

## Ministry in Focus



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Matthew 25:35

At last count, the city of Boston had approximately 7,000 homeless men and women living on the streets. The Starlight Cooking Ministry works to feed the hungry and impoverished right here in our city.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM, volunteers meet at the Porter Square church facility for a time of bible study, prayer and to prepare food for Streetlight & Starlight Outreaches, ministries in the city that provide resources for the homeless throughout Boston. The volunteers simply prepare the food. It is later picked-up by volunteers and served from outreach sites to those in need in Davis, Porter and Harvard Squares.

The Starlight Cooking Ministry is a wonderful way to connect and serve with people in the Hope Fellowship community. Great cooking talent isn't necessary – just a willingness to serve in love!

### Some of the ways you can serve:

- Cooking Volunteer
- Cooking Coordinator
- Bible Study/Devotional Leader
- Non-perishable Food Donations

**For more information about the Starlight Cooking Ministry, please contact Melissa Dalton (eeyorelvr92000@yahoo.com, 781-964-2461).**

## Announcements

### Events & Activities

**Marriage Seminar: What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage**  
We encourage all married couples to join us for this weekend marriage seminar on Friday, January 15th and Saturday, January 16th. It doesn't take long for us to realize that our marriages haven't escaped the reality of sin. It's what we do next that will make all the difference in the character and quality of our marriages. Learn what God wants you to do next. The seminar will be from 6-9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Saturday. This will also be a great opportunity to get to know some other couples. The cost is \$25 per couple. Childcare will be provided.

### **Let Us Pray.....January- Month of Prayer**

We will be focusing on prayer during the month of January. Do you wonder how you are supposed to pray? What you are supposed to pray for? Do you wish that you prayed more? Join us on Sundays (beginning Jan. 10) as we examine prayer in the sermons as well as on Thursday nights (Jan. 14, 21, 28) at 7 p.m. as we seek to understand how to pray better and how to organize our prayer lives as we pray together during those times.

Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.- How Should We Pray?

Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.- How Can I Effectively Organize My Prayer Life?

Thursday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.- A Concert of Prayer

Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>- Prayerwalk Our Community Together

### **Worship Service Cancellations and Inclement Weather**

We rarely cancel services at Hope Fellowship because of inclement weather. However, if you are curious whether the service has been cancelled you can check the church website, watch Channel 5 or call the church office line at 617-868-3261..

### **Now Offering Five Classes for Children During the 9 a.m. Service!**

If you are a parent of a child under the age of 13, please take advantage of one of our five children's classes offered during the 9 a.m. service. Nursery is offered though out the 9 AM Worship Gatherings for infants. Teach, Take and Tell is offered the 9 AM Worship Gatherings for toddlers (ages 18 months – 3 years). Children ages 4-7 are dismissed from the Worship Gathering at 9:30 AM for Big Questions and Answers for Little People. With the exception of the first and fifth Sunday of the month, youth ages 8-10 and 11-13 are dismissed from the Worship Gathering at 9:30 AM for Sunday School classes using The Praise Factory curriculum.

### **Prayer & Planning Meeting: Meeting the Needs of Orphans – Jan. 10th**

We will have a prayer & planning meeting on Sun., Jan. 10 focused on seeking the Lord's will for how we at Hope might be involved in meeting the needs of orphans both domestically & internationally. If you have a heart particularly focused on loving children who are in need, we would encourage you to join us for this time of corporate prayer and discussion. The meeting will take place on 1/10 following the 11:00 AM worship gathering in the fellowship hall (basement). To RSVP or for more information please sign-up on your worship

### **Read the Entire Bible in 2010**

Are you looking for a good and challenging goal for 2010?

Why not consider trying to read through the Bible? It is possible. There are some very manageable daily reading plans that could help you accomplish this. Go to the Resource page of the church website [www.hopefellowshipchurch.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurch.org) to find a variety of plans.

### **Save the Date: Bible Study Leading Training – Jan. 23th**

Please save the date: We will host a training on Saturday, Jan. 23 on how to lead a bible study. This is ideal for those of you who are currently leading a bible study & would like to learn more about how to do this or for future bible study leaders. Please look for more details about this event in the days ahead.

### **Membership Matters Class – Jan 29th**

We believe that joining a local church is an important and helpful step in the life of a Christian. Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Hope Fellowship and potentially joining the church? If so, we invite you to join us for our next Membership Matters class which will meet from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29th. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the form in your worship guide.

### **Annual Women's Retreat!**

Ladies, mark your calendars for Hope Fellowship's annual Women's Retreat on February 5-6, 2010! More details coming soon!

### **Sign Up to Receive Weekly E-newsletter**

We send out an e-newsletter each week that includes information on events, classes and opportunities to serve. If you would like to receive that update please sign up on the form in your worship guide.

### **Service & Giving Opportunities**

#### **Serve with the Hope Snow Crew**

Would you be willing to help us clear the snow from our church facility in the event of a large snowfall this winter? If a large storm hits on Saturday night or Sunday morning we need help before the 9 a.m. service. And occasionally we need help during the week if we have a very large accumulation. Sign up on the form in your worship guide if you are interested.

### **Sunday Worship Service Hospitality – Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up the hospitality refreshments for our worship services. We are especially in need of volunteers for the 6pm service. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a ministry that touches each and every person who walks through our doors. If you are interested in serving please email Melissa Dalton at [Melissa@hopefellowshipchurch.org](mailto:Melissa@hopefellowshipchurch.org) or sign up in your worship guide.

### **Volunteer Opportunity: English Program Information Meeting, Jan 10th & Volunteer Training, Jan 23rd**

We will offer our next session of English classes and Bible studies for internationals starting the week of February 15th. Class sessions will be offered on Monday and Thursday evenings at Hope's Porter Square facility and Wednesday evenings at the Fresh Pond Apartments in Cambridge. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, an introductory meeting will be held at the Porter facility on Sunday, January 10th downstairs after the 11 a.m. service. Come hear stories from volunteers and students about how this ministry has blessed their life. For those committed to serve, a volunteer training will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. Please indicate in your worship guide if you want more information or contact Susan Garbiso ([suzeegee@gmail.com](mailto:suzeegee@gmail.com); 857-205-0762)

### **Help Serve New Moms and Dads**

You may have noticed that there have been some new arrivals in our church and several more on the way. As a church, we like to help out the new moms and dads by signing up to make meals for a few weeks after a baby is born. If you would like to be put on a list to receive emails about opportunities to make and deliver a meal, please send an email to [moms@hopefellowshipchurch.org](mailto:moms@hopefellowshipchurch.org). You do not need to be a mom to help! And if you are a new mother or father and would like to sign up to receive meals -- or if there are other ways we can help you -- email us!

### **Join The Starlight Cooking Ministry for the Homeless This Tuesday**

Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, volunteers come together at Hope for a time of prayer, bible study and food preparation for Starlight Outreach, a ministry to the homeless in the city. The Starlight Cooking Ministry is a wonderful way to connect and serve with people in the Hope Fellowship community. Great cooking talent isn't necessary – just a willingness to serve in love. Sign up on the form in your worship guide today.

### **Join Streetlight Homeless Outreach This Wednesday**