

## YODER



8+ YEARS

We've attended Hope for eight and a half years

The first services we attended were part of a Christmas sermon series on having a simple Christmas. This series really resonated with us and how we hoped to raise our future kids. The preaching was Bible-based, yet very applicable.

We're on the leadership team for the Cultivate community. We occasionally serve with community outreach. Our kids serve as greeters. Hannah serves with the Women's Ministry as a group leader and event leader.

The community of people that we've connected with at Hope (primarily the Cultivate community group) have given us

brothers/sisters in Christ to grow with as we all work through the same issues and pursue Jesus in the same stage of life. We've also benefited from several mentors who have spoken truth and wisdom into our lives.

We consistently feel challenged by Pastor Stephen's sermons, whether it be in relation to our marriage, parenthood, or our everyday walk with Christ. The gathering time has helped reinforce that the Bible is LIFE and SPIRIT, and equips us for the week ahead.

The Kids' Ministry has lovingly partnered with us in cultivating a love for God and the Bible in our children. They never fail to be entertained, but even more so, leave with a better understanding of their cornerstone to which their lives are built on.

We have appreciated the authenticity and vulnerability that the leadership team at Hope displays. On numerous occasions they have shared personal struggles and sinful tendencies, while still bringing glory to God in the grace that they have received through these. This has inspired us to be honest and open in our own struggles and to have confidence in the grace we so lovingly are given through Jesus Christ.

Hope Church encourages its members to love God and others above all, but in a way that is cautious and without conforming to the patterns of the world. Hope's members strive earnestly to pursue those outside the faith/Hope while also standing firm in the truth with our brothers and sisters inside the faith/Hope. We like that Hope doesn't do much to attract people beyond advertising a community of devoted Christ-followers and offering a relationship with God himself through Jesus.