

THE LOOP

WORSHIP
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FIRST TIME HERE?

WELCOME! We are always happy to meet new friends!

It is our sincerest hope that you will feel welcome here and come back soon!

THE HOPE COMMONS APP

Make sure to download the Hope Commons App! It includes: the Live Webcast, podcasts, a digital copy of this Loop and more!



GUEST WIRELESS

Look for: "Guest of Hope Commons" network. No password required!

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Car Washes for Camp

Saturdays, May 28 & June 11, 9AM to 12PM

Let's send some kids to camp! We have camps for kids going into grades 2 to grads this summer! Buy a ticket for \$10 in the lobby or just swing in with a vehicle on one of these Saturdays.

Memorial Day Picnic

May 30, 10AM @ Wildwood Park

Every year on Memorial Day we throw a huge picnic for our church family - it's a blast! We eat together, some people bring board games, and there's always a big family kickball game. This is a great way to connect and meet people that attend a different service. We will provide the hotdogs and water - you bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Youth Volunteer Meeting

June 12, 1PM, FMC

If you are a teen in Youth Group who volunteers on Sundays, join Pastor Sam and Chanel on June 12 at 1PM in the FMC. We will have lunch and go over a brief training for youth who volunteer in the Kids Zone.

Pre-Register for High School And Junior High Camp

The Pre-Registration deadline is approaching soon! Go to SacramentoCamps.org to register now before prices go up!



PASTOR RON ZIMMER

Teaching Pastor & Coffee Expert

Ron has been the lead teaching pastor for East Ave Church since 2002.

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PASTOR ANDY SHOEMAKER

Teaching Pastor & Media Guru

Andy is one of our teaching pastors and also keeps the tech stuff running.

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PASTOR SAM WOOD

Family Life Pastor

Sam heads up our adult small groups program, leads youth group, and he and Harmony lead Serenity, a 12-step recovery ministry.

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WORSHIP

We fulfill our purpose as we learn to worship God, both corporately & privately.

Worship is not a style of music, a way to dress, or even an event to attend. It is a way of life! We worship with our life when we bring glory and honor to God. We meet together on the weekends to remind ourselves what we are to live like the rest of the week!

Baptism A Public Statement of Faith

Baptism is a tradition that dates back long before the New Testament begins. By the time we meet John the Baptist in Matthew 3, baptism has become a public statement of a life dedicated to the Kingdom of God through confession and repentance.

Baptism is an outward expression of something that happens inside us. When we say "Yes" to Jesus, we move from the Kingdom of Me to the Kingdom of God! In the language of the New Testament, we go from death to life!

Interested in knowing more? Ask at the lobby's Welcome Center!



Giving at Hope Commons Why We Give

We believe we should live generously in this world while first taking care to fund the Kingdom ministry of the local

church. This place thrives by the faithful giving of the people that sit in these pews!

Ways to Give

When you are ready to give, we have several different ways to go about doing that!

The Plate: On hiatus right now!

The Box: There's a security box on the back walls of the sanctuary and patio.

The Mail: Many people send a recurring check using their bank's bill pay feature.

The Web: Go to our website and find the "Give" link or use the link in the East Ave Church app.

Text-to-Give: Text the dollar amount of your tithe or offering to 84321 (as if that were a phone number). You can also designate a specific fund by including a keyword in your text, like "food" or "camp".

Faithful as You Intend to Be

Life gets busy! Finding a way to automate your giving is a great way to stay faithful with giving. Whether you use your bank's recurring bill pay system or online at our website, you can set monthly, bi-monthly, bi-weekly or weekly gifts to fulfill your intentions!

**3 WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**
Saturday 6PM
Sunday 9AM & 11AM
We Live Stream the 11AM service! Now you never have to miss weekend worship no matter your schedule!

CONNECT

Our relationship with God is shaped by the company we purposefully keep.

Here are ways to stay connected at Hope Commons Church!



KIDS ZONE we work hard at creating a safe and fun environment for your child – one that grows their minds and instills in them a love for Jesus and a passion for His word! Our Sunday morning program is available for children 2 months through 5th Grade.

Connect Youth

Every Wednesday, 6:30PM to 8PM

Our midweek youth group is high energy and fun for students grades 6 through high school! We play whacky games, sing songs together, learn together and pray together. Join us any week! You can find us at 6:30PM doing checkin on

the back patio down the left side of the building.



Our Weekly Small Groups

We have many adult small groups that meet for sessions of 10 weeks at a time. New Life Lab sessions, with childcare, started up the week of April 25. We also introduced Life Labs for kids grades K-5!

First Saturday Dinners

Next: June 4 @ 5PM

The Saturday night worship crowd gets together every first Saturday of the month for dinner before church. You don't have to regularly attend Saturdays to come hang out!



KIDS ZONE



YOUTH GROUP



LIFE LABS



UPCOMING EVENTS



Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays, 8:15AM to 9AM

Are you in grades 6-12? Well, come join Pastor Sam for our new Wednesday Morning Bible Study! It will be a fun-filled morning focused on fellowship, learning how to navigate your Bible, and, of course, eating donuts! It will be held in Sam's office. And as an added bonus, drop-off to PV High School and Bidwell Jr. High will be provided!



MONDAYS BIG MEETING @ 6PM

**SMALL GROUPS @
6:30PM**

Serenity is a 12-Step, Jesus Centered approach to recovery.

We offer support, strength, and opportunities for spiritual growth to those suffering from: addiction, compulsion, disease, hurt, hang-up, or weakness. For

information, please write "Serenity" on your Connection Card and drop it in the offering box.

Big Meeting

Every week, we spend time together as a large group worshiping, sharing testimonies, and hearing devotionals that keep us focused on our recovery.

Small Groups

After the Big Meeting, we break into smaller, gender-specific groups, so we can share our week's experiences and seek prayer from each other. We help strengthen those around us by sharing the load together.

Chip Night/Birthday!

The last Monday of every month we celebrate those individuals who have achieved some time in recovery - from 24 hours to 32 years - Recovery Happens One Day At A Time!

Wednesday Night Prayer

Every Wednesday 7PM in the Sanctuary

Every week we gather for prayer in the sanctuary with Choir Tennin. Whether you want to be prayed for, or just want to pray with folks, come on in!

Kids Mission Books

The Church of the Nazarene publishes books for kids that talk about missions work around the world. The Kids Zone is giving out Swag Bucks for each book read! Encourage your kids to read them! Find Katie Guild for details!

Hope Commons Flickr

As you know, we constantly take pictures of events so we can talk about them later! Ever wonder what happens to the photos that don't hit The Loop or Facebook? We have started populating a Flickr page full of your delightful faces! Check it out and give us a follow!

Find us at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hopecommons>



Chico Love Works

Saturday, June 4, 9AM

We have all seen the trash all over town and we are motivated to do something about it! We are going out to chat with folks living outside, and helping haul out trash out of these public spaces. Bring some gloves, we will provide the contractor bags. Let's be good to everyone!

Word is, much of the trash is from folks who have moved on. The service we provide is good for the whole of our community, including those who are still living in these encampments.

Want more info? Go to ChicoLoveWorks.com

Congrats Class of 2022!

Hey! If you are graduating from high school, college or a graduate program (or know someone who is), we would like to celebrate with you! Please mark your Connection Card or email natalie@hopecommons.church for more information!



CHANEL YOUNG

Kids Zone Director

Chanel is a utility infielder that currently leads our children's programs. Chanel Rocks!

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HOLLY SHIPPEN

Accounting/HR

Holly has been in charge of all of our finances and human resources since 2018. She also answers to Dream Crusher.

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NATALIE CANIDA

Office Team Coordinator

Natalie is handling a ton of office duties, including scheduling the building and coordinating communications!

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SERVE

The heart of the message of Jesus compels us to personally act out our faith.
Explore ways you can serve here at Hope Commons Church and your community.

SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

All Church Serve Day Saturday, June 11 from 8AM

We are hosting a morning of serving at our East Ave Campus! We always have a lot of projects that will take many hands! Some of them inside and some of them outside. Some require some maintenance skills, and others just take a willing person!

You certainly can just show up, but if you want to let us know you are coming we will set up a project with your skills and interests in mind. Let us know on a Connection Card or on the Hope Commons Church app under "Volunteer".

Volunteer @ Hope Commons

Volunteers are the life-blood of this place. There is no way we could serve our community each week without all of the people who faithfully give their time and talents.

There's always room to serve because we put a lot of people to work on a rotating schedule.

Facilities Team

These folks help maintain the church and assist with stewarding the blessing of the building that God has given us.

Guest Services Team

This is an important ministry within our church. You are our guests' first impression, and your service can

help facilitate pastoral care. You never know when a smile might change someone's entire week!

Tech & Visuals Team

We train folks (who are tech-inclined) to help keep the worship services flowing! That includes: what goes on the big screen, the lights and sound, and the live webcast.

Kids Zone

Every week we have a fun, interactive Bible session, play games, and make a craft. Volunteering in these classrooms is a great way to pass on the love of Jesus.

Meal Team Six

One thing a church family should do well is take care of people in times of crisis or transition. Volunteers on this team sign up to make a meal and deliver it!

Kids Clothes Closet

The Kids Clothes Closet is open every first Sunday of the month between our 9AM and 11AM services. The clothing closet is in need of help sorting items, then folding/hanging/stocking clothes for the current season.

Food Bank

Open Every Monday @ 5PM

Did you know our food bank here gives away a lot of food? We give out around 200 bags of food each month. If you would like some help feeding your family, or know of anyone who *would like* help, we give to anyone who asks!

Where does the food come from?

The food we give away comes from several sources: we buy food by the pound from the Butte County Food Bank in Oroville, and we receive bread, and some fresh produce, from the Chico Gleaners. After that, whatever we still need we get from Winco. Additionally, food comes from folks who like to give from a specific list, since we have carefully designed the bags to hold specific meals.



How you can help

You can donate right to the food bank. Use the keyword "food" to get it to the right place. All the ways to give are on page 2!

You can also get a list of the foods that are currently in the food bags

by following the Scan Me code! The top needs this week are: band-aids (always!), deodorant, and quart and snack size bags.

Hope Commons Book Club

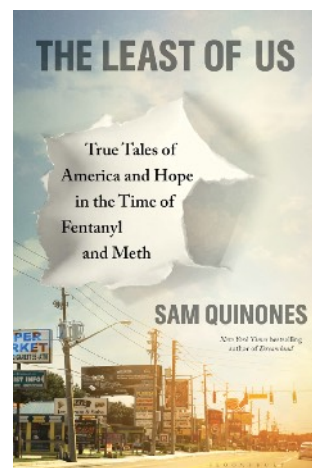
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Every book we read together will have a hard copy, Kindle and Audible version available. The Hope Commons Book Club is not about reading books about faith. It is about understanding the world we are called to serve.

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Dinner and Discussion

Sunday, June 5, 5PM

Read *The Least of Us* and join us for dinner and discussion! We are lining up some folks from the community that are putting these concepts to work in our own neighborhoods. Dinner for 2 is \$20 (yes, bring a friend). Kids will have their own program with dinner. Register today using the Hope Commons App to save your seat in the room. We will also find a way to host this live on the Hope Commons YouTube channel.

Local Happenings

Chico Table Tennis – Tuesdays 6PM to 10PM

A local ping pong group is now hosting their weekly meet ups right here in the Hope Commons gym! All are welcome, whether you are exceptional, or just want to learn to play. \$5 a night. Everything is provided!



NOTES AND VERSES

John 1

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Sanctuary Volume

We know everyone has different comfort levels when it comes to sound reinforcement, whether it is decibels, frequencies or pressure.

Your comfort is important to us! We stock the Lobby with disposable ear plugs for the comfort of those with sensitive hearing. Just ask one of our Guest Services Team and they will get some for you!

Bibles

If you need a Bible, please take one from the pew or download the Bible App!

Search for "YouVersion" on the App Store or in Google Play. You can read your preferred version as well as choosing different Bible studies in order to dig deeper into God's word.



WHAT COMES NEXT?

I RAISED MY HAND

If you have recently made a decision to follow Jesus (whether the first time or a renewed commitment), the pastoral staff would like the chance to celebrate with you! We would like to hear your story and answer any questions you have as to your next steps.

I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED

Baptism is an outward symbol of something that has happened on the inside. It is a community celebration of new life! This is a public declaration of a person crossing from death to life, and into the Kingdom of God! We love to celebrate together!

If you are interested in baptism, we would love the chance to chat about the details!

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER

On regular occasions we hold a Hope Commons 411 class, where Pastor Ron talks about the history and backdrop of our church and about the passions that drive us forward. He also talks about what it means to be an official member of the nuts-and-bolts structure that keeps our community organized! If you let us know you are interested in the details, we will move up the next meeting to fit your schedule!

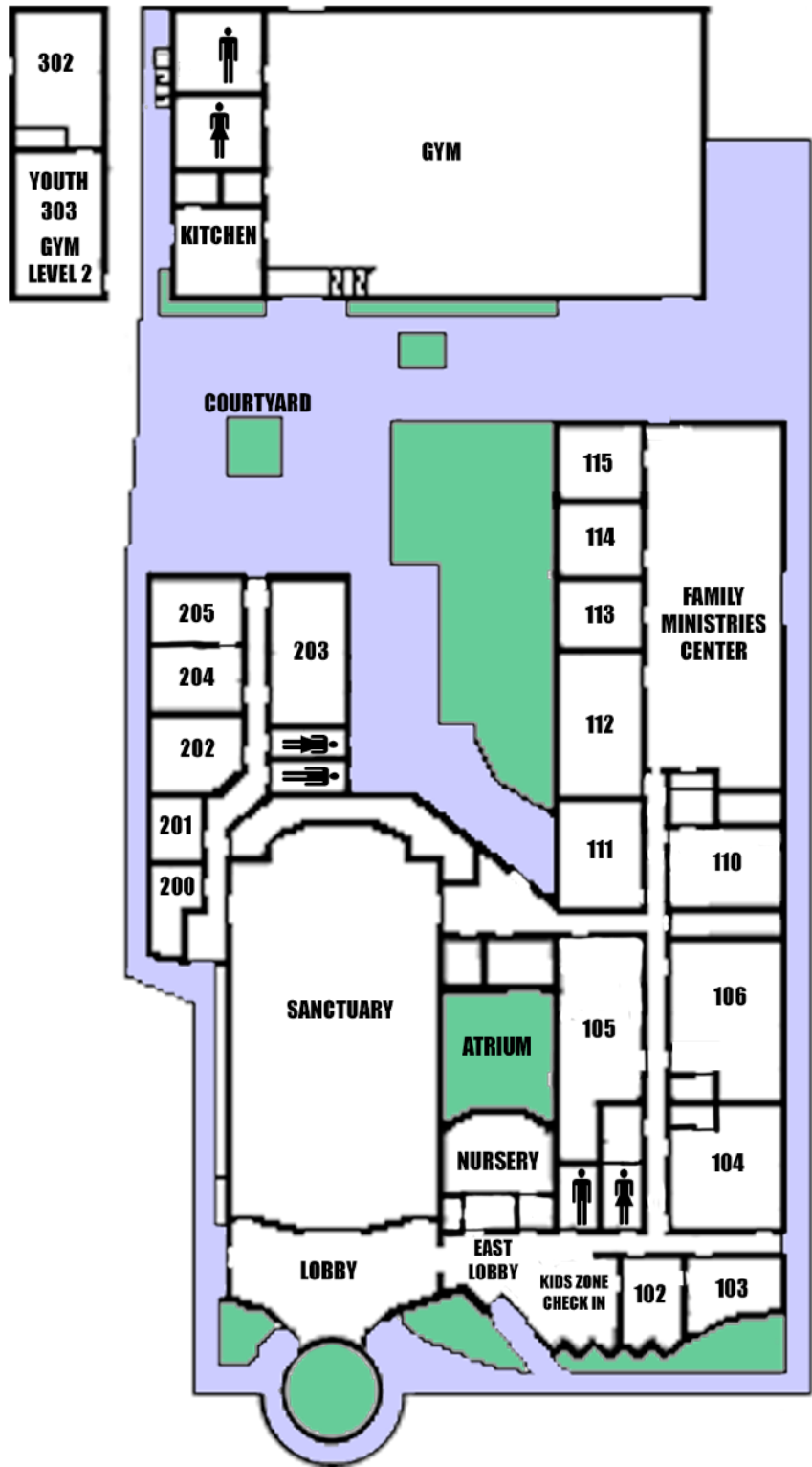
ABOUT US:

We are a Community of Jesus that seeks to introduce our city to the God of the Bible. We are bound together by a faith that is both ancient and relevant. We seek to share our faith with all who care to listen.

As an organization, we seek to **Connect People to God** through worship - purposefully bringing honor to God in every aspect of life. We seek to **Connect People to Others** through Community Groups that meet throughout the week. We also endeavor to **Serve All**, as a natural outpouring of a life lived for God.

We are a part of a group known as the Nazarenes. The Church of the Nazarene is a world-wide organization in well over 160 countries. We seek to bring the presence of God to local communities around the globe through things like clean water, medical clinics, agriculture instruction, soup kitchens and orphanages. Through these actions the message of God is lived out loud. Today you worship alongside more than 2.8 million, in hundreds of languages on six continents.

Thank you for joining us today!



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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022



Tyler Shippen
CORE Butte High School

Tyler graduated from Core Butte HS in December 2021. He is currently enrolled in flight school and will be starting the paramedic program at Butte College in the fall. His long term goal is to become an EMS helicopter pilot. He is currently volunteering with the Hope Commons youth group.

Natalie Shippen
CORE Butte High School

Natalie is graduating a year early from Core Butte HS on May 26th. She is starting Butte College in the fall in the Business program and plans to get a degree in marketing. She hopes to have a career working with animals and to continue competing in Eventing on her horse Danny.



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Macey Tackett
Pleasant Valley High School

Macey will be graduating June 2nd from Pleasant Valley High School. She spent her high school years dedicated to the PVHS Music Program and was Drum Major of the marching band. She also won the John Phillips Sousa award at PV, a big award! She will be attending Washington State University in the fall, where she will be double majoring in Music and Business.

Natalie Canida
Butte College

Natalie finished her last semester at Butte College in December of 2021. She graduated with her AS-T in Psychology, as well as, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and her AS in Child Growth and Development. She will be transferring to Chico State in the fall to complete her bachelors degree in Social Work.



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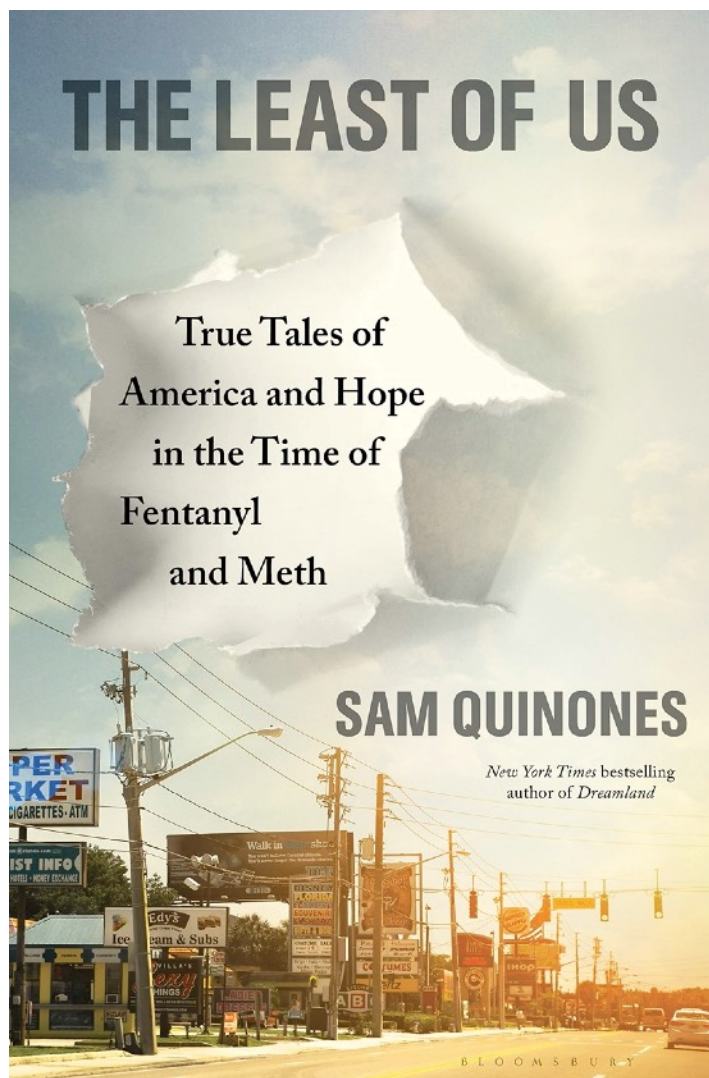
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Scan the
QR code to
purchase
*The Least
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REGISTER FOR CAMP

Go to SacramentoCamps.org to register for camp now!



Kids Camp, July 18 - 21 2nd through 4th Grade

Diamond Arrow Camp, \$235 if Pre-Registered online by 9PM on June 20

Big Kids Camp, July 22-25: 5th through 6th Grade

Diamond Arrow Camp, \$235 if Pre-Registered online by 9PM on June 24

Junior High Camp, June 25-29 7th through 8th grade

Mt. Hope Bible Camp, \$300 if Pre-Registered by 9PM on May 27

High School Camp, June 20-24 9th through Graduation

Mt. Hope Bible Camp, \$300 if Pre-Registered by 9PM on May 23

