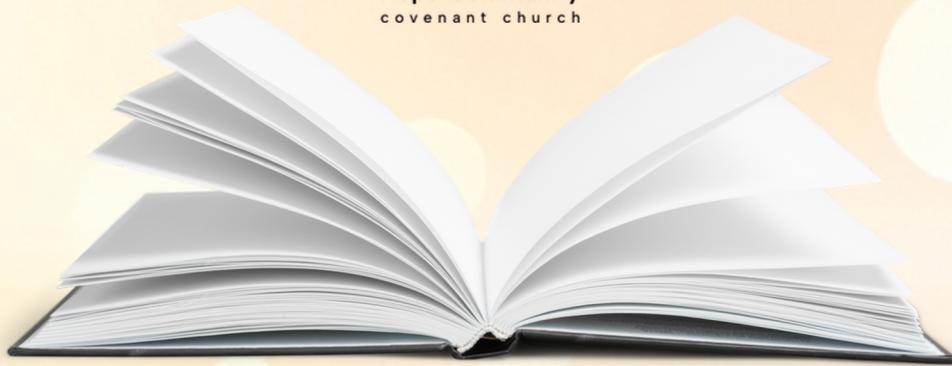


A New Chapter

2026 AGM



Hope Community
covenant church



March 8th at 11:15 AM

**Missional/Lead Pastor
Brandon Trotter**



Welcome, everyone, to the 2026 Annual General Meeting!

That's an exciting phrase for me to be writing. And strange, because you all have just welcomed me and my family into this beautiful community. And what a welcome so far.

I'm nearly three weeks into this new role, and I've spent those weeks learning new rhythms, new staff, and new congregants. It's been a crash course in a local body of Christ who has adopted us into the family and asked us to take the lead. I'm humbled and honoured to be the new Missional/Lead Pastor for Hope, and I'm looking forward to many years of beautiful and fruitful ministry ahead.

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Brandon's welcome continued...

One of the most shocking things I've realized since I've started is just how healthy Hope is after over a year without a permanent pastor. This is thanks to the groundwork laid by past leaders, the hard work by your staff and transitional team, and your willingness to lean in and lend a hand wherever needed. We continue to thank God for all of those who have sacrificed to make sure that Hope is the best church it can be. Now, it's a little early to outline a full ministry plan for the years ahead, but God is clearly giving us a few points to look at.

We will focus on learning our spiritual gifts and finding places to use them to serve. We will create disciple pathways for everyone to grow in their journey with Jesus. We will worship our God and sit under the teaching of the apostles and gather for fellowship and mutual support. We will bring the love of Jesus into our community and teach the next generation about the Lord we serve.

Everyone will hear much more about these plans as they (and others) become more concrete. For now, please pray that we grow in unity and love for one another, and that our Good Shepherd continues to lead us into the wonderful new adventure ahead.

Blessings, Brandon

A Year of Transition and Spiritual Renewal

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

– Proverbs 3:5

As Council prepared for the transition, it decided to form a Transition Team. The Team was formed to provide coverage in three key areas: preaching, pastoral care, and operational leadership. The contributions of Brian Tysdal, Glenn Peterson, Council, and staff were vital during this season. Their steady guidance, prayerful discernment, and commitment to unity anchored our church through change. We are deeply grateful for their faithful leadership. While transitions are rarely simple, they are often sacred. This year proved to be both.

In January, we identified two clear goals:

1. A New Lead Pastor — through a positive search process, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and
 2. To be healthier, spiritually renewed individuals and church
- By God's grace, we accomplished both.

Our pastoral search was marked by unity, prayer, and discernment. We are thankful for the dedicated work of our Search Committee. We celebrate that Brandon Trotter agreed to become our Missional Leader/Pastor, beginning a new chapter for Hope.

Spiritually, this was not a year of standing still. Faithful preaching continued. Volunteers served generously. Ministries carried on steadily. Prayer deepened. Rather than turning inward, we looked outward. In partnership with Strathmore Full Gospel Church, we agreed to collaborate in offering a local youth program for our community — a reflection of our commitment to the next generation and to working together for the sake of the Gospel in Strathmore

We are also pleased to report that in 2025, our worship through giving exceeded our expenses.

In a year of transition, this is a powerful testimony to God's provision and the faithful generosity of our congregation. Your worship through stewardship allowed ministry to continue without interruption.

We extend sincere thanks to our Church Council, Search Committee, guest preachers, volunteers, staff, and Rob Peterson (ECCC) for their wisdom, service, and encouragement throughout the year.

As we entered 2026, we completed a Week of Prayer and Fasting, grounding ourselves once again in dependence on the Holy Spirit.

We move forward not relying first on plans or personalities, but on God's faithful leading.

2025 was more than a transition year — it was a year of trust, renewal, and preparation for what God has next for Hope Community Covenant Church.

With gratitude and anticipation,
Shane Pearsall

On behalf of the Leadership of
Hope Community Covenant Church

Report from Council

Pessimist - the glass is half empty.

Optimist - the glass is half full.

Psalmist - "my cup runneth over."

- Psalm 23:5

In a transitional year — it would have been easy to take either a pessimist or optimist stance but thankfully Hope Community Covenant Church chose to take the Psalmist's view — that our cup runneth over. Our cup overflowed with prayers, disciple-like actions, and an incredible amount of people willing to volunteer. The fruits of your faithfulness abound!

We are so thankful for our transition team of Glenn Peterson, Brian Tysdal, and Shane Pearsall. They, along with our amazing staff of Brandi B, Karen B, Linda, Brandi H and Lawrence C helped us to maintain a stable and thriving church. God lead Brandon and his family to join us as our Missional Leader/pastor. A new chapter of Hope's story has begun. We look forward to continuing to be the writers of this story. This year, perhaps more than others, has been a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness to our church family.

All Praise be to God!

Karen Harris, Council Chair

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

Community Life & Discipleship

My heart is full of gratitude for God's work among the various groups in this past year. My prayer for our small groups is reflected in Paul's letter to the Ephesians 1: 17-19 "Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power."

God has truly been at work in our Men's and Women's groups, the book studies, Coffee and Conversation, and the Friendship Group. We are so grateful to be growing and embracing the truth of God's Word as it is taught. We grow and change in beautiful ways as we are part of small communities. We praise God for all He is doing in our lives and looking forward to a fruitful year ahead.

Karen Bayley

Pastor: Community Life & Discipleship

Men's Ministry

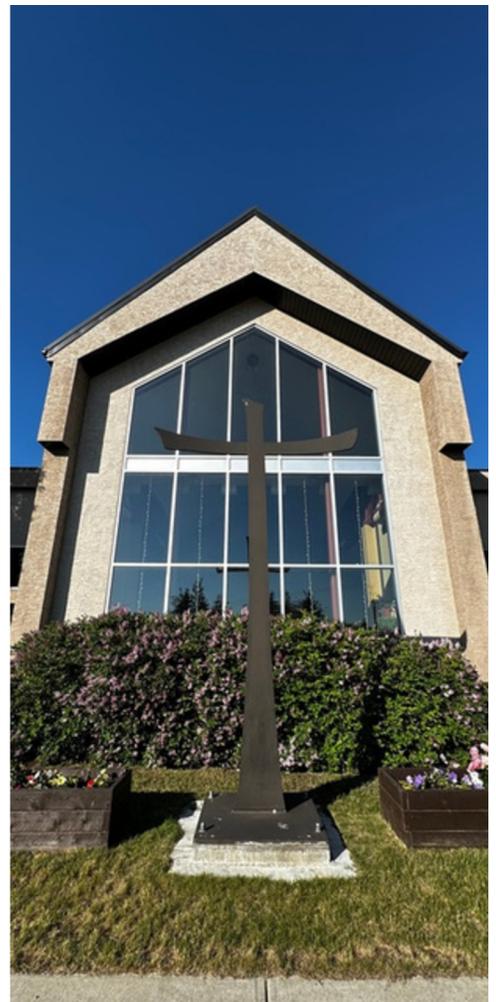
Men's Ministry continues to be a group of devoted men at Hope looking to go deeper in our walk with Jesus. It has been a place of fellowship where men can share honestly about the successes and trials they are experiencing. In that sharing, we support one another through listening and prayer.

Men's Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month, and all men are welcome to come to any meeting that they can attend. Please join us! We took a holiday for the summer of 2025. 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: Poets. After finishing that book study, this fall season we started looking at the qualities and attributes of a godly man from the book The Measure of a Man by Gene Getz. Great discussions are happening! We look forward with anticipation to where God may be leading this group in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Motley



Kid's Ministry

Our Kids Church program has a small but dedicated following of kids who are developing friendships and learning how to live God's way in a world filled with distracting voices. In Treehouse our preschoolers have learned about Bible heroes and how God's word can teach us how to handle situations in our day-to-day lives. Those who attend Kidtopia have also learned about Bible heroes and how God has been present in all circumstances for all people throughout history.

We continue to celebrate the families and volunteers involved in Kids Church during Timbit Time on the third Sunday of each month.

We appreciate the volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, and love to the kids of Hope for many years, and are excited to see new volunteers joining our ranks. If you are interested in helping disciple children in Nursery (0-2 year olds), Treehouse (2-4 year olds), or Kidtopia (Kindergarten – Grade 6) please reach out to me!

Brandi Hayman
Kid's Church Leader

Barnabas

The New Testament calls us to care for "one another" — to bear burdens, build up, and comfort each other. Hope's Barnabas Ministry lives this out in practical ways: providing meals, groceries, rides to medical appointments, help with moving, and other acts of service. As we steward the gifts God has given us, He is glorified through this ministry.

Barnabas Ministry exists to connect and care for needs within our Hope church family and the wider Strathmore community. If you have a need, or know someone who does, please contact Karen Bayley, Brandi Bobee or myself at Hope.

In 2025 so far, volunteers have served as the hands and feet of Jesus 34 times. Families have received meals 7 times, Our drivers have provided 25 rides for appointments and grocery trips, and our moving team has helped 2 families relocate.

We currently have 5 teams with about 15 volunteers each, and we would love more people to join us.

Volunteer Position Available:

We are specifically looking for a Team Leader for Meals, to help coordinate the volunteers and with food drop off. Team leaders are myself, Nikki Stordy, and Terry Motley. I also coordinate the moving and driving teams.

Jill Carrier
Barnabas Ministry Leader
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Youth Collective

Youth Collective is a Bible based group for grades 7-12, run by Strathmore Full Gospel, hosted and supported by Hope Community Covenant Church, and supported by Harvest Healing Centre Church. We have youth from a variety of local churches, and advertise in Strathmore's schools.

Everyone is welcome.

We understand everyone is on a different part of their journey with Jesus – some come from no background, and we hope we can help guide and answer questions asked. We refer to scripture, and encourage everyone to search for Biblical answers because we believe the Bible to be the living, breathing word of God. Some come from a Christian upbringing, and we hope we can continue going deeper into a relationship with Jesus, reflecting a loving Saviour in our day to day walk and talk.

Youth Collectives leaders hope to:

- create a safe place to talk about real, challenging personal and public topics confidently
- be the vessels of the Holy Spirit's work in guiding our youth
- listen when needed, speak the Biblical truth when directed

We have been studying the Fruit of the Spirit, with weekly challenges in our day to day lives. Coming up we have "Why do we...?" With the youth's direction on topics. Plans are subject to change according to the Holy Spirit's direction. Weekly, we hold a game, blood and bruises are encouraged, hospital visits are a no go; our youth lead ~three songs of worship; a discussion broken into two groups, junior high and senior high; and snacks to finish off the night. The last Friday of every month is an activity night – Laser tag, games, Progressive Supper, Water Fight, etc. The budget is the limit!

We encourage our youth to get involved at their home church, something that peaks their interests and advocate for them when necessary.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please call our Youth Director, Rachel at 403 934 2225 or youth@strathmorefullgospel.com.