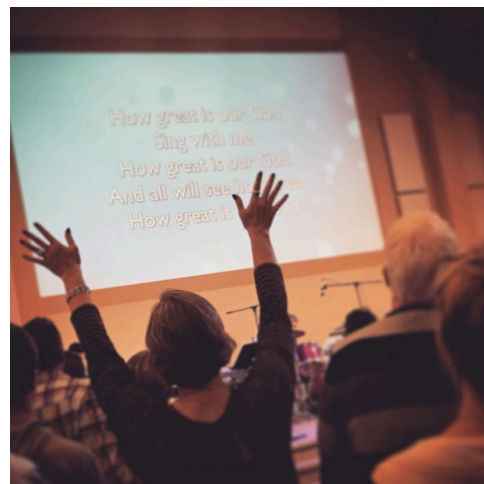


2025 School Fuel



Through School Fuel, Hope community has the opportunity to show God's love in our schools and be the hands and feet of Jesus. School Fuel is a ministry that attempts to address the issue of food scarcity for children who arrive at school hungry. Breakfast is served to nearly 350 kids each morning at the following schools: Wheatland Elementary, Brentwood Elementary, Westmount Elementary, George Freeman School, Trinity Christian Academy, Crowther Junior High, Strathmore High School and the Strathmore Outreach School. Each morning students receive a breakfast of a muffin, cheese, and fruit – (we bake nearly 4000 muffins every two weeks!) The program is funded by grants and donations made by companies and individuals. Breakfast Club of Canada has also given us funds to help offset some of these costs. Huge thanks to the hard work of more than 40 volunteers that bake, serve, wash bins, pick up and deliver muffins, and shop. We are so grateful for the support and generosity of our community in supporting School Fuel!

Brandi Bobee



Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

– Isaiah 12:5 (NIV)

2025 Annual Update and Acknowledgements



Appreciation and Updates

It is a privilege to be working with Hope Community Covenant Church (Hope CCC). Thank you for your warm welcome. I am excited about what Hope CCC will hear from God as we take our next step in our journey with Him as individuals and as a church in Strathmore.

Thank You to Our Leaders:

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to the leaders of the programs for their unwavering dedication and commitment. Your leadership has been invaluable to our community.

We also extend our gratitude to the Council members for their exemplary leadership. Your spiritual and thoughtful guidance is crucial in navigating this period of transition.

A special thank you to our staff, whose hard work and dedication have kept everything running smoothly and have provided priceless historical and institutional knowledge to me.

Pastoral Departures:

During 2024, we bid farewell to Pastors Heidi and Matt, who have left Hope CCC. Their contributions have been deeply appreciated, and they will be missed.

Our Goals for 2025

Goal 1: As individuals and as a church, we aim to be spiritually healthier and renewed. This is an essential focus for us to grow together in faith and community.

Goal 2: To choose a new Lead Pastor who is hired through a positive search process, with dependence on the Holy Spirit's guidance. This goal is vital for the continued spiritual and organizational health of our church.

Annual Update and Acknowledgements Continued...

Committees and Teams

Transition Team: We have created a transition team to oversee the smooth transition during this period. This team is made up of part-time experts of different areas: preaching, pastoral care, kids/youth ministry, social media, admin and operations, and transition.

Pastoral Search Committee: A pastoral search committee is being established to find the right candidate for the Lead Pastor position. The committee will consist of members of Hope, ECCC, Council and staff.

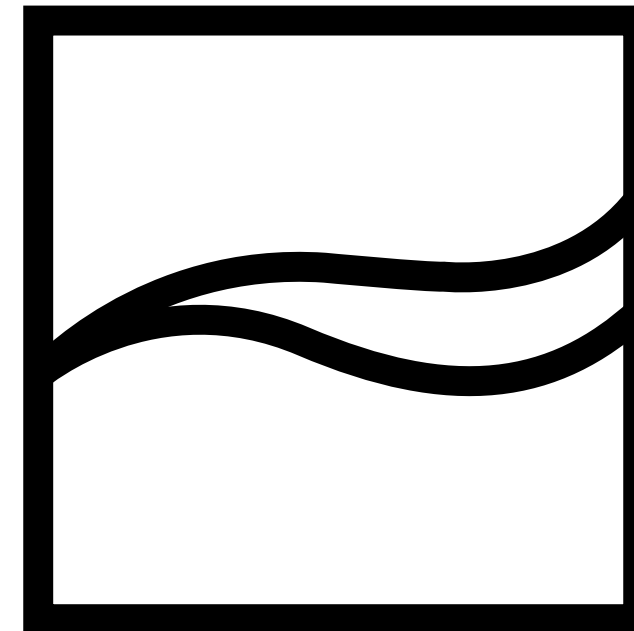
Vision Casting: As we move forward, we recognize the need to do some vision casting to align our community with our spiritual and organizational goals.

Thank you to everyone involved for your support and hard work. Together, we will achieve these goals and continue to grow as a community and in our community of Strathmore.

Shane Pearsall
Transitional Executive Leader



2025



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

2025 Barnabas



The New Testament uses the phrase "One another" 29 times. Barnabas ministry at Hope seeks to fulfill many of these as we "bear one another's burdens, build up one another, comfort one another, or care for one another" by providing meals, buying groceries, by giving transportation to medical appointments, by helping people move and through various other opportunities to serve. Let us all be good stewards of the gifts we have received, so that God can be glorified in all we say and do.

Connecting and caring for needs in our Hope family and the broader Strathmore community is the purpose of Hope's Barnabas ministry. Whenever you are in need or you are aware of someone who could be blessed through this service, be sure to call Karen Bayley or Brandi Bobee at Hope to make us aware of this need.



Throughout 2024, volunteers from all of our teams have been the hands and feet of Jesus to help those in need. 12 individuals or families have received meals prepared by persons on our teams. 12 drivers have provided rides 25 times for people getting to medical appointments or to take someone shopping for groceries. A large group of volunteers on our moving team helped The Bayley's and the Huses with their moves. Other volunteers responded to a variety of needs like blowing snow, doing laundry, or hanging curtains for a lady at Sagewood Estates.

Barnabas Continued...

We have 5 teams. Each team has about 14 volunteers. We can always use more volunteers! Contact us at 403-370-2421 if you want to join a team. Our team leaders are Allison Burgess-Kosowan, Nikki Stordy, Terry Motley with Natasha Barron and Marjonne Eygenraam as their assistants. Yvonne and I coordinate the moving and drive teams.

Robert and Yvonne Huse, Coordinators.

2025 Children's Ministry



This year in Children's Ministry we have been working to develop a greater sense of connection and welcome for the families we serve. We have instituted a monthly gathering called Timbit Time that invites families, council members, and Kids Church volunteers to come together before the service on the third Sunday of the month to enjoy refreshments, a bouncy castle, and the chance to get to know each other better. We look forward to making this a welcoming entrance point for new families to Hope in the future, as well as a continued place for regularly attending families to deepen their connection and sense of belonging at Hope.



The preschoolers in Treehouse have been using age-accessible Children's Bible stories to learn about the lives of significant people in the Old Testament and will begin learning about Jesus, His miracles, and the New Testament church in the coming months.

Children's Ministry Continued...

The children in Kidtopia (Kindergarten to Grade 6) have been following the GROW curriculum again this year and have enjoyed learning about Solomon, Job, and Ruth, and look forward to also learning about Jesus, His miracles, and the New Testament church during the rest of the year.

Our Kids Church program is only sustainable because of the dedicated volunteers who show up each week to create a welcoming, educational environment for the children of Hope. We will continue to observe and modify the ways that Nursery, Treehouse and function throughout the year to ensure we are meeting the needs of families at Hope in the fullest way possible.

Brandi Hayman

2025 Council



We can make our plans but the LORD determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

What a year! As the bible quote above indicates we can make our plans..... and then the Lord determines our steps, and this passage I think accurately describes our past year.

We encountered a lot of change and through it all Council was constantly reminded of the fruits of faithfulness. Whether it be the need to fix something within our building, or preparing for the retirement of our lead pastor, each of you were so faithful in your prayers and your disciple-like actions. As we move to the next phase of "Hope" we ask that you continue that practice!



Council Continued...

Change can mean to make or become different. It implies altering the form, nature, content or future course of something. (Merriman Webster) As we approach this upcoming season of a search for a Lead Pastor, we should anticipate more change. Each of you have a voice in the change by sharing your hopes and desires for our church and for our new Lead Pastor. There will be lots of opportunities to do this.

We (Hope) continue to be blessed with a wonderful staff, and please take some time to thank them for all their hard work. Our staff are Brandi Bobee, (office manager), Linda Ray (facilities manager), Karen Bayley (pastor), Brandi Hayman (children's ministry) and Lawrence Carriere (social media).

We are also very excited to welcome Shane Pearsall as our Executive Leader.

Lastly, Council is so very thankful for our volunteers – each of you continue to serve the Lord and we so grateful for your willingness to step up.

Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." Luke 11:28 (NLT)

Karen Harris Council Chair

2025 Men's Ministry



Men's Ministry continues to be a group of devoted men at Hope looking to go deeper in our walk with Jesus. It has also been a place of fellowship where men can share honestly about the successes and trials they are experiencing. In that sharing, we support one another through listening and prayer, having many laughs and a few tears along the way.

Men's Ministry Continued...

We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month, and all men are welcome to come to any meeting that they can attend. Please join us! Thanks to William Zatkovich and Ian Eygenraam for your capable leadership whenever needed.



During this past year, we have furthered our understanding of God's word and his desire for the men at Hope by reading and discussing the impact of those readings from the Immerse Messiah Bible. After finishing that book study, we are now reading and discussing the Immerse Bible: Poets. We look forward with anticipation to where God may be leading this group in the next year.

Terry Motley

2025 Small Groups & Community Life



"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

We are blessed with each small group that is meeting at Hope, for it provides opportunity for us to grow together in community and be transformed. Our Men's group have been experiencing the presence of Jesus as they gather every two weeks to study God's Word and share and pray together. Our Prayer group has been meeting to bring requests from our Canadian Conference and for Hope and our community and it has been good to experience God at work.

Small Groups & Community Life Continued...

The Ladies group were meeting this past year engaging in different activities in community and they found encouragement and support. We are grateful to Rachelle and her team who created opportunities for ladies to connect. The Connect night on Wednesdays has continued though we miss our youth on the nights we ate together. The Chosen series has been enjoyed by those who attended and good discussions resulted on these evenings. This fall and winter the other Connect group has been studying Philip Yancey's book on Prayer. There is a group that meets on the Wednesday night and also one on Thursday morning. We are being challenged and transformed as we engage the complex study of prayer. The Friendship Group which provides opportunity for young adults from our special needs community to gather have been enjoying lots of fun, music and learning together. Our Coffee and Conversation group is a time of fellowship geared to our seniors, with coffee and goodies, discussion and learning together in community and continues through the summer to provide opportunity for connection and fellowship.



We are grateful for the wonderful leaders who create these opportunities for connection and growth here in our Hope Community. May we continue to grow and be transformed in community as we move into this new year.

Karen Bayley Pastor: Community Life & Discipleship