

Mission and Vision

Our Vision

City of Hope envisions a world where every individual, regardless of their background, finds spiritual and emotional healing and wholeness.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide the help people need, share all we can, and impart the knowledge we have, all in the pursuit of inspiring hope.

Foundational Scripture

Colossians 1: 27 HCSB

"God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**."

Darick and Stephanie Rutley

- Married for 21 years
- Four children (Madisen, Taylor, Morgan, and Darick Jr.)
- Have served in every capacity in the church (usher/greeter, sound technician, nurse, board member, finance committee, youth ministry, marriage ministry, musician, choir, praise team, Associate Pastor and more.
- Pastoral Installation December 28, 2014 Pontiac, MI
 - a. Burned church mortgage
 - b. Organized Building Revitalization Projects
 - c. Updated and regulated church corporate books
 - d. Established Community Development Corporation
 - i. Free Community Baby Showers
 - ii. Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program

Darick L. Rutley, Sr.

- Ordained /Licensed Minister
- Associate Pastor (2008 2014)
- Senior Pastor (2014-2020)
- Certified Carpenter
- Licensed Residential Builder/Contractor

- Recording Artist/Worship Leader
- Professor Adjunct Houston Community College
- Currently Pursuing Bachelor of Arts in Religion Apologetics (Liberty University – Lynchburg, VA)
- Northern District Council (Michigan) Pentecostal Assemblies of the World State Minister of Music

Founded

- 2008 Established United Youth in Christ Community Youth Organization
- 2013 Established Praise & Worship Symposium Praise & Worship Conference
- 2015 Established Berea Care Community Developments Corporation

Why Are We Starting a Church?

Over the last 25 years over 40 million people have left "the church". People have said "I believe in God, but I no longer believe in Church". Many people have been deterred from the establishment of the church, but we believe we have been called to restore "HOPE" of the church back into people by giving them a model of the church that's worthy to be followed! The church is not a building made of brick and mortar, but a body of believers that fellowship and come together for encouragement, enlightenment, resources, and guidance concerning the word of the Lord. We believe that we are called to lead people, teach people, love people, and restore people. Once people have been restored, it is our aim to make disciples out of the converted!

"……… and when thou are converted, strengthen the brethren." -Luke 22:32

What Will We Build?

"The Hope Experience"

- Effective and powerful worship
- Encouragement
- A word that includes information, revelation, and motivation (Message of Hope)

What is the end goal of "The Hope Experience"?

- Create disciples for Christ
- Create a thirst for God's presence
- Create spiritual disciplines for everyday life

We are building a church that knows how to function in both "<u>structure</u>" and "<u>sensitivity</u>". We will be structured enough to do things in excellence, yet sensitive enough to know when to move out of God's way!

Children/Youth

We will be known as a church that has a reputation for investing into children/youth. We believe that our young people must have a sense of

ownership in our church. It's important that they have programing, budgets for events, and active roles in the church on their level.

Vision

- *a.* City of Hope will always have a "current vision". Whenever we reach a goal, there must always be a "Next Steps". *Where there is no vison, the people perish* -Proverbs 29:18
- a. Foreign Missions
- b. Affordable Housing
- c. Feeding the Hungry
- d. Praise & Worship Conference
- e. Marriage Retreats
- f. Youth Retreats
- g. Holiday Adopt-A-Home
- h. College Scholarships
- i. Senior Support Services
- j. And more

Music

City of Hope will be a church that will display spiritual and skillful excellence in the music arts! We will nurture a culture that will birth original as well as traditional Christian/Gospel music. We will host an annual praise & worship conference (Praise & Worship Symposium) that is geared towards teaching and demonstrating what God wants from his creation: Praise & Worship! This conference will teach the role of praise and worship in corporate worship and in the life of the believer.

How Will We Do This

We will build the vision with the help of ministry partners and members/volunteers who are passionate about serving. We are not looking for perfect people, but people who care about the well-being of all people.

Current Potential Partners:

- b. 1. Fondren SDA (Missouri City)
- c. 2. Westlake Christian Academy (Richmond/Katy)
- d. 3. College of Biblical Studies (Houston)
- e. 4. Current Christian Church (Katy)
- f. 5. Mt. Calvary MBC (Houston)

Where Will We Do This?

The metro Houston, TX Area. We want to embody the motto: "We're bringing hope to you!" The idea would be to establish a location to hold a service, bible study, or small group in various areas around the metro Houston area. Our goal is to establish at least four (4) locations for starters.

Who Do We Need to Accomplish This?

YOU!!!

- We are looking for people who are:
- Skilled
 - a. Social media/marketing
 - b. Children's/Youth Ministry
 - c. Administration
 - d. Singing
- Dedicated
- Love People
- Hungary for the Word of God
- Want to grow
- Want to be a part of something great