

## State of the Church Address 2015

Prayerful planning and watchful walking.

<sup>3</sup> **Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.** Proverbs 16:3 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> **The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.** Proverbs 16:9 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> **Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." <sup>14</sup> Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup> Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."** James 4:13-15 (NASB)

### I. The Mission and Vision of the Church

Mission: Hope Fellowship exists to make a difference in the Brazosport Community and in the world by winning, building, and equipping disciple makers for Jesus Christ.

Vision: We are so effective as a disciple making church that we are forced to go to multiple services and to plant other churches.

- Hope Fellowship doubles the number of young families involved at Hope.
- Growth in worship attendance each year.
- Everyone is mentoring someone else.
- We reach more unchurched and integrate them into the body.

### II. The Facility and Master Plan

### III. The Financial Health of the Church

### IV. Our People and Staffing

### V. Your Part

#### Hope Fellowship Membership Covenant:

I will protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward other members, refusing to gossip, and by following the leaders.

I will share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, inviting the unchurched to attend, and warmly welcoming those who visit.

I will serve the ministry of my church by discovering my gifts and talents, being equipped to serve, and developing a servant's heart.

I will support the testimony of my church by attending faithfully, living a godly life, and giving regularly.

#### Challenge for 2015:

Be involved in some kind of mentoring relationship

Serve in some ongoing ministry in the community

Once a week either bless, invite to church, or have a spiritual conversation with someone outside the church.