
HEART
FOR
THE
HOUSE

Look What God Has Done

Dear Hope City,

As Tiffany and I look back over this past year, we are overwhelmed by God's goodness and faithfulness to our church. There is more to celebrate than we could fit into one letter. In the pages that follow, you'll hear from our staff and key leaders about what God is doing throughout Hope City. As you read, we hope you see the impact of your faithfulness. You have a part in these stories.

Looking ahead, we are both excited and expectant. Excited because we see God at work in the lives of people right here in our church. Expectant because we believe He has more in store than we can imagine. I believe that this time next year, we'll look at one another and say, "Can you believe what God did?"

Pastoring Hope City is one of the greatest honors of our lives. Our love for you and our commitment to this community have only grown deeper this year. We are grateful that we get to build this church with you.

Your faithful, generous giving has helped make this year's ministry possible. You have believed in the vision, invested in the mission, and helped turn opportunities into stories of changed lives. Now, as we approach the end of the year, Heart for the House gives us an opportunity to set the pace for ministry in the year ahead.

This year, our Heart for the House goal is $133,000, above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. Behind that number are people we long to reach and lives we believe Jesus can change. We want to see students and kids who can't wait to get to church. We want to see people grow deep roots in their faith and become more like Jesus in their everyday lives. We want more of Sarasota to experience the hope we have found in Him.

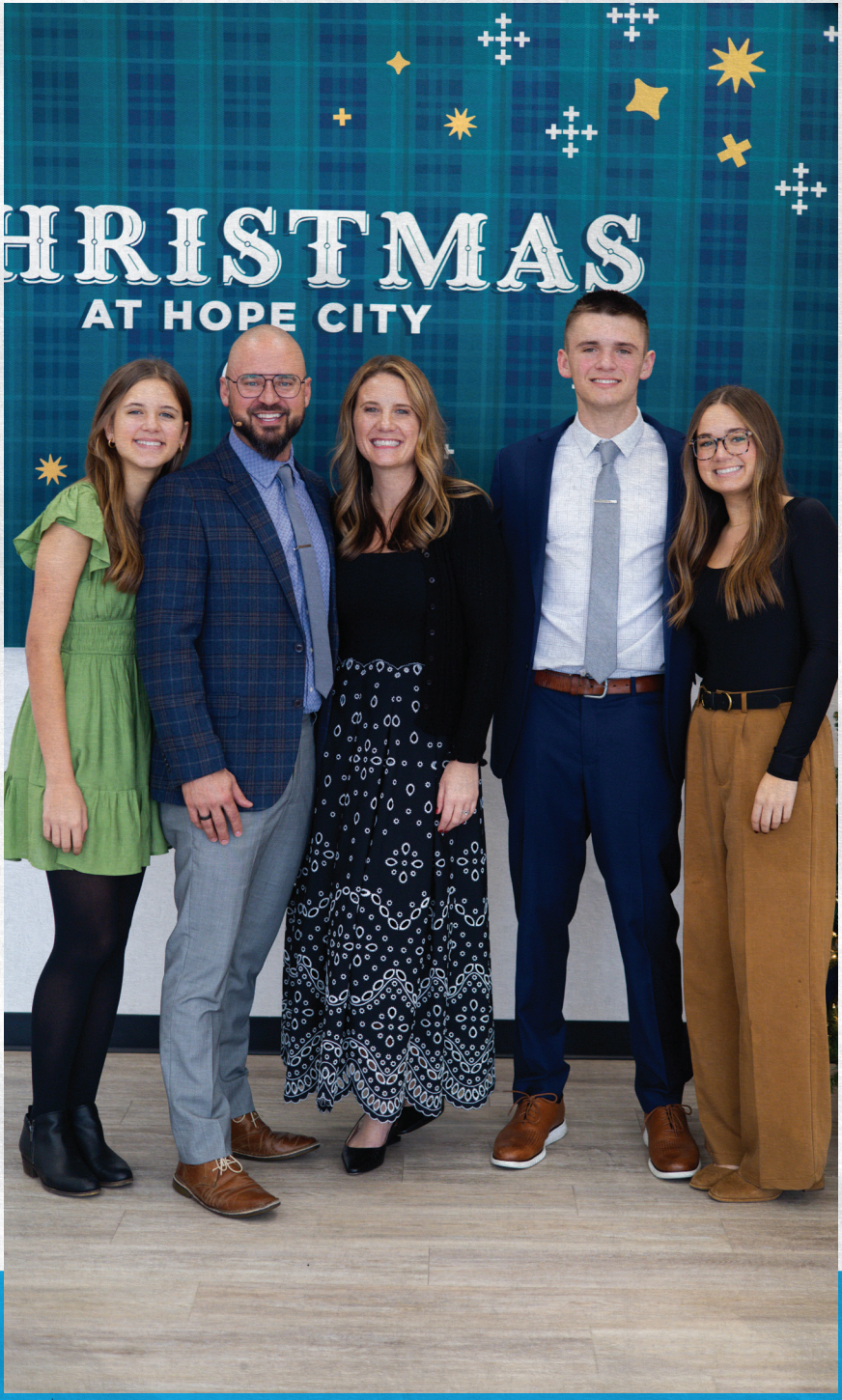
Would you pray and ask the Lord, "What part would You have me play?"

We aren't asking for equal gifts. We're inviting everyone to participate. Each of us has different resources and circumstances, and we ask you to prayerfully consider what generosity can look like for you in this season. Every gift matters as we move toward this goal together.

Thank you for loving this church and believing in what God has called us to do. Together, we believe God can do more FOR Sarasota than we've ever imagined possible.

FOR the Kingdom with you,

Pastors Peter & Tiffany Gowesky


HRISTMAS
AT HOPE CITY


By the
Numbers



Baptisms

15

Salvations

28

First-Time Guests

287

Highest Weekend Kids Attendance

86

Hope City Kids Campers

125

Average Weekend Attendance

400

Average Monthly Giving

$87,000

Building a Faith That Lasts

Meagan Whitt
Kids Pastor

Hope City Kids is a place where kids are excited to learn about Jesus, build friendships, and have fun along the way! Each Sunday, our dedicated volunteers pour their hearts into helping the next generation discover God's love and grow in their faith. This past year, one of our greatest joys has been placing Bibles in the hands of so many kids who genuinely want to know more about God's Word. We are watching them learn to worship Jesus, ask meaningful questions, and begin building a personal relationship with Him. These moments are a beautiful reminder of why investing in the next generation matters so much.

Our heart is for every child to know Jesus and discover that church is a place where they belong. That mission extends beyond Sunday mornings through Kids Camp and Level Up, allowing us to reach families throughout our community and make a lasting impact.

This year, Kids Camp welcomed 125 kids, nearly half from our community, with more than 80 volunteers creating an unforgettable experience filled with fun, meaningful connections, and opportunities to encounter Jesus. Our desire is to keep Kids Camp completely free, removing financial barriers so that every child has the opportunity to participate.

As we look toward 2027, we are excited to continue making room for more! Our vision is to expand Kids Camp with new creative tracks, hands-on activities, and experiences that allow us to reach even more children throughout our community. We want every child who attends to make lasting memories, build friendships, and discover the love of Jesus in meaningful ways.

That same passion for investing in the next generation continues through Level Up, our ministry created especially for 3rd–5th graders. Over the past year, Level Up has doubled in size, and it has been exciting to see how much these kids love having a place of their own to connect, have fun, and grow in their faith. As we look ahead, our heart is to continue building on that excitement, encouraging kids to invite their friends and creating opportunities for even more children and families to become part of what God is doing at Hope City.

Through Heart for the House, we have the opportunity to build on what God is already doing—reaching more kids, connecting with more families, and investing in a generation that knows, loves, and follows Jesus.


GOD HAS
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We're Just Getting Started

Brandon LeFevre
Youth Pastor

2026 has been a year of incredible momentum for Hope City Youth! At the beginning of the year, our typical Youth Night saw 14–16 students. Today, we are consistently seeing 30+ students each week, with as many as 36 at a regular Youth Night. But the most exciting growth hasn't just been in attendance, it has been in the culture of HCY! Youth Night has evolved from something students simply "do" to something they genuinely look forward to. Students are building meaningful relationships, inviting friends, growing in their faith, and finding a place where they belong.

Camps and conferences have played a huge role in that momentum. Through last year's Heart for the House, we were able to make these experiences more accessible for our students. This summer, 29 students attended XII Conference, our largest group ever, and we launched our first-ever High School Camp with 11 students! At Winter Camp, we brought 25 students. These experiences have extended far beyond a few days away. **We've watched students return with a greater desire to know Jesus, become more consistent at Youth Night, invite friends, serve in Hope City Kids, and grow closer to one another.**

Six students connected to Hope City Youth were baptized this year. Our Student Leadership Team has also grown from five students to eight, empowering students to use their influence today while developing them to become leaders in the Church and wherever God takes them.

In 2027, we are returning to Winter Camp, XII Conference, and High School Camp! And we are preparing to bring record numbers to each again!

This summer, we're also launching an entirely new Middle School Retreat designed to bridge the gap between Kids Camp and High School Camp! Our goal is to give middle schoolers an experience created specifically for them where they can have fun, build relationships, and grow in their faith!

Your investment in Heart for the House is helping create opportunities for students to encounter Jesus, find community, and become the next generation of leaders. As we build on this momentum, we believe HCY can continue growing its impact throughout our church, our schools, and our community, and we believe we're only seeing the beginning of what's possible!


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There's a Seat At the Table

Tiffany Gowesky
Discipleship Pastor

We love our large Sisterhood Night gathering each year. There is something so special about bringing women from all different ages and seasons of life together in one room to worship, connect and grow in their faith. As much as we love seeing hundreds of women come together for that night, our heart for Sisterhood has never been to only go wide. We want to go deep, too.

That has really been the heart behind Sisterhood Collective. We launched Collective at the end of 2025, and throughout 2026 we have continued to develop it as an intentional place for women to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and with one another.

Our heart is that no matter where a woman is in her faith journey, there is a seat for her at the table. She may have followed Jesus for decades, she may be just beginning to figure out what she believes, or she may be somewhere in between. **We want women to have a place where they can sit alongside one another, open God's Word, ask questions, have honest conversations and keep growing together.**

Throughout this year, we have studied and discussed what it means to know our identity in Christ, the names of God and what they reveal to us about His character, and the role the Holy Spirit plays in our everyday lives. We have consistently seen 60–70 women gather for these nights, sitting around tables and learning from one another. It has been so encouraging to watch women not just attend something, but begin to deepen their roots.

One of the things we especially love about Collective is having our middle and high school girls in the room. We want the next generation







sitting at these tables as well. We want them surrounded by women of different ages and stages who are seeking after the Lord. There is something powerful about a teenage girl looking around a table and seeing what it looks like for women to continue pursuing Jesus through every season of life.

We also know that **discipleship happens through relationships.** This year we hosted our first 'Favorite Things Night', which gave women a chance to simply laugh, have fun together, and deepen friendships. Those moments matter because relationships create a place for women to be known, encouraged and reminded that they were never meant to walk out their faith alone.

God is moving within the women of our church and our community. Faith is being deepened. Friendships are being developed. The next generation is being invited in. Roots are becoming more secure.

We want to continue creating spaces where women can come exactly where they are, sit alongside one another and take their next step toward Jesus. We believe that as we intentionally invest in women and help them deepen their roots in Christ, the impact reaches far beyond one night or one gathering. It impacts their friendships, their families, the next generation and our community.

Hope In the Hardest Seasons

When life takes an unexpected turn, a church family can be a source of practical help and hope. Through benevolence, we come alongside people in difficult seasons, helping them find stability and reminding them they are not alone.

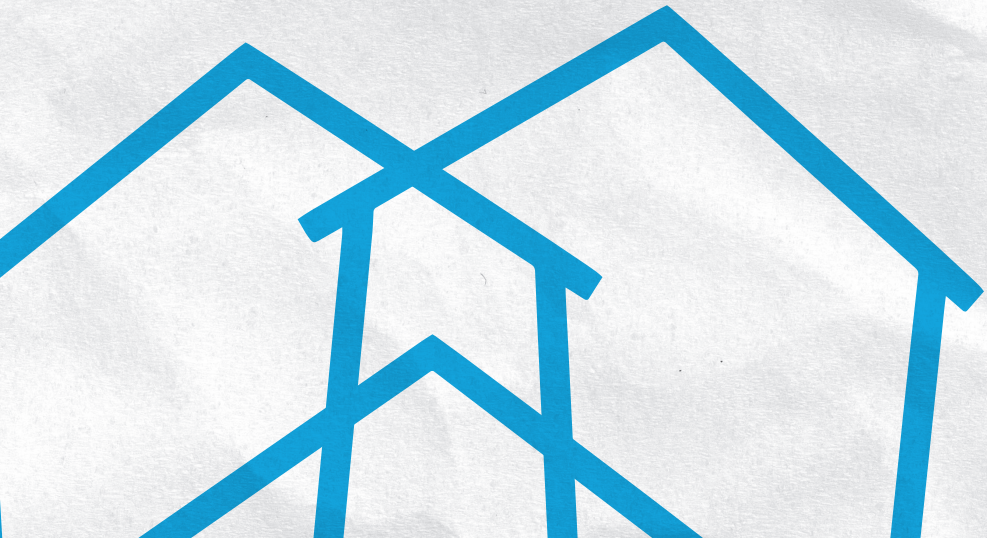
Our congregation has given more than $28,000 toward this work, allowing us to provide over $22,000 in assistance to nine families in our church.

Behind those numbers are people and stories that matter. A homeowner facing foreclosure received help to keep their home. A grieving family received assistance with cremation expenses after a tragic loss. Two single mothers received security deposits so each could establish a place of her own. Three families received rental assistance while navigating major medical challenges, unemployment, and family transitions.

These are people who worship alongside us each week. Some serve on the Dream Team or lead Connect Groups. They are part of our church family—and when hardship comes, we have the opportunity to care for them in tangible ways.

We also honor the trust behind every gift. Our Benevolence Team follows established guidelines to steward these resources carefully and consistently. At times, that means we cannot provide financial assistance, even when a need is real, because the circumstances fall outside those guidelines.

Our vision continues: to be a church family that comes alongside one another in difficult times, sharing God's love through compassionate, practical care. Your generosity makes that possible.





A Steady Presence

Mark Cain
Associate Pastor

This year, Hope City launched the Spiritual Care Team with a simple but compelling vision: when people want an experienced, trained prayer partner, Hope City will be there. What began as a concept became a ministry through the pioneering spirit of a diverse, intergenerational group of people who shared a desire to see the spiritual atmosphere of our church flourish. Many are seasoned saints who bring years of faith, prayer, wisdom, and compassion; others stepped forward with fresh energy and a willingness to help build something new. Through training, prayer, and the faithful commitment of team members serving week after week, the vision became a reality—**a consistent, caring presence ready to listen, pray, encourage, and help people bring their hurts, needs, decisions, and hopes into the grace of God.**

We believe this is only the beginning. Every prayer offered, every burden shared, and every person who discovers that they do not have to walk through a difficult moment alone represents an opportunity for God's grace to take root and bear fruit. Our hope is to continue developing a culture in which prayer and spiritual care are woven into the life of Hope City—not simply as something we do inside our walls, but as something that shapes the way we love and serve our community.

Encounters with Jesus

Matt Leicht
Worship Director

When Hope City started, the goal of the worship team was to create an environment where people could come and encounter Jesus. Nearly ten years later, that is still the focal point of everything we do. From every song we sing to every passage of Scripture we read. But what has been incredible to watch is how our church's understanding of worship has grown over the years.

As we've experienced life together as a church—with all of its highs and lows, celebrations and difficult seasons—I believe **our worship has become deeper because our relationship with God has become deeper.**

The difference in our worship as a church today is that I see a room of people who have encountered Jesus. When I see our congregation worship, I see stories. Stories of God's faithfulness, God's redemption, God's grace, God's goodness. I see people whose worship is an outpouring of what God has done.

Leading worship is something I have always done throughout high school, college, and into adulthood. But, when I was asked to be the Worship Leader at Hope City, I was young and hadn't experienced many of the challenges that would come in my future. But as I've walked through life the last 10 years, God has matured me in my faith through life's challenges and joys.

And in many ways, I feel like I've watched that same transformation happen in our church. **We haven't just grown in how we worship; we've grown in why we worship and the depth in which we worship.** There is an intimacy with God in our church today that has been formed through the years of seeking Him together.







No One Walks Alone

Tess Conroy
Care Team Coordinator

The Care Team was born after Pastors Peter and Tiffany gave our Spring 2026 Connect group "homework" to visualize God's calling for our lives in the form of a picture. After months of prayer and reflection, I realized my picture represented our universal church calling: to care for one another. Thanks to Peter and Tiffany's leadership and support, this team became a reality.

Since its launch, our team of 19 volunteers has actively stepped into the pain of others to bear their burdens. So far, the team has cared for over 30 people at Hope City and has provided:

- Over 40 meals
- More than 10 hospital visits
- Countless check-in messages and phone calls

A church member recently shared his experience recovering from surgery:

> *"This team helped me from preparation through hospital stay and home recovery. I had people with me every step of the way. Because of their presence, I was able to walk with God more closely and never felt alone."*

Looking ahead into the upcoming year, **our vision is to expand our borders so that no one at Hope City has to walk through a dark valley in isolation.** We are anticipating a season of intentional growth, expanding our team's capacity to extend a farther reach into our community. This means training more volunteers, increasing our resources, and positioning ourselves to walk alongside even more people as they navigate life's hardest seasons. As Hope City grows, the Care Team will grow with it, ensuring that our church remains a sanctuary where pain is shared, burdens are lifted, and the tangible love of Jesus is felt by every individual we serve.







For the One

David Kingsley
Service Producer

At Hope City Church, we talk about being "For The One." I've never talked about this before, but I remember when I was "The One", back in early 2023. I was struggling through a dreadful period of existential angst brought on by several horrific events in the lives of others. During this period, I brought my son to Saturday Fun Day at Wilkinson Elementary School just to kill some time on an otherwise miserable weekend. He went to school there, and it was safe, so there we were. I stood on the sidelines with earbuds in, listening to an audiobook and hoping no one would try to speak to me. Other than a few short greetings, I was thankfully left on my own. I wasn't a follower of Jesus yet, and I didn't want to be. I was given space, but I wasn't ignored. Everyone from the church was kind; they didn't even complain when I drank all their coffee.

That's the prequel to the testimony I now share whenever I have the opportunity. A year later, I was at another Saturday Fun Day, standing in the same place (a bit closer to the crowd though), and as a two-week-old Christian I prayed a silly prayer, "Lord, we never win anything at these events, but if Leo wins something in the raffle today, I promise you we'll be at church tomorrow." I thought this was a safe bet, but moments later, Leo won a Bubble-Blaster. The following morning we walked into church for the first time, and legend has it, we never left.

I'm sharing this story because I want everyone to know that Saturday Fun Day isn't just a fun event where everyone from church gets to serve The One and feel good. It's something God uses to change lives, save souls from hell, and lead us to salvation in Him. Our Lord speaks to the lost through people like you at events like Saturday Fun Day, and I know this because it's one way He spoke to me.



Here.
There.
Eternity.

At Hope City, we point people to hope in Jesus and help them take their next step toward God and one another. Through Heart for the House, we have an opportunity to carry that mission further together.

This offering is an invitation to give above and beyond our regular tithes—to help more people experience the love of Jesus, strengthen ministries serving beyond our walls, and prepare for the generations who will come after us.

Our vision begins **HERE**, reaching and caring for people in Sarasota. It extends **THERE**, through partners serving our community and the world. And it looks toward **ETERNITY**, as we prepare a lasting church home and gospel presence for future generations.

When we each bring what God has placed in our hands, we can do more together. We invite you to be part of what He will do next.



Here.

Too many people in Sarasota are still searching for hope and a place to belong.

We want people to experience Hope City as a place where they are known, loved, and cared for. A name remembered. A meaningful conversation. Someone who walks alongside them as they take their next step toward Jesus.

Through Heart for the House, we can create more opportunities for those connections to happen.

Help people connect before they walk through our doors. Three new auditorium cameras will improve the video experience for people exploring Hope City online. A community mailer will introduce more of our neighbors to our church and invite them to experience it for themselves.

Give kids and students space to grow in their faith. Funding for Kids Camp will create dedicated time for children to hear about Jesus, ask questions, and build relationships with trusted leaders. Helping reduce the cost of Student Camp will make it more accessible to families, giving more students opportunities to respond to Jesus and form friendships that support their faith long after camp ends.

Make room for people to stay and connect. Tables, seating, and furnishings will help our building serve the relationships growing within it. Welcoming places to sit and talk, along with functional workspaces for ministry teams, support both hospitality and the everyday work of caring for people. Can you believe it? We've run out of seating on Sunday nights at Youth Group!

Together, we can help more neighbors discover Hope City, more families find community, and more people grow in their relationship with Jesus.



There.

Need doesn't stop at our doors—and neither should our generosity.

God has given us an opportunity to participate in work that reaches beyond what our church can do alone. Through trusted partners, our generosity can help feed a child, meet a family's practical needs, and support people carrying the gospel into their communities.

Heart for the House will help us take these tangible steps together:

- **Support relief and feeding efforts through Convoy of Hope,** helping provide care for children and families around the world.
- **Help Connect Caribbean Mission purchase a ministry vehicle** for its work in the Dominican Republic, providing transportation to carry out ministry.
- **Launch New Churches through the Association of Related Churches (ARC)** as we continue building a foundation for future missions generosity.
- **Support Mothers Helping Mothers and Prodigal Daughters House,** partnering in practical care that communicates dignity and helps people move forward with support.
- **Provide gift certificates through Revival Thrift Store,** allowing people facing need to choose items that will help them in their circumstances.

These partnerships connect our giving to people with real needs and ministries positioned to respond. Together, we can extend care beyond our own walls and participate in the work God is doing across our community and around the world.

Eternity.

The church of tomorrow requires us to prepare today.

We have moved, built, grown, and watched God provide. As we look ahead, we want to prepare a lasting home where future generations can encounter Jesus and find a church committed to walking alongside them.

We picture children growing up at Hope City and becoming the leaders who serve the next generation. Families finding support through every season of life. And a church that continues to bring the hope of Jesus to Sarasota for years to come.

Through Heart for the House, we can take practical steps toward that future. **Planning studies and dedicated staff time will help us explore options for a future church home, understand what is possible, and prepare wisely for the decisions ahead.**

Your generosity gives us room to do that groundwork while continuing to care for the people God has entrusted to us today.

Together, we can prepare a place for people we have yet to meet—where they can hear the gospel, find community, and build a faith they will pass on to others.



Take Your Next Step.

Partner with us through Heart for the House.



Our Heart For the House Year End Goal:

$133,000

We invite every person and household at Hope City to prayerfully consider a gift above and beyond their regular tithes and offerings. Each of us has different resources and circumstances, and each of us has a part to play.

1. Pray about your part.

Set aside time this week to ask, "God, what would You have me give?" If you're giving as a household, have that conversation together. Consider what a meaningful, generous response looks like for you in this season.

2. Choose your gift and make a plan.

Decide the amount you will give and when you will give it. You can make one gift or plan several gifts over the offering season. Write down your plan and put your giving dates on your calendar.

3. Give to Heart for the House.

Visit **HopeCitySRQ.com/give** and select **"Heart for the House"** from the fund menu. Enter your gift amount and complete your donation.

To give by check, make it payable to **Hope City Church**, write **"Heart for the House"** in the memo line, and mail it to:

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Sarasota, FL 34233

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Every gift matters because every person matters to God. Thank you for loving your church, believing in its mission, and helping more people experience the hope of Jesus.

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