



## Matt Tipton

HOPE CHURCH NOLA (MID-CITY, METAIRIE, KENNER)

### About the Family

I'm married to Elaine, and we have three children, two girls and a boy. Anna Claire is 9, David is 6, and Charlotte is 2 years old. Elaine and I both grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, and went to college at Union University.

My parents and grandparents are from New Orleans. We fell in love with the city while we were students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and committed to stay in NOLA. When we lost everything in Hurricane Katrina in 2005, we moved to Nashville for five years. But in 2010, we returned to begin planting Hope Church NOLA.

God has faithfully shaped our family to lead this work. In the past few years, He has taught us that inconvenience is sanctifying, that diversity is beautiful, that joy is abundant when obedience is difficult, that New Orleans is a ripe mission field, that personal disciple making works, that prayer is essential and that Christ is sufficient.

### About the Church Plant

During the first two years our plant met in our home, focusing on reaching people and teaching them to lead in the church. In spring 2013, hope communities were established and the church began gathering for worship every Sunday morning. Our worship gathering is geared toward equipping our people to live out the Great Commission through their hope communities.

Hope communities are groups of 20–30 believers, meeting around the city. They are each a family of disciples on mission in the city. Each group has a neighborhood or people group they are working together to reach, baptize and teach. When our partners come to serve with us, they work to support the ongoing missional efforts of our hope communities.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

- That leaders would be raised up.
- That our groups would effectively engage people with the gospel.
- That people would be saved.
- That we would teach and equip the body for the disciple making task.

#### PARTICIPATE.

We invite you to join us as a partner in gospel ministry and mission. We need additional church partners to help until we are self-sustaining, to bring teams down to assist our groups in engaging our city and to actively pray for our work.

#### PROVIDE.

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit [sendnetwork.com/planterfunding](http://sendnetwork.com/planterfunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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