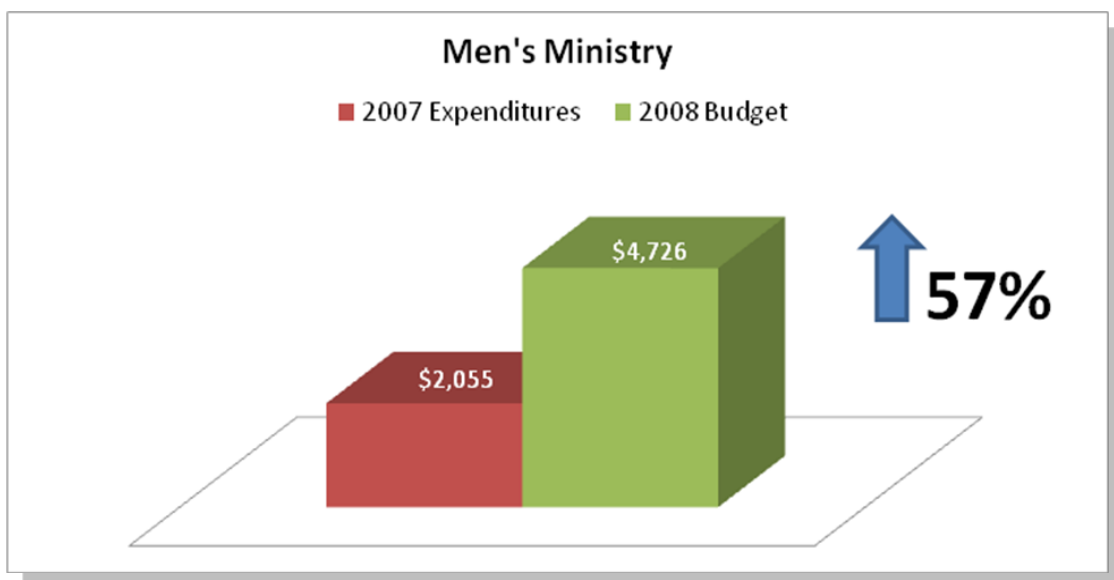


2007 Ministry Achievements:

- Weekly Tuesday evening Bible study
- Monthly men's breakfast
- Retreat with Faith Bible
- 3 Saturday evening dinners to draw new men into fellowship
- Thurs. morning men's prayer
- Feeding homeless every other month at My Father's House
- Sponsor men's softball team

2008 Ministry Objectives:

- Monthly breakfast
- Weekly Bible study
- Men's retreat
- Feeding the homeless every 4th Tuesday at My Father's House plus gathering of additional clothing and other needs as necessary
- Weekly men's prayer meeting
- Four Saturday evening dinners to draw new men into fellowship
- Begin new outreach to help remodel rooms at My Father's House





NoRegrets Youth Ministry

Purpose Statement:

NoRegrets Youth exists to inspire young people to *Pursue God, Follow God, and Shine for God.* (This can be explained further).

2007 Ministry Achievements:

I think the youth ministry really got on its feet in 2007, and I think we have really developed an identity as a group. The kids that come feel like they are part of the group, and they are beginning to take more ownership.

We began a renovation process that will continue on through this year, aimed at making the youth room feel youthier (within reason).

Though there was not explosive growth in '07, there are some new faces in our youth group, even some that go to other churches on Sunday mornings.

2008 Ministry Objectives:

Growth – both spiritually and numerically (I believe both will happen simultaneously). Two things have to happen in order for us to grow: 1) *new teens have to walk through the door*, and 2) *they have to come back*.

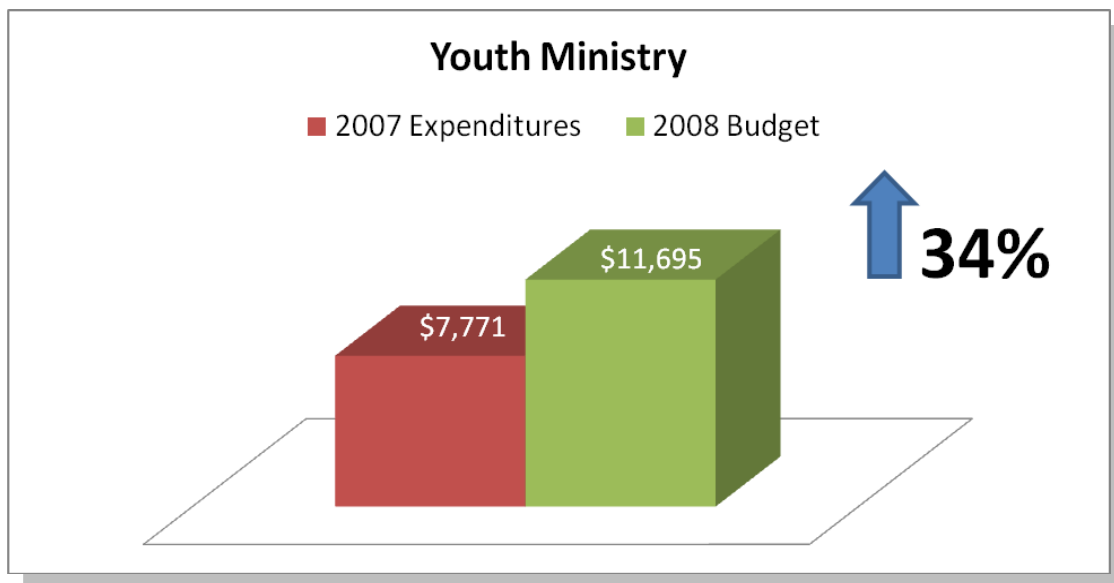
1st Objective: New kids are not going to just walk in off the street (usually), and most of them aren't going to come because the boring youth pastor invites them – they will come because their friends (the ones who are already part of our youth group) invite them. Thus, the kids in our youth group have to recognize that they are missionaries in their schools, on their sports teams, in the places they hang out, etc. They have to be willing to step out and invite their friends, even when it's hard. This requires some training, but mostly they need to be encouraged and challenged.

2nd Objective: In order to get visitors to come back, youth group has to be an exciting, fun and meaningful experience for all who attend. In order to optimize the effectiveness of the youth group experience, we are making some big changes. Primarily, we will be having Youth on Thursday nights instead of Sunday nights



starting in the Fall. In addition to changing the meeting night, the format of the evening will change significantly. It will be more “Friend-Friendly,” including tons of opportunities to interact and make new friends. It will also be VERY youth-driven, almost entirely. Teens will be in charge of everything from greeting, to worship, to announcements, to games and even some preaching.

I believe that as our youth group grows, and as our kids become more and more involved in ministry in the youth group, so will grow their excitement for God and what He’s up to. The more excited they are, the more involved they will be, the more friends they will invite and the more the youth group will grow... You get the picture...





Missions

Purpose/Vision Statement:

The purpose of the missions committee is to involve the people of Hope Chapel in cross-cultural outreach as we declare the glory of God among the nations as stated in Psalm 96:3, *"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."*

We have a three-fold vision for missions at Hope Chapel:

1. Develop a ministry amongst one or more Unreached People Groups (UPG) for the purpose of seeing them become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
2. Demonstrate the love of Christ and share the Gospel of Christ with international students at Thunderbird Graduate School through *International Students Inc* (ISI), so these future leaders will bring the Gospel to their own countries when they return.
3. Develop a culture of missions within the body of Hope Chapel so that the congregation understands God's plan for the nations and wants to be involved.

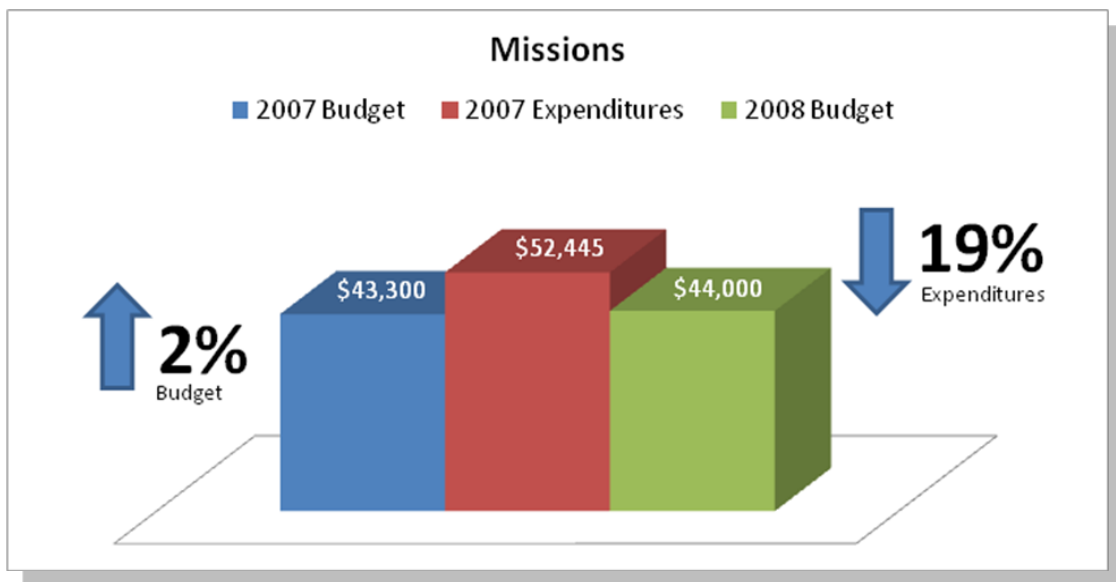
2007 Ministry Achievements:

- Adopted the Birhor people of Orissa, India to help them become a reached people group.
- Established a children's home amongst the Birhor with 20 children.
- Established an adult literacy program operating in 5 Birhor villages.
- Established a monthly Birhor leadership training program for 25 people.
- Hosted the Worldwide Perspectives class.
- Made monthly UPG Sunday presentations.
- Developed a written missions policy.



2008 Ministry Objectives:

- Advance our ministry amongst the Birhor (purchase land, extend children’s home).
- Become more engaged with ISI at Thunderbird.
- Host PathWays (formerly Worldwide Perspectives).
- Make monthly UPG Sunday presentations.





Future Vision

Change is always difficult. We enjoy our ways of doing things. It creates in us a range of comforts. A comfort of expectation and awareness are the big two. But it also creates in us the security of routine. Our look, posture and programs corporately are the reasons many of us have come to Hope Chapel in the first place. So it is normal for us to ask the “Why?” question when we are looking at changing these areas. Change may be seen as many different things by people, but one thing is for sure....It is not easy. And it is this change that tests our foundations and our tethering.

What is our identity?

Psalm 18:1-2 says, “I love you oh LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” This is a loved passage for many reasons, but one main reason is that David shows himself a real person who, like the rest of us, needs to remind himself that above all else, his true identity is found in God and not in his circumstances or surroundings. For most of us, we find ourselves surrounded by corporate branding all day. We cannot look around our immediate surroundings without being reminded of “who you are”. For the corporation, a logo is their identity. It is who they are and where they are going – and rightly so. For a church however, that reality is not necessarily so. Our identity is found in our hope in the saving, faith-filled life of Jesus Christ, not in our logo. Our lifeblood is rooted first in our relationship with Jesus and then in our relationship with each other. This is the cord that binds us. This is where we find our identity. It is this strength, that when found by someone new to our fellowship, keeps them coming back. This is OUR strength. And for this aren’t we all thankful? This has created among us a place where people can feel secure. People who come to Hope can be healed of life’s punches, scrapes and kicks in a safe environment. It really is awesome. But is there more?

Jesus said he came to “...seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 9:10) As a church this must be a primacy of our programs and life. We want to emulate what Jesus’ life on



earth represented – a life devoted so “...that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (Jn. 3:16). Your Pastoral staff has made a strong commitment to this end. We believe our best days lie ahead of us if we are willing to walk the path necessary. And this path means change.

What does the future hold?

First, we are changing our image. Our logo, although is not our identity, is representative of it. So why change it? Part of our change as a church is the painful recognition that life now is not what it once was. Over the last twenty years, culture has dramatically changed. Public schools, for instance, encouraged teachers not to assign homework midweek due to potential church activities. That is no longer the case. The last thing someone is thinking about is the church. To most in our culture, including parents, educators and civic leaders, the Gospel and the Church are arcane and irrelevant. The church’s competition now is every other alternative use of a person’s time. It is media rich and, in many ways, substance poor. And yet, this is the culture in which God has placed us with the intent of transforming it for Him. Our logo helps us do that.

As shallow as it may sound, first impressions mean a lot, especially to someone who is new to church. The logo is the “first impression”. It says something about our church culture, about how we see life and about our tendency to take risk. And to a culture steeped in risk taking life, our curb appeal must appeal to them. They are the unchurched, those who live in close proximity but have never darkened the door. Our first look must move toward peaking their interest. A new logo that is culturally fresh and spry attracts new people on first glance. This is our hope. This is our goal. The life of Hope Chapel rests forever in the body. We are simply freshening up the entrance to make it more inviting.

Second, we are taking a proactive approach to reaching our neighbors. It has long been noted by researchers that once the Sunday service ends a new person will wait for no more than 10 minutes in hopes of meeting people. Beyond that they are gone – forever. To help us in this way we will be remodeling the visitor reception room to update its appearance and accessibility. This will help us meet our visitors and



begin a personal attachment to the church. We are also asking our ministry teams to proactively plan outreach oriented events. This will help each area of influence begin to challenge themselves and challenge others to befriend and engage a culture that is looking for answers. And that is best accomplished when our people are released in their passions, relying on their God-given creativity, rooted in biblical community and instruction. It sounds obvious, but in order to reach our community we must be involved in community outreach.

Third, we are committed this year to strengthening our inward capacities. We want to focus on the the importance and primacy of the family unit. Men, we want to focus on becoming real men of God. That includes learning and practicing what it means to be a father, husband, leader and friend. Women, we want to focus on becoming real women who nurture our children, mentor younger women and use our God-given influence to give a well-rounded approach to family ministry. If we want our church to be strong we must invest in the strenghtening of our families. From adult ministries, to youth and children, a major focus this year is the development of strong family units, assisted and supported by the church.

Lastly, we are committed to the active participation of the body in 2008 to prayer. In all the activities that happen in the church, if those ministries are not undergirded in active prayer it is all a haox and nothing more than a proverbial straw man. This year we want to see developed a genuine love of God through prayer and intimant fellowship. This will take place in everything from seminars, to prayer celebration services to practical training. Prayer is not so God can answer our wants, but so that we know His.

This is an exciting time in our body. Let us together embrace it for God's Glory in 2008 as we join Him in ministry and life.



APPENDIX