



HOPE CITY
Church

2018 at a Glance

Hope City's Areas of Impact

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I want to thank everyone at Hope City for allowing my family and I a front row seat to watch God show up in so many powerful ways this year.

A number of years ago, Amber and I believed God would call us to plant a church but we never really knew when or how that might happen. God placed this fire inside of me that I couldn't put out. Because God so drastically impacted my life, I couldn't help but want to see others experience the same power and freedom. In time, it was obvious to me that God placed this vision in my heart to plant a church that was so saturated with the gospel that it would build a community where people could be real about themselves, real about the struggles of life, and do it all with real **HOPE**.

When God first called us to plant a new church in Macomb, it was the farthest place from where we anticipated. At that time, Amber and I only knew one person living in Macomb Twp. I'll never forget a mentor telling me, "Darin, there's a group of friends who you think are going to follow you to plant this church, but I want you to know they aren't coming. **BUT**", he said, "there is a group of people God is calling. There's a group of people there that God wants you to reach." It has been nothing short of amazing to see that come to fruition. I didn't know YOU then. Most of you didn't know **EACH OTHER** then. However, **YOU** were the people God was calling and I now cannot dream of being on this journey with anyone besides you.

Together, we have had a front row seat watching God do something that only He can do. I'm positive I am not capable

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of doing what has happened at Hope City. Because you all are willing to count others more significant than yourselves and use your time, talents, and treasure, God has been transforming lives and families in ways only He can. Individuals have surrendered to God and been baptized, marriages have been healed, people freed from addiction, the poor have been fed, lost people now belong, and I could go on and on. Peter tells us we are living stones that God is building into a spiritual house. I can share story after story of how God has taken us, each with our gifts, and has built us into a spiritual house in which His glory shows up and lives are changed.

That's why I'm so excited as we start this next year. As God's grace lights fires in each of us, we are going to go wild for his kingdom. He's lit a fire in **YOU** - people who have gifts that I could never dream of having. It just proves God's faithfulness to provide for His work in this next season.

So, as we continue through the New Year, let's be sure to keep the main thing, the main thing. We have our plans, goals, and things we want to accomplish, which are all amazing! Yet, what good are they if God doesn't go with us? If God isn't amongst us, then we might as well forget it. Unless the Lord builds the house, those that build it labor in vain.

Let's look to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Darin Weiss, Lead Pastor

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3 Churches

Hope City Church

Renewal Church

Paradox Church

1 Mission



Changed Lives



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3rd

Annual

Welcome Summer Sunday



150+

Attended

Kid City at the Movies

2

Worship Nights

held in 2018

115

Volunteers

Hope City has 115 active
volunteers!

7

New Community Groups

launched this fall with
6 community values



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High School

youth group launched
Sunday January 14th!



20
Students

went to the Velocity student ministry
retreat down in Ohio!



12+
events



put on over this past year for our students!



Student service projects
launched in November!

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1st
year

Hope City sent a team to serve and visit our Compassion Kids in Ecuador!



7
Compassion
Kids Supported

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1st
year

Hope City joined the Romeo Peach Festival Parade!

2nd
year



Hope City has been involved with Youth for Christ at Dakota High School



3rd
year

Hope City has served at Music in the Park!



1st
year

Street Ministry

Hope City has served the homeless in the Macomb County area.

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5
Families

Hope City blessed this year through our Christmas giving tree!

30
Men Supported

Hope City was able to bless a shelter with a fully stocked closet of clothing, hygiene kits, and non-perishable food items.

Restoring **HOPE**

12
Testimonies

that helped restore hope to people affected by addiction.

Hope City launched a 2nd service January 2018.

2nd
Service

14
Meal Trains

given to the Fellowship Recovery Home.

Budget Growth

31%

More Revenue

(\$285,000 >>> \$375,000)

Hope City revenue grew 20% from 2017 to 2018

Church Attendance

+25%

An average of 275 people attend on Sunday mornings

37k

Building Fund

\$37,000 raised for the Hope City Building Fund in 2018

\$36k

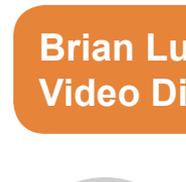
given to missions and church planting in the past year.

Strategic Hires to the Hope City Staff

Lauri, Josh, and Brian have all been a great blessing helping Hope City reach others for the Gospel.



Josh Sabo,
Worship Director



Brian Lucas,
Video Director



Lauri Lueck,
Connections Director



Only
38%

of Revenue

was spent on staff salaries which is more economical than the average church or business

2019 Prayer Guide

Pray for Our Leaders

“First of all, then I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, Godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our savior.” - 1 Timothy 2:1-3

- **Pray for our current and future Elders. Wisdom in selecting them and their wisdom and humility before God. (Hebrews 13:17-18)**
- **Pray for our pastor. Pray for wisdom, vision, discipline, purity, humility, patience, love for God, love for God’s Word, and love for God’s people. (James 3:1)**
- **Pray for the current and future staff. For wisdom, vision, perseverance, and boldness. Pray that even now, God would be preparing the hearts of future staff to join us. (Acts 6:3-6)**
- **Pray for our leadership. For gifted, passionate, and godly, men and women to come forward who will use their gifts as good stewards of the grace of God as servant leaders. (Ephesians 4:11-12)**
- **Pray for clarity of vision and faithful obedience to God’s call to follow Him for His glory. (Habakkuk 2:2)**

Pray for Provision

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” - Ephesians 3:20-21

- **Pray for more of His people who would be passionate to serve faithfully on weekends and regularly throughout the week. (Matthew 9:37)**
- **Pray for facilities that will help us maximize discipleship efforts. (Philippians 4:6)**
- **Pray that we are provided with gifted, passionate, and godly followers of Christ eager to give their lives to His glory and purposes to fulfill opportunities for our next season of ministry (Ephesians 4:7-11)**
- **Pray financially for this work. (Romans 8:31-32)**
- **Pray for protection from pride, bitterness, gossip, slander, fear, and trusting in our flesh. (Hebrews 12:1)**
- **Pray for our recovery ministry in order to make a God sized dent in the addiction epidemic destroying our community. (1 Corinthians 6:11)**
- **Pray for us to be a church where thousands of His children are: Called to Worship, Formed through Relationships, Sent on Mission. (Acts 2:41)**

Pray for Our Church

“We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.” - Colossians 1:9-11

- Pray that we will keep the gospel the main thing and stay faithful to it. (Galatians 6:14)
- Pray for understanding and appropriate responses to the purpose of our church to make gospel saturated followers of Jesus. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Pray that we would be intentional about equipping the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- Pray that we would not come to this church community to be served, but to serve, and give our lives to others, even when it means we must suffer to follow in His steps. (1 Peter 2:21)
- Pray that we would be gospel saturated followers of Christ ourselves, not merely people who call themselves Christians. That we would have hearts that are completely His. (1 Corinthians 11:1)
- Pray that we will be willing and able in “all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:2-3)
- Pray that God will raise up leaders who are faithful, available and teachable. (2 Timothy 2:1-3)

- Pray, “may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6)

- Pray that we would be a church that cares more about others than we do ourselves, that we would exist for the outside, rather than a country club of comfortability. (Philippians 2:3-5)

- Pray that we would remain thankful and grateful for the opportunity to be part of God’s plan of redemption. (Luke 10:20)

Pray for the Lost

“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” - Luke 15:7

- Pray that we would seek and save the lost even as our Lord did. That we would be intentional to develop loving, authentic relationships with those who do not know Jesus. (Luke 19:10)
- Pray that we would be a church that lost people grow to know and trust as a place where truth is taught with grace, where the wayward and struggling are welcomed, and where many are regularly transformed into followers of Christ. (Luke 15:2)
- Pray that we would be bold and fearless to share the gospel with others. (Ephesians 6:19)
- Pray specifically and by name for lost friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family. (2 Peter 3:9)
- Pray for the unchurched, dead-churched, dechurched and unmoved; that they would be challenged by our sincerity of faith and passion for Christ. (Colossians 4:5-6)



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