



# HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries News

Summer 2020

## HOPE<sup>3</sup>: A Light Shining in the Darkness



If you have recently traveled on Hwy 1 in Ruther Glen passing Peaceful Point Farm at night, you may have noticed the bright lights illuminating the HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries banners that flank the driveway. These lights are an outward representation of the light that our ministry aims to shine into the world: The bright light of God's love for His people, and the light of His grace and mercy.

The picture below shows the lights during daytime hours. They are powered by solar panels that soak up the sun during the day and shine brightly onto our banners at night. This will be particularly helpful for finding the driveway for evening programs such as our Bible Study and Family Fun.

Speaking of ministry programming, please rest assured that HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministry programs will return as soon as it is safe to do so. We will notify friends of the ministry via email, Facebook, and on our website. And we look forward to welcoming all of you back to the Farm once again.

In the meantime, we hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter, which contains information about prayer requests, a new member of our board of directors, and Bible Study options that are delivered via an online format. Please know that all of you are continually in our thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to the day on which we can all come together again in Christian fellowship.



## HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries Would Like to Pray for You!

Did you know that HOPE<sup>3</sup> has a prayer ministry? We do! And we know that this ministry has never been more important than right now. We find ourselves in a time of great uncertainty. Some of us are struggling with job loss or reduced income. Others are working from home, juggling children and all the demands of a household while trying to stay productive. Still others are faced with anxiety and stress surrounding the coronavirus and all its impacts.

Scripture tells us in Jeremiah 29:11-12, "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. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

The HOPE<sup>3</sup> prayer team wants to pray with you and for you to give you that very hope that is promised by our Lord and Savior. There are several ways for you to submit prayer requests to our team of prayer warriors. You may call and leave a voicemail at 804-858-HOPE (4673). You

may send an email to us at HOPE3Ministries@gmail.com. You may also submit a prayer request online at <http://hope3ministries.org/contact/prayer-requests/>. We are also available via Facebook Messenger on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/Hope3Ministries](https://facebook.com/Hope3Ministries). Finally, if you are unable to go online, you are welcome to mail your request to PO Box

444, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.

Want to join our prayer warriors in their intercession? We welcome everyone who has a heart for prayer to join our prayer group. If you feel so led, please email us at HOPE3Ministries@gmail.com and we will place your name on our prayer request distribution list.



## New Board Member Spotlight



Our ministry is prayerfully led by a diverse board of directors. The HOPE<sup>3</sup> board is made up of eleven members, six of which are laity, and five of which are clergy. By design, the ministry's board represents a variety of Christian denominations.

New to the HOPE<sup>3</sup> board in 2020 is Pastor David Moore. David has lived in Virginia for most of his life. Specifically, he has been settled in the Richmond area since 2014. In his teen years, David was called to vocational ministry, before attending Liberty University for youth ministry and business. Soon after graduation, he was hired as the Middle School Associate at Cool Spring Baptist Church (CSBC) in Mechanicsville, VA.

It is through a connection at CSBC that

David was made aware of HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries. He was invited to be a speaker, as well as a spiritual guide, for one of the HOPE<sup>3</sup> Weekends. Through that experience, David saw first-hand what God is doing through the ministry. After considerable thought and prayer, David accepted a position to be on the HOPE<sup>3</sup> board in January 2020. He is serving a three-year term.

He says, "I hope I can help those who are hungry for the truth." Please help us welcome Pastor David to the board of HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries!

You can find the bios and pictures of our other board members on our website at <http://hope3ministries.org/about-2/board-members/>.



## Online Options for Bible Study



Although our HOPE<sup>3</sup> weekly Bible Study is currently on hiatus, there are ways you can continue to study the Word in the fellowship of other believers. We asked HOPE<sup>3</sup> board members to share online Bible Studies in which they may be participating. Descriptions of these study groups are below.

### Chancellor Christian Church Bible Study, VA via Facebook Live

- Meeting Link: Search for Chancellor Christian Church on Facebook
- Meeting Time: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

- Currently Studying: Psalms
- Target Audience: Adults
- Typical Group Size: 5 or 6

### First Baptist Church Safety Harbor, FL on YouTube

- Recording Link: Search for First Baptist Safety Harbor on YouTube (subscribe for updates)
- Meeting Time: can be viewed any time
- Currently Studying: Luke
- Reading Ahead: Not necessary
- Target Audience: Everyone

### Hillcrest United Methodist Church, VA via Zoom

- Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112650868>
- Meeting Time: Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Currently Studying: World religions
- Reading Ahead: Not necessary
- Target Audience: Everyone
- Typical Group Size: 10
- For more information, contact [hillcrestunitedmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestunitedmethodist@gmail.com)

### St. Paul's UMC Bible Study, VA via Zoom

- Meeting Link: Text 540-903-3568 or email [Marklawrence@vaumc.org](mailto:Marklawrence@vaumc.org) to receive the Zoom invite
- Meeting Time: Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
- Currently Studying: Hebrews
- Reading Ahead Encouraged: Yes
- Target Audience: Adults
- Typical Group Size: 10-12

### Townsend Church Wednesday Night Bible Study, DE via YouTube

- Meeting Link: Search for Townsend Church on YouTube (subscribe for updates)
- Meeting Time: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- Currently Studying: Ecclesiastes
- Reading Ahead: Not necessary, but helps with discussion
- Target Audience: Adults
- Typical Group Size: 60 to 70

We will communicate via email, Facebook, and our website once we are able to have Bible Study at the Farm again.

*"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." ~ Romans 15:4*

## In Memoriam: Geri Molina

All of us at HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries mourn the passing of long-time supporter and friend Geraldine Molina in April of this year. Geri was a regular attendee at Bible Study and Family Fun, and she had shared her servant heart and unshakable faith with our ministry since its inception.

Geri is quoted on our website as saying, "I never felt like I fit in – even in my own family. HOPE<sup>3</sup> Ministries has shown me what love is all about – God's love. I never knew love before HOPE<sup>3</sup>." We were

blessed to have Geri be part of our HOPE<sup>3</sup> family for many years, and we will plant a tree at Peaceful Point Farm in her memory. Geri, we know you are dancing at the feet of our Lord and Savior in heaven today.

Therefore, we rejoice in the comfort of this scripture: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). Blessings and prayers for Geri's family, friends, and all who knew and loved her.





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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.