



HOPE³ Ministries News

Fall 2017

HOPE³ Ministries Launches a New Program



2017 has been a pivotal year for HOPE³ Ministries. As we continue our upward trajectory, we have launched a new ministry, and we have become much more involved in outreach events in our local community.

In April of this year, we sponsored the first-ever Bowling Green CommUNITY Music Festival. The Festival's theme was "Celebrating Caroline Diversity," with acts participating from local area churches and headliners arriving from as far as South Carolina. This exciting event brought together folks from different walks of life in community, enjoying a day filled with music.

In May, we participated in the Strawberry Faire in Ashland, at which we gave out a case of Bibles. This led us to expand to ordering a variety of Bibles (regular, children's, Spanish lan-

guage, and large print New Testament) for future community events. In July, we sponsored a booth at the well-attended Caroline County Fair, where we gave out 95 Bibles and 50 crosses. In October, we look forward to giving away even more Bibles at the Bowling Green Harvest Festival.

All of these festivals and fairs have provided HOPE³ Ministries with the opportunity to raise awareness of our Ministry's mission and programming. Participants are able to pick up a newsletter, sign up for our mailing list and take home information about upcoming HOPE³ Ministries events. We were pleased to see some new families who we met at the Fair at our monthly Family Fun events. We hope that this new exposure will lead to increased attendance at our weekly Bible Study, and provide leads for potential seeds for the HOPE³ Weekend as well.

HOPE³ Achieves Silver Level with GuideStar

We are pleased to announce that HOPE³ Ministries achieved the Silver GuideStar Nonprofit Profile level in July. GuideStar is an online database that is the world's largest source of information about nonprofit organizations and a leader in advancing transparency in the nonprofit sector. This level demonstrates HOPE³ Ministries' deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.

"We have worked hard to demonstrate our commitment toward our mission, and our continued dedication to being transparent about our ministry," said Richard Leeper, President of the HOPE³ Ministries Board of Directors. As a GuideStar Silver participant, HOPE³ Ministries uses the GuideStar platform to share a wealth of up-to-date information about its work to its supporters and to GuideStar's immense online audience of nonprofits, grant makers, individual donors, and the media.

In order to be awarded the GuideStar Silver logo, HOPE³ Ministries had to complete information about its structure, programming, mission and financials on its nonprofit profile page. We encourage you to visit GuideStar to learn more about the

inner workings of our ministry at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/45-2724709>.

About GuideStar Nonprofit Profiles

The GuideStar database contains a profile for every tax-exempt nonprofit registered with the Internal Revenue Service. GuideStar invites nonprofits to update their profiles at no cost to the organizations. Updating allows nonprofits to share a wealth of up-to-date information with the millions of people who visit GuideStar to learn more about nonprofit organizations and the more than 120 sites and applications that use GuideStar data. To earn a logo, an organization needs to

complete all required fields for that participation level. The GuideStar logos, acknowledged as symbols of transparency in the nonprofit sector, are displayed on all updated participants' profiles in the GuideStar database.

Next Steps

For 2018, HOPE³ Ministries aspires to reach the Gold Level, which requires the Ministry to report its goals and objectives, as well as an impact summary. Ultimately, we plan to reach the highest level (Platinum), which includes reporting on the outcomes of our goals. Stay tuned!



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Board Member Spotlight: Carol Grimes



Carol Grimes first learned about HOPE³ Ministries in 2013 and joined the HOPE³ Board of Directors as a clergy member in 2016 for a three-year term. Carol grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Marion, VA, as part of a large family. She was always fascinated with the beauty and wonder of nature and creation and found her answer in God as the creator.

At an early age, Carol knew there was something special about church, attending whenever the doors were open. God surrounded her with the most loving and kind people to whom God and Jesus were real,

which influenced her career path later on in life.

As an adult, Carol discovered her calling to teaching. She has been blessed to teach K-12 grades in public and Christian schools. When asked "What is your favorite past time or hobby?" Carol responds without hesitation "Studying God's word, sharing His love and mercy and helping a brother or sister."

Currently, Carol worships and serves Him at Promised Land Praise and Worship Center in Fredericksburg, VA.

First Women's HOPE³ Weekend to Be Held This September



Our next HOPE³ Weekend is for women and is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. We thank you for your prayers to help make this come to pass.

Moving forward, we will aim to hold co-ed Weekends. Thanks to the gracious loan of a luxury camper, participants will be able to have separate sleeping arrangements, but will otherwise experience the Weekend jointly. We are excited about the possibilities.

As you may know, HOPE³ stands for **He Opens Peoples Eyes** — in **3** days. The HOPE³ Weekend is a non-denominational experience designed to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to reach out to those who are outside the church but are willing to give God three days to demonstrate His love.

The HOPE³ Weekend invites up to eight male and female participants who are

called seeds. The term “seeds” is based on the notion of faith being botanical in nature. Seeds are grouped into table families for the Weekend to promote fellowship and a sense of belonging.

Weekends are Biblically-grounded and trained Christian leaders from multiple denominations were directly involved in the development of the HOPE³ Weekend experience and serve as members of the Weekend team.

Seeds are invited to participate in a HOPE³ Weekend by a sponsor. The sponsor gets the seed to and from the Weekend and participates in several activities during the Weekend, which actively demonstrates their support for the seed as well as his/her family.

To apply to be a participant or sponsor for this Weekend, please download the application at hope3ministries.org.

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” ~ Matthew 13:8

Open House & Tent Sale: Call for Items & Save the Date

Do you have items for which you would like to find a new home? Perhaps you have accumulated a surplus in your basement, attic, closet or spare bedroom? Is there a spring (fall) cleaning in your future? Well, HOPE³ Ministries wants your gently used stuff!

On October 7, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., HOPE³ Ministries will host its third annual Fall Open House & Tent Sale. This is always a fun event, so we encourage you to come out and support the Ministry. Please contact us at hope3ministries@gmail.com to arrange for delivery of your gently used household items, furniture, clothing or Christmas décor. Donation receipts are available upon request. Any unsold items will be donated to a local Christian thrift store. Don't have items to donate? Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to help with the sale! We look forward to seeing you there!



Coming Up at HOPE³ Ministries in Fall/Winter 2017

HOPE³ Ministries events are open to all who wish to experience God's love through fellowship or study of His word. Family Fun events start with a home cooked meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come as you are!

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Also this fall, join us for our third annual Open House & Tent Sale. Then in December, join us for our first Live Nativity event. All events are held at Peaceful Point Farm in Ruther Glen, VA, unless otherwise noted.

August 27	Family Fun
September 7, 21, 28	Bible Study
September 14-17	HOPE ³ Weekend
October 7, 8:00am-1:00pm	Open House & Tent Sale
October 5, 12, 19, 26	Bible Study
October 29	Family Fun
November 2, 9, 16, 30	Bible Study
November 26	Family Fun
December 7, 14, 21, 28	Bible Study
December TBD	Live Nativity Event
December 17	Family Fun



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