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***What do you tell your friends
about Community of Hope?***

“Very friendly, very laid back”

"It's the fastest 90 minutes ever."

“Warm. Welcome. People who love each other. Spirit-filled. Scripture-based.”

“It is group of practicing Christians who care about one another more deeply than most churches. It is dedicated to providing support in a Christian life for people of all ages. It is about strength in fellowship through the power of Christ.”

“I tell them that it is a church service where the focus is on our relationship with Jesus and personal worship of Him rather than a feel-good experience with happy music ...and a place where God's Word is spoken... That it is a life-giving church.”

“Non-judgmental. Alive. Real.”

“My church is awesome -- worth a long drive. You should check it out!”

“It is like no other church that I have been to before. It is a place where I feel welcome, loved , unjudged, and at peace. All in all, it is like going to a home - a story book home - full of love and happiness.”

“I tell people about the church and hand them a card that was made for distribution. I say, ‘Come on - see what's happening at my church!’”

“I am totally in love with the Pastor,
and have been for the last 23 years!”

- Gretchen

The Vision

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Community of Hope is a people who have found and are finding life, hope and purpose in Christ through the Gospel. This Gospel challenges our culture and creates changed people and new communities committed to living differently. At Community of Hope we see people loving one another...

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...who couldn't have gotten along without the healing power of the gospel. We joyfully invite every person to faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to sacrificially serving our neighbors whether they believe as we do or not. We believe in using our gifts and resources for the needs of others, especially the poor and the mistreated.

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Finding Life

1 Peter 2:2-3 “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

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Philippians 2:12-13 “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

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Ephesians 4:15-16 “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

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I am saved,

I am being saved,

I will be saved

You have not arrived

I have not arrived

Jim has not arrived

Owen has not arrived

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What I love about Community of Hope?

Jim
Betty

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I was blessed by a phone call I received the other day.

“How can I better help people who are hurting?”

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Codependence – You need me and I
need you to need me.

Intrdependence – one hand to God one
hand to each other.

We are not connecting people to
ourselves but to Christ.

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I dream of a church full
Intradependence

People are encouraged to cling to
scripture and hold each other up

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Gospel challenges our culture and
creates changed people

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Sex

I am
POWERFUL

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The culture says \$
is our true security,
but God is the only
true security

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Jesus emptied
himself of his glory.
Though he was rich,
he became poor.

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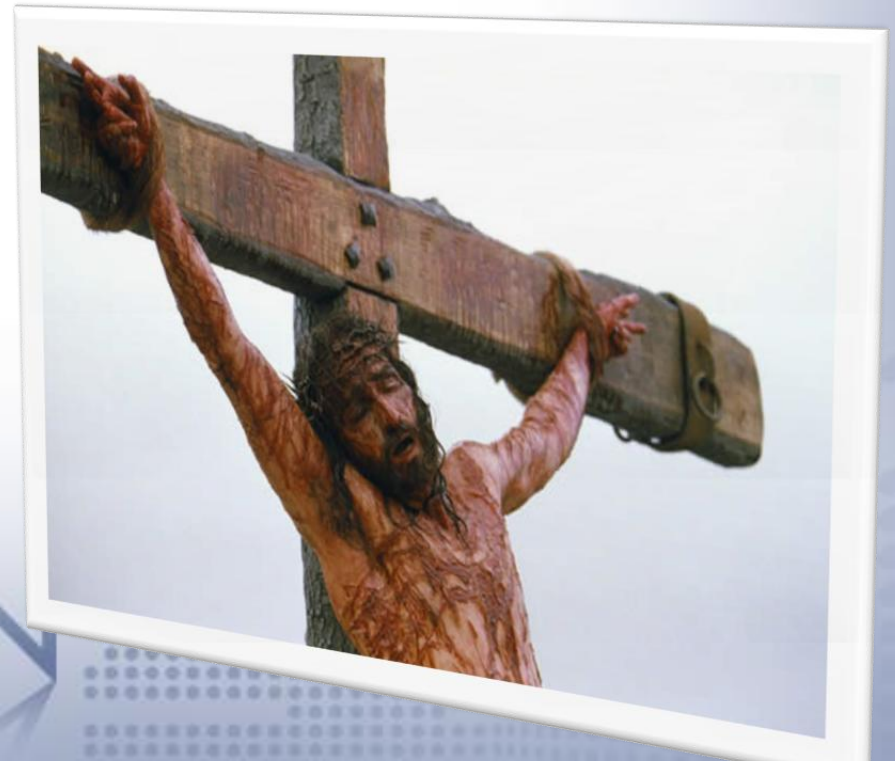


Our culture sees sex as purely biological and physical -- or it tends to see it sex as dirty or sinful.

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Sexuality is to reflect the self-giving of Christ. He gave himself completely without conditions. So, we are not to seek intimacy but hold back control of our lives.



Divine Marriage Complementary



I am
POWERFUL

Culture says,
“I am powerful –
you serve me.”

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I am
POWERFUL

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Though he was a king, he served. Though he was the greatest, he made himself the servant of all. He triumphed over sin not by taking up power but by sacrificial service. He 'won' through losing everything.

This Gospel ...creates changed people and new communities committed to living differently. At Community of Hope we see people loving one another who couldn't have gotten along without the healing power of the gospel.

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Community - Common unity
around a shared experience.

We were tight
We really bonded

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- High School
- College
- Wrestling team
- AA
- Abuse
- War

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The greater the experience the
deeper the bond



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Ephesians 2:4-5 “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

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...and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus...

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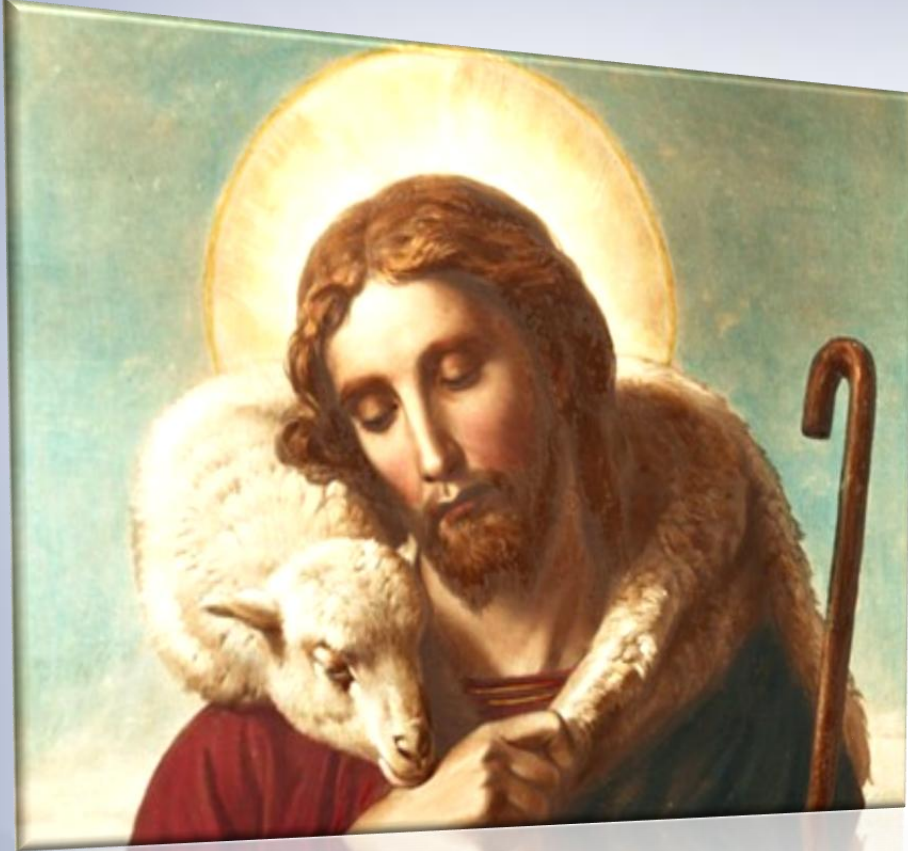


...For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Common Experience



John 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

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This common experience creates a
deeply bonded community

*(If it doesn't, you need to ask yourself,
"How deep is my experience of being
brought from death to life?")*

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I dream of a church where we many gather around the Bible in twos and threes or more bound by a common experience and common Holy Spirit.

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What kind of church do you want?

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