

# Antioch COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Greetings Hope Community Church!

It has been a little over seven years since Hope Community first opened its doors for public worship in the Minnewaska Area. How time flies! From the beginning, the vision and mission of Hope was always to guide as many people as possible to become worshippers of God through faith in Jesus Christ. It is personally exciting to hear of your recent plans to multiply into two locations in order to engage more lost people in Pope County with the saving message of the gospel! I'm humbled, knowing that the success of Hope is due to God's power and grace alone.

I feel privileged to have served as your pastor for the first four years of Hope's existence. Those years hold a very special place in my heart. God showed his faithfulness and grace time after time during our season with you. Having been sent out from Hope Community for the mission of church planting in Minneapolis is something I am also grateful for. I could not imagine a better sending church family!

At Antioch Community Church in NE Minneapolis we are approaching our one-year anniversary this October...hard to believe! God is at work in my life, the life of this new church, and in the city of Minneapolis. Our desire at Antioch is to help *ignite a movement of the gospel throughout the Twin Cities and beyond*. We are seeing lives changed by Jesus through small groups, mentoring relationships, leadership development, and many other aspects of disciple-making. I personally love investing in our leadership team and our two ministry interns, whom we are training for pastoral ministry and potentially church planting. Though we are a new church, we have already begun to dream and strategize where our first church plant out of Antioch could be in the city.

I am looking forward with anticipation to this coming ministry year at Antioch. We plan to continue to cultivate relationships with lost people, connect new people to community groups and multiply those groups, empower people for service and ministry within and outside ACC, and move regular attendees toward greater commitment to God's mission through the church. In September we have our first annual Antioch Fall Retreat at Camp Shamineau! In the next few months please pray with us for...

- 1) Growth and multiplication of new and existing Community Groups
- 2) Lost people to come to follow Jesus through the witness of people within ACC.
- 3) New people to become committed and connected to our church family
- 4) The planning process as we approach this year
- 5) God's continued financial provision for ACC. Jamie Buchanan (Pastor of Community) and myself are currently working to raise financial support.

Your partnership as a church with us at Antioch is something we are extremely grateful for. Your prayer and financial support is making possible the greater progress of the gospel in Minneapolis. On behalf of our entire congregation I would like to say thank you. I look forward to the continued partnership between Hope and Antioch, and most of all to the many people that will experience salvation in Jesus through our like-minded gospel mission. God bless.

Together in the Mission,

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