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“Real Hope”  
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Every year is the year of **Jesus**.

In 2025, our focus will be on the **hope** that Jesus brings.

1 Timothy 1:1

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope ...*

Fairmount has a **Biblical** mission: Love **God**, Love **People**, Make **Disciples**.

Matthew 22:35-40

*One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

*Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Matthew 28:18-20

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

That mission is accomplished through an inspiring vision: we offer **Real Hope for Real People**.

We have five **core values** that undergird our mission and vision:

- Submit to **Scripture**
- Live like **Jesus**
- Worship in **community**
- Engage every **generation**
- Impact our **world**

Today, the simple encouragement from Scripture: **be filled with hope**.

Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- Hope is found only in a relationship **with God**.
- Hope springs from hearts filled with **joy and peace**.
- Hope is fueled by the **Holy Spirit**.
- Hope overflows from **His people**.

As we overflow with **hope**, more people will **find it**.