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**Sharing the Vision
Enjoying the Blessing**

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OUR VISION

to

Saturate the region

and beyond

with

vibrant

Christianity



OUR VALUES

Lively worship

- in the freedom of the Holy Spirit

Clear Bible teaching

- applied to our lives

The supernatural gifts

- gifts of the Holy Spirit operating through the fellowship
and from us to the world around us

Praying for healing

- praying for physical, emotional and spiritual healing as
witnessed by the early church

A unified body of Christ

- through love - filled relationships

Spreading the Gospel

- taking the good news of the Kingdom of God throughout
the world



OUR BELIEFS

We are Evangelical and Charismatic in our Beliefs

A full statement of our beliefs

The authority of Scripture

We believe that the Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God. We believe that the original manuscripts are the divinely inspired, inerrant, the true and the trustworthy Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of human beings, and the supreme and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct.

God

We believe in the one true God, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent, creator, saviour, sustainer, judge and ruler of all things, infinitely perfect, holy, loving, and eternally co-existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal.



OUR BELIEFS

A full statement of our beliefs *(continued)*

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, the creator, who is an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He mercifully concerns Himself in the affairs of mankind; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and God and that He is God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, born without stain of sin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, infallibly taught, lived and is the Word of God from the beginning. As God the Son, He eternally existed without beginning in the Godhead. He freely gave up His position, humbled Himself, and became incarnate as a perfect, sinless man, truly divine, truly human yet one person. We believe Jesus Christ, the crucified Messiah, the resurrected and ascended Lord is the only mediator between God and mankind, and will one day return to judge the world.

The Atonement

We believe in the penal substitutionary death of Jesus Christ, defeating evil, dying in our place, paying the price for the atonement of our sins and sickness. His substitutionary death and His bodily resurrection provide the only ground for justification, forgiveness, salvation, and reconciliation with God for all who believe that He is the Son of God.



OUR BELIEFS

A full statement of our beliefs *(continued)*

Christ's Resurrection

We believe that Jesus Christ was bodily resurrected from the dead that He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God. Christ's resurrection is the firstfruits' promise of the resurrection into eternity for all who believe in Him.

Christ's Ascension

We believe in Christ's bodily ascension to the Father, where He lives forever to make intercession for us. When Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, He gave gifts to mankind, some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4). These ministry gifts are to mature and unify His people, help His people grow in intimacy with the Father and in the service of others, and advance His Kingdom.

Original Sin

We believe that human nature derives from two historic persons, male and female, who were created in God's image from the dust of the earth, without the knowledge of good and evil. They were created perfect, but they sinned, thus plunging themselves and all humanity into sin, guilt, suffering, and death. Therefore all human beings are sinners by nature, as well as by choice. We believe that God, through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit, regenerates those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.



OUR BELIEFS

A full statement of our beliefs *(continued)*

Salvation

We believe that Salvation is a gift which comes solely by the grace of God through faith alone in Christ. By accepting and confessing Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God and only Saviour, repenting of sin, asking Christ to forgive our sins and by inviting Him to live within us, Salvation is applied.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit which is often experienced subsequent to the new birth. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, or the infilling of the Holy Spirit, as it is poured out upon the believer, empowers, strengthens, comforts, and is usually accompanied by the manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (i.e. knowledge, wisdom, discernment of spirits, miracles, faith, healing, prophecy, tongues , interpretation of tongues) in the believer's life. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit endues and transforms the believer to increasingly take on more of the nature of Christ.



OUR BELIEFS

A full statement of our beliefs *(continued)*

Church

We believe that there is one true universal Church comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and have been united with Christ becoming members of His Body. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, fellowship, the teaching of the Word and serving one another, reaching the world with the Gospel and being a tool in the hands of God for extending the Kingdom on God.

We observe Baptism and Communion as the ordinances established by Jesus Christ. Under supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

The Church is first and foremost an organism, not an organisation. It is the living Body of Christ, Christ's Bride, working towards the return of Christ.

Water Baptism

We believe Baptism of believers is a sign of the Gospel, given by Christ Himself. Baptism speaks of God's grace towards a sinner in offering forgiveness and a new birth through Christ's death and it also symbolises the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.



OUR BELIEFS

A full statement of our beliefs *(continued)*

Holy Communion

We believe Communion is a continual remembrance of Christ's death and the benefits we receive from His dying on the Cross for us. Our faith is nourished and strengthened as we look back to the Cross of our salvation, as we enjoy fellowship with our risen Saviour and His people, and as we proclaim His death until He comes again.

The bread and the wine symbolise Christ's Body broken and His Blood shed for us.

The second coming

We believe in the literal, physical, personal, and visible return of Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His Kingdom in its finality and fullness.

We believe in the resurrection of all people for the final judgement, bringing eternal blessing to the redeemed in a literal heaven, as well as endless suffering and eternal condemnation for the wicked in a literal hell.

Only those who have Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and are born of the Holy Spirit are members of the Body of Christ and will spend eternity with Christ.



OUR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Clifford and Ruth Taylor

form the Senior Leadership Team.

Trustees

Hope fellowship is administered by a Board of Trustees. They also form part of the Spiritual Leadership. The Trustees are governed by the requirements of the Hope Fellowship Trust Deed. The Hope Fellowship Trust Deed has been approved by the Inland Revenue for Charitable purposes. The Trustees of Hope Fellowship are responsible for the management and administration of Hope Fellowship's property and funds in accordance with provisions of the Trust Deed and of General Law.

At present the Trustees are:

Clifford Taylor (*Chairman*)

Lorraine Anderson (*Secretary*)

Caroline Patterson (*Treasurer*)

Nevin Anderson

Ruth Taylor

From time to time more can be added.

For further information on how we are governed we warmly invite you to read the Hope Fellowship Trust Deed Document, obtainable from any of the Trustees.

Open to God's leading

You will find Hope Fellowship is an open and free fellowship. There is no voting. Believers are encouraged to receive and give prophetic words from the Lord according to biblical principles.



OUR FINANCIAL GIVING

Money is needed to saturate the region and beyond with vibrant Christianity. Giving is a sowing into the Kingdom of God.

We give out of love for God and in gratefulness for all He has done for us. We give because we desire to see God's work thrive and prosper. We give because we care. We give because we believe the Gospel is the power of God bringing salvation.

At Hope Fellowship giving is a joy-filled experience. It is a deep spiritual act of worship.

We do not look upon giving as a legalistic law for partners but as a spiritual grace that lovingly develops in us through the influence of the Holy Spirit in accordance with biblical principles.



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Hope Fellowship is a member of the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) and operates a Child Protection Policy in accordance with Government and CCPAS guidelines.

Copies of the Child Protection Policy can be obtained from any of the Trustees.



BECOMING A PARTNER

Hope Fellowship is an open fellowship and everyone is free to visit or attend.

Like-minded believers may join fully in the worship and activities of the Fellowship.

There is no obligation to become a Partner but having experienced the life, nature, ethos and practices of the Fellowship people may wish to make a fuller commitment.

Partners at Hope Fellowship believe in and are committed to the vision, values, beliefs, practices and structure of the Fellowship.

Those who wish to become Partners should consult the senior leaders.

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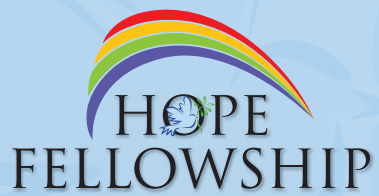
devoted to the apostles' teaching
devoted to the fellowship
devoted to the breaking of bread
devoted to prayer

Acts 2:42-43

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

*Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and
miraculous signs were done by the apostles. NIV*

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