

On Sunday 3 October 2021 it was announced that God First City Church's name has been changed to City Hope Church.



City Hope Church

FAQ's

1. Why the name change?

There are 2 primary reasons:

- **Practical**

Since we became an autonomous church in 2014, there has been ongoing confusion with keeping the phrase "God First" in our name, since all the other previous GodFirst sites also kept "God First" as part of their names. Logistically this has led to confusion over us all being independent, people still thinking we're a multi-site church, people arriving at the wrong location, or at the wrong time etc. etc. For this reason alone we have been considering updating our name for a long time.

- **Prophetic**

More importantly, we have felt an undeniable leading of the Holy Spirit over the course of the last 2 years in the prophetic direction of Hope. In 2020 we believed it was a prophetic theme for the year to be God's Hope Bringers (how apt that turned out to be!) In 2021 we sensed God saying He still wasn't done with this theme of Hope, and our direction was to prioritize reflecting the Hope of Heaven, as we lived out becoming a House of Hope on earth. As this year has rolled out, we clearly heard God saying that Hope is not simply a prophetic theme for a certain season, but it is part of the very fabric of our identity as a church. Combining the strength of "City" (being called to be a city on a hill, a lighthouse in the darkness) with "Hope" (being Hope Bringers, reflecting Heaven on Earth) we unanimously agreed that the name that God is giving to us a church which will help propel us forward in God's plans, is City Hope Church.

2. What does the new icon represent?



Our new icon is in 2 parts. The bottom part represents our firm foundation, our cornerstone which is Jesus Christ. The top part represents the outflow that comes from being built on the foundation of Jesus. The Hope that we bring comes from our solid foundation in Him.

3. Our Vision Statement

Our Vision Statement is:

“We are passionate about helping people find, carry and bring the Hope of Jesus Christ”

4. What else changes?

- Our new full registered name is City Hope Church.
- “City” is still our primary identifier, so department names stay the same. Eg: City Kids, City Crew, City Yth, City Women, City Green etc.
- Our bank account details stay the same. The name of the account has been updated to City Hope Church, but the account number and branch code are still the same.

*Account Name: **City Hope Church***

*Account Number: **6234 804 2425***

*Bank Name: **First National Bank***

*Branch Code: **254 405***

- Our website address is: www.cityhope.joburg and our staff email address will change to name@cityhope.joburg