

HOPE

FOR THE YEAR

2025



They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of
the Lord for the display of His splendor.

Isaiah 61:3

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Dear HOPE Friends,

Last year, in this letter, I spoke about our four V30 initiatives: REACH, GROW, PLANT, and GO. These efforts to pursue our mission by reaching families, growing leaders, planting churches, and going far and wide are coming to fruition in exciting ways. Our local and global reach is also growing significantly as we have the privilege of sharing Christ through partners in Richmond and around the world.


So it's interesting to me that, along with this growth over the last year, I have also read that people are losing interest in religion, faith, and the church. I understand the statistics, but at the level of the human heart, I don't believe it. Yes, I think it's possible that older cultural versions of faith are diminishing, but I am convinced that sincere and committed faith is growing. I am also convinced that human beings are hungry for God – if they can just find a safe place to explore and ask their questions. If we can be that kind of place, I feel confident that hungry hearts and souls are all around us. I saw this in the amazing baptism service we had in September, when 31 people were baptized! It was such a joyful night!

I hope that you are also aware that we are seeing something beautiful happening in our day. The younger generation among us, referred to as Gen Z, is expressing a hunger, sincerity, and devotion to Jesus that hasn't been seen in a long time. Barna Research has written a lot about this in its "State of the Church 2025." Some HOPERS in their late 50s and older have said to me that this reminds them of the spiritual hunger among teenagers and college students in the 1970s and 80s. This hunger is sincere and passionate and unpretentious. All things which bear authentic marks of the Holy Spirit. I'm very encouraged by this!

Okay, if you've read this far, you might also be thinking, "This is terrific, but we have a growth problem around here – is anyone thinking about it?" Yes! For the last year, we have had numerous teams working on plans to consider expansion. It's a tricky endeavor because adding to our campus is like working on a challenging jigsaw puzzle. But we are getting close with plans that our architects and staff have been working on through weekly meetings all year. Current drafts are for a phased approach in a long-range plan with plans for some scalable steps happening ASAP, starting in three to six months or so.

In closing, as you read through this report, I hope it makes you first want to pray and thank the Lord... that we get to be a part of what He's doing. When HOPE started 28 years ago, we frequently said, "The Best is Yet to Come." I still believe it.

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David".

mission + values

Offering experiences, relationships, and places where people can find life and purpose through Jesus Christ.



Love God

We value growing deeper in life through the teaching of Jesus, that we may be and make followers of Christ.



Love People

We value being a community where everyone feels welcome and finds a place to belong.



Live Authentically

We value living authentically in our relationships with others by encouraging sincerity and expressing God's grace.



Gather Intentionally

We value creating meaningful experiences to help our community grow in faith.



Overflow Generosity

We value sharing the gifts and resources we've received to serve God, our community, and the world.





kids

Hope Kids provides spaces and experiences for infants through 5th graders that help lay the foundation of their faith. On Sunday mornings, the team partners with parents and volunteers to instill fundamental truths about God in the lives of each child. Throughout the year, Hope Kids hosts reach events that serve as an entry point for new families to connect with HOPE and learn about life and purpose in Jesus Christ.

105+
volunteers served
in Hope Kids each
Sunday

400
kids plugged
into Hope Kids
each Sunday





1,200
people attended
Springle Jam



1,700
people attended
Jingle Jam

Over 1,700 people joined us for Fall Fest – one of our biggest reach events of the year! Reach events like Fall Fest, Springle Jam, and Jingle Jam offer new families an easy entry point into life at HOPE and memories for a lifetime.



students

Student ministry at HOPE is focused on raising up the next generation of believers and leaders in a post-religious culture that is largely devoid of the Gospel. Through a model of discipleship and small groups, Hope Students offers 6th-12th graders relationships and places where they feel known and loved by adult leaders who care about them and want them to grow in Christ.



457

unique students
attended monthly

135

adult
volunteers

284

new students
in 2025

300

students attended
Winter Weekend



special needs

At HOPE, we believe every person is created in the image of God with infinite value, purpose, and potential. Our Special Needs Ministry exists to ensure that children, students, and adults of all abilities can fully belong, grow in faith, and experience the love of Jesus in a community that sees and celebrates them.



10-15

**young adults
gathering on
weekly basis**

40

**adults
gathering
monthly**

15

**kids supported
across Sunday
services**





college + young adults

Through large group gatherings, socials, small groups, and more, these ministries continue to build relationships and disciple the college-aged and young adult communities in Richmond.



175
college
students

300
young
adults

an impact beyond campus



“A student from Randolph-Macon has been coming to our college small group for the past few weeks, and one week, he came to Sunday morning church for the first time. He and some friends were sitting in the row behind me. After the service, I turned around to talk to them, and he looked a little red in the eyes, but he was smiling. His first words to me were, ‘I’ve never experienced anything like that before.’

It almost caught me off guard because I’m so used to statements like that coming from a student at Winter Weekend, or Passion Conference, or a worship night. It was just an incredibly sweet reminder that it’s not just in the huge camp moments or special worship nights where Jesus meets us.



On what felt like a normal Sunday for me, God did something new and unique in him, and I’m so grateful that new college students are seeing the heart of Christ in this place. This college student’s soul has been hungry for Jesus for a long time, and on a normal Sunday, I think his soul caught a glimpse of what it’s been longing for.”

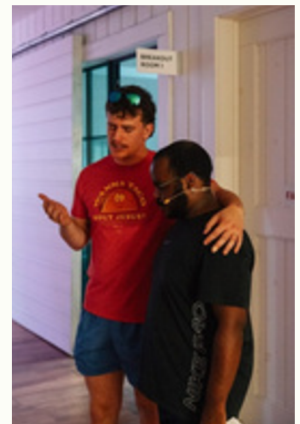


grow leaders

We seek to raise up the next generation of church leaders through discipleship, internships, and our HCML resident program.

This summer, we welcomed 30 interns to campus, who came alongside us across multiple ministries.

The Hope Center for Missional Leadership (HCML) expanded this year to include four residents across missional, students, college + young adults, and pastoral ministries.



30

**summer
interns**

4

**HCML
residents**

12

**former interns in
vocational ministry**

HCML commissioned Isaac Nunn as its first graduate resident. He has now transitioned into the permanent role of Generations Worship Leader at HOPE, reflecting the program's commitment to developing and launching leaders into their ongoing ministry calling.



highlights



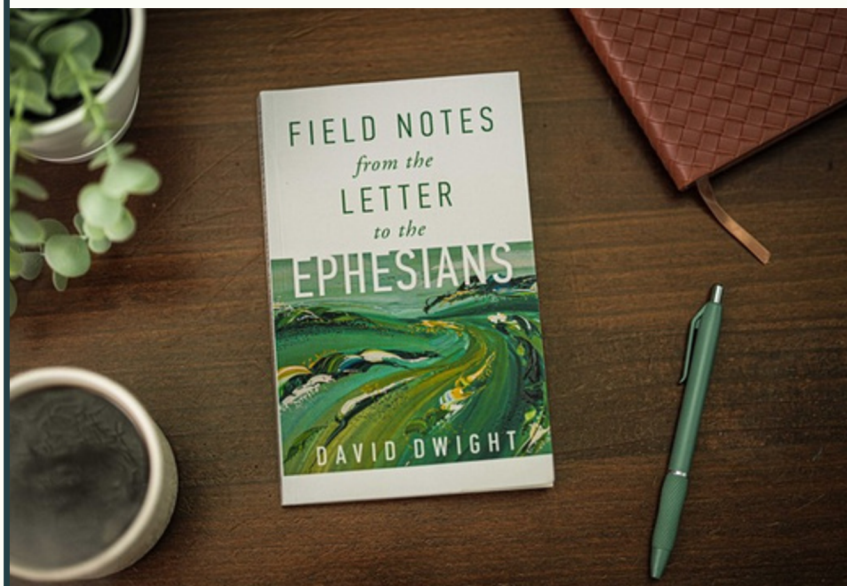
Hope Worship recorded a music video covering “The Wonderful Blood” by Tiffany Hudson.

You can watch on YouTube!



[FindLife]

Find Life Media published its second title, “Field Notes from the Letter to the Ephesians,” by Senior Pastor David Dwight, in October 2025. We celebrated with a book launch and signing!



164

new members

In August, 150+ people began attending our brand new evening service at 4:30pm!



outreach

2,000

pounds of food
donated

53

local + global
partners



14%

of HOPE's total budget
supports missional
work, including church
planting and outreach

250+

people served at
HOPE Goes events

giving

\$7,700

gift card donations to
local ministries

\$232,208

donated to Global
Crisis Response fund

20

countries
supported



7

outreach trips

going

In response to God's call to love, serve, and reach the world, we seek to help communities flourish through local and global partnerships, give + go initiatives, outreach trips, and more.

discipleship

At HOPE, we value gathering intentionally because God created us to live in relationship with Him and with others. Through small groups and classes, we have the opportunity to come alongside each other, ask questions, and grow in faith together.



9
classes

623
class participants

112
couples attended
Book on Love

1,104
people in small
groups

160
group leaders

97
active
small groups





serve

You become part of the mission when you become a part of the team. Over 2,000 people have joined in the mission with HOPE through serving. Whether serving in Hope Kids on a Sunday morning, caring for people facing a need, or serving coffee in Hope Café, our people carry the heartbeat of HOPE – helping people find life and purpose through Jesus Christ.

This year's All Volunteer Gathering brought together over 325 dedicated individuals from every volunteer team for a powerful time of equipping, encouragement, and celebration. Through worship, Gospel-centered teaching, tailored breakout sessions, and shared meals, our volunteers were refreshed in community and renewed in purpose – ready to serve with joy and passion in the year ahead.

2,371
volunteers
served at HOPE

116
new volunteers
in last six months

30
volunteer teams



thrift + café

“People first, retail second.” This is the heart posture that drives HOPE’s retail ministry staff and volunteers. Our teams get to know Hope Thrift shoppers and Hope Café patrons, offering a listening ear, a connection, and often a prayer. Even in the midst of our most financially successful year ever, the team’s greatest achievement will always be our ministry to people.

\$2 million+

**in cumulative sales
revenue at Hope Thrift**

**Hope Thrift partnered with Thrive
and Into the Neighborhood to
provide curated outfits for
women in recovery at the
“Clothed in Hope” event.**





community

At HOPE, we walk closely with individuals and families through some of life's most significant moments. Whether someone is navigating hardship, celebrating new life, or honoring the life of a loved one, we seek to offer compassionate presence and meaningful next steps.

Through our Care Ministry Triage Team, those facing difficulty are connected with helpful resources as well as ordained elders and deacons who provide prayer and spiritual support. We also come alongside families in seasons of loss, offering memorial services that honor their loved ones and point to the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And in moments of joyful commitment, we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, an outward expression of the inward transformation found in Christ, through monthly infant baptisms and dedications, as well as quarterly baptism and worship nights for individuals taking this step of faith.

98

**believers
baptized**

27

**infants
baptized**



stewardship

HOPE is grateful for the generosity of our givers that allows the ministries of Hope Church, as well as our regional and global partners, to continue to grow and thrive.

For more information about giving to HOPE, email stewardship@hopecentral.com.

finances

	FY25	FY25	FY26
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Regular Contributions	\$6,640,704	\$7,217,280	\$7,543,199
Retail Revenue	\$1,836,900	\$2,065,725	\$2,058,000
Other Income*	\$85,000	\$122,201	\$163,532
Revenues	\$8,562,604	\$9,405,206	\$9,764,731
Core Operating	\$3,328,745	\$3,442,115	\$3,964,404
Debt Service	\$150,213	\$150,213	\$150,213
Salaries / Personnel	\$5,050,303	\$5,191,729	\$5,650,114
Expenses	\$8,529,261	\$7,173,419	\$9,764,732
Net	\$33,343	\$621,149	\$0

*Other Income includes interest, building use fees collected from outside groups, and credit card rebates. Budget figures for FY26 reflect Hope Church + Retail Ministries.

As of August 31, 2025:

Account Balances: \$2,732,741

Debt Balance: \$429,022 (3.75% fixed rate, loan will mature in February 2028)

\$475,000+

**of our contributions
were gifts of stock**

If you have questions about making a gift from your brokerage or retirement accounts, please email stewardship@hopecentral.com

**By choosing ACH over
credit cards, givers
enabled HOPE to direct
an additional**

\$43,290.91

**towards Kingdom-
expanding ministry work**



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connected**

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