

Coming Up at HOPE³ Ministries in Summer/Fall 2016

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 weekly Bible Study is currently in year two of a three-year chronological read through the Bible, but folks can join in at any time in the journey. Bible Study begins each week with a meal at 6:30 PM to enjoy fellowship before diving into the Word.

Our monthly Family Fun events kick off with a home-cooked meal at 5:30 PM, followed by an activity such as a concert, movie, crafts, hymn sing, or games. Get ready to have some good, Christian fun!

If you 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.

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| June 15, 22, 29 | Bible Study |
| June 26 | Family Fun |
| July 5, 13, 20, 27 | Bible Study |
| July 31 | Family Fun |
| August 2, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Bible Study |
| August 28 | Family Fun |
| September 15-18 | HOPE ³ Weekend (women) |
| September 6, 21, 28 | Bible Study |
| October 4, 12, 19, 26 | Bible Study |
| October 22 | Fall Open House & Blowout Tent Sale |
| October 30 | Family Fun |



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HOPE³ Ministries News

Summer 2016

A Note from the New President of HOPE³ Ministries



In the spring of 2009, God gave me a very specific call: to create a three-day experience to teach His love and forgiveness to those not yet in (or not yet far along in) their Christian faith journey. Seven years later, I marvel at the number of people who have captured the vision and signed on to help carry out that mission. More than 100 people from a number of denominations have been involved in HOPE³ Ministries and the capstone ministry of the organization (now a nonprofit) is that three-day experience: the HOPE³ Weekend.

Since January 1st of this year, I now have the privilege to serve as President of the Board of the organization. Seven others, three clergy and four laity, also serve faithfully on this Board. We meet monthly to do the business of the organization, but also, and more importantly, to discern the next steps that God would have us take to carry out the mission of HOPE³ Ministries: "We are called to share joyfully the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through a variety of educational and religious programs, activities, and continual nurturing."

With more than a dozen Bible Studies and Family Fun events in 2016 now behind us, we now turn our attention to planning

and carrying out successfully two events during the remainder of 2016: our first women's HOPE³ Weekend from September 15-18 and our second annual Fall Open House & Blowout Tent Sale on October 22. In addition, the remaining weekly Bible Study and monthly Family Fun events will continue to provide the "continual nurturing" and strength we need for our work.

And there is much work to be done. There may be an aspect of one or more of our ministries that interests you, either as a participant or volunteer. If so, we would welcome your involvement!

Please pray that in all we do, we are guided by the Holy Spirit and are faithful to the call that God has put upon our lives!

Your sister in Christ,

~ Deb Leeper



Call for Seeds & Sponsors: HOPE³ Weekend in September

Is there someone with whom you would like to spend eternity, but who has not found their way to Christ? The HOPE³ Weekend is designed to reach folks just like that, and aims to teach them the basics of Christianity. A past team member gives a sense of what to expect:

"As a spiritual guide who has served on two previous HOPE³ Weekends, I would encourage any of you who are praying about being a seed or a sponsor to say "yes" to God's call to come.

We are in an informal, relaxed atmosphere where we feel God's presence and you are there with others who will openly share with you their life experiences, warts and all.

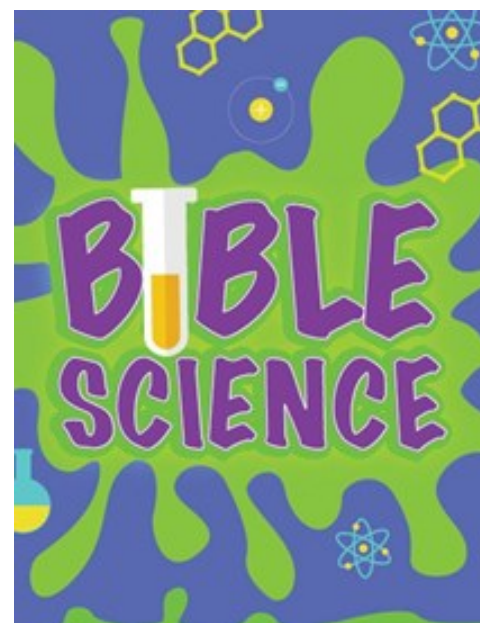
Come with an open mind and an open heart and you will receive a blessing. No one is going to try and convert you to any denomination or steer you towards a particular theology. It's not about rules and regulation. You will make friends, perhaps life-long friends. Friends who will stay connected to you, encourage you, and pray for you. Wonderful people, wonderful music, wonderful food, and wonderful talks. What more can you ask?"

~ COL (RET) Thomas W. Britt, Pastor Elder of Chancellor Christian Church

Our September Weekend is for women, and is scheduled for September 15-18, 2016. To apply to be a participant or to sponsor a participant for one of the upcoming HOPE³ Weekends, please download the applications at [http://](http://hope3ministries.org/causes/hope3week-end/)

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Each weekend is able to accommodate up to eight participants, who are considered in the order in which their applications are received.



A Summer of Bible Science Fun

The activities for our summer Family Fun events are going to feature a series of science experiments that will point us to God's amazing creation: Soda Geyser, Lava Lamp, Magnetic Slime, Exploding Lunch Bag, Balancing Act, and Potato Battery. Come join the fun at Peaceful Point Farm (25428 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ruther Glen, VA) on June 26, July 31, and/or August 28. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with science-related activities following dessert.

"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." ~ Job 5:9 (NIV)

God Provides



During a HOPE³ Weekend, the gospel message is conveyed in many ways: in talks, songs, activities, videos, and skits. During the first HOPE³ Weekend, team members responsible for carrying out the programming also took on the job of acting roles in the skits throughout the Weekend. Several team members found this to be quite challenging. To carry out their programming duties while playing various roles in the skits was just too much.

We are grateful that God provided an answer!

Some of the members of the Caroline County Homeschool Drama Club did all of the skits for our second Weekend and have volunteered to do them for other Weekends. We are blessed to have this resource and are grateful for the commitment and involvement by the children who participate.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~ Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Fall Open House & Blowout Tent Sale: Call for Items

Do you have items you would like to get rid of? Perhaps in your basement, attic, closet or spare bedroom? Is there a spring (summer) cleaning in your future? Well, HOPE³ Ministries wants your gently used stuff!

In October 2015, HOPE³ Ministry hosted its first annual Fall Open House & Blowout Tent Sale, and it was a rousing success! In

spite of the early morning hours, cold weather and rural area in which we live, attendance was good and we raised significant funds for ministry programming in 2016. We also raised awareness of our ministry's programming and mission.

So, we plan to do it again on Saturday, October 22, 2016! 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! Come one, come all to join the fun this fall!

