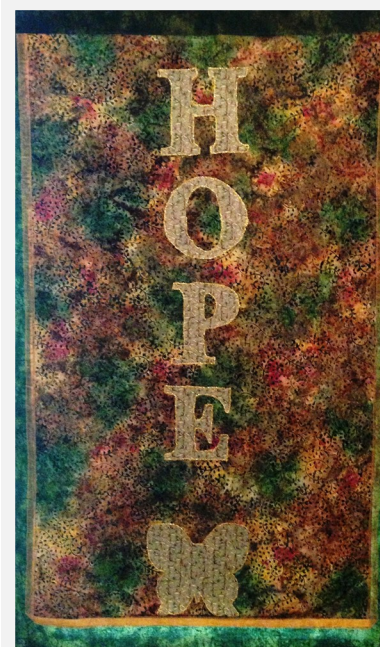


HOPE³ Ministries News

Fall/Winter 2014

Inaugural HOPE³ Weekend A Wonderful Success



The flagship program of HOPE³ Ministries, Inc. is called the HOPE³ Weekend. Believe it or not, the first HOPE³ Weekend was five years in the making. It took well over 100 dedicated people to make this Weekend happen and with God's help we pulled it off! On May 15-18, 2014, five years of planning, preparing and praying came to fruition, and the journey for our four participants, called "Seeds," began.

Over the past five years, the collective "we" of HOPE³ Ministries, Inc. founded a nonprofit, formed a board, got incorporated, and received tax-exempt status from the IRS. An addition was built at Peaceful Point Farm to house the main programming for the Weekend. An outdoor chapel was built in the dell. Our hope was that God would plant seeds of HOPE within each participant, and that **He** would **Open Peoples' Eyes in 3 days!**

The first Weekend was for male participants. "From the time I got here till it was time to leave, I felt at home!!" remarked one of the Weekend participants. "I feel like I have made lifelong friends," confirmed another. The Weekend can accommodate up to eight Seeds and consists of talks, skits, music, outdoor activities, fellowship and time for reflection.

Some of you may be familiar with other 3-day programs such

as Epiphany, Emmaus or Kairos. Similar to these programs, the HOPE³ Weekend contains several impactful segments that were well received by the Seeds. In fact, several of them have been back to the Farm to participate in other ministry events.

Equally important are the relationships our seeds have built with their sponsors. Sponsors commit to follow-up mentorship with their Seeds to nurture their budding faith.

There will be two HOPE³ Weekends in the spring of 2015, and we ask that you be in prayer for the Seeds and their families, the sponsors, and the team members. The first women's Weekend will be held on May 14-17, 2015. The second men's Weekend is scheduled for May 28-31, 2015. For more information about future Weekends, please visit <http://hope3ministries.org/causes/hope3weekend/>.

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Our Year in Review: Bible Study

One of the mission elements of HOPE³ is continual nurturing. Through a weekly Bible study program we offer a regular opportunity for saints to gather and study what God has to say through His written word.

Each Wednesday evening, a group of eight to twelve meets at Peaceful Point Farm, beginning with a light dinner and fellowship, then gathering for Bible study. The group covers things quite slowly, letting the discussion be guided less by how much needs to be covered in a given night, and more by what the passage, phrase or word may convey to individuals or the group.

Earlier this year, it took the group about six months to study the 16 chapters in the book of Romans. At press time, the group

is studying 1 Thessalonians and will begin a three-year chronological study of the Bible beginning in January 2015.

The weekly Bible Study, as with all of HOPE³'s ministries, is nondenominational in orientation and therefore open to anyone who has an interest in being involved in studying His word. Similarly, there is no

commitment required to participate each week or to have been a part in any other HOPE³ activity.

As with all HOPE³ activities, we begin and end with giving thanks to Him who makes all things possible.



Family Fun @ the Farm in 2014

We know that many families are looking for opportunities to provide good wholesome Christian fun for their families. HOPE³ Ministries meets this need by holding a monthly Family Fun event that begins with a home-cooked meal followed by an activity such as a concert, movie, crafts, hymn sing, or games.

In 2014, typically a range of 20–35 people have participated in each Family Fun event. The events have included attending a Valentine's dance, two movie nights, an Easter feast with games and an event lovingly labeled "septuathlon" – because there were seven events with awards in each event and medals for the overall "winners."

In September 2014, the Family Fun event was a trip to the Virginia State Fair. Everyone gathered for a cookout at Peaceful Point Farm before heading out for a fun-filled afternoon and evening. One of the highlights of the Fair was a concert by Christian music artist Jonny Diaz. The tickets to the fair were provided by an anonymous benefactor and were very much appreciated.

We give God thanks and praise for the opportunity to get together and have fun in His name. After all, it is said that laughter and good humor soothe the soul. Psalm 126:2 tells us that "Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"





What A Mighty God We Serve

In addition to welcoming and being grateful for one-time gifts, HOPE³ Ministries is now looking for “**Ministry Partners**,” that is donors who are willing to commit to making monthly recurring donations for the year of 2015. Recurring donations can be set up using a credit card or PayPal account online on our website at <http://hope3ministries.org/donate/>. They are convenient for you, as the donor, and meaningful to our organization.

Ministry Partners will allow HOPE³ Ministries to have a reliable source of income that helps us to make long-term commitments to our ministries and to provide scholarships to HOPE³ Weekend participants who would otherwise not be able to attend.

We hope you will prayerfully consider ways to support our ministries. HOPE³ Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible.

In June 2013, HOPE³ Ministries received the GuideStar Exchange Bronze level, a symbol of transparency and accountability provided by GuideStar USA, Inc., the leading source of nonprofit information. The logo demonstrates HOPE³ Ministries’ deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability. The ministry is currently working to achieve the Silver level, and hopes to have this completed by the end of the year 2014.



“I never felt like I fit in – even in my own family. HOPE³ Ministries has shown me what love is all about – God’s love. I never knew love before HOPE³.” ~ Geri Molina



Coming Up at HOPE³ Ministries in Winter/Spring 2015

HOPE³ Ministries events are open to all who wish to experience God's love through fellowship or study of His word. Come as you are!

Our next HOPE³ Weekend is for women and is scheduled to take place May 14-17, 2015. The second men's Weekend is scheduled for May 28-31, 2015. To apply to be a participant or sponsor for one of these HOPE³ Weekends, please download the applications at <http://hope3ministries.org/causes/hope3weekend/> and mail them to PO Box 444, Ruther Glen, VA 22546. Each weekend is able to accommodate eight participants, who are considered in the order in which they are received.

Carrying out the ministries of HOPE³ takes dedicated volunteers who are interested in kingdom building. If you would like to join the family of HOPE³ volunteers or would like more information about the upcoming events for our ministry, please contact us at <http://hope3ministries.org/contact/> or the phone number or e-mail address below.

November 4, 12, 19	Bible Study
November 23	Family Fun
December 2, 10, 17	Bible Study
December 21	Family Fun
January 6, 14, 21, 28	Bible Study
January 25	Family Fun
February 3, 11, 18, 25	Bible Study
February 22	Family Fun
March 3, 11, 18, 25	Bible Study
March 22	Family Fun
April 7, 15, 22, 29	Bible Study
April 17	HOPE ³ Golf Tournament
April 26	Family Fun
May 5, 20	Bible Study
May 14-17	HOPE3 Weekend (women)
May 28-31	HOPE3 Weekend (men)



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