

Ministry in Focus

Children's Ministry



“Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Children's Ministry is a way to work with children in our church and our community on Sundays and throughout the year at various events. On Sundays at Hope Fellowship Church during the 9 a.m. service, we offer classes for all children, from babies in our Nursery, toddlers in our Toddler Class, children ages 4-7 in Children's Church, and two classes for older children. We are currently looking for volunteers in the Nursery, the Toddlers Class, and Children's Church. Nursery and Toddler volunteers can commit to serving Sunday mornings throughout the year and Children's Church teachers are asked to commit to teaching a three consecutive week concept. Teaching materials are provided and preparation often is under an hour. You do not need to have teaching experience to work with the kids, however we do ask all volunteers to have a background check.

Join us for a short meeting on February 7th between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services downstairs to learn more and sign up to work with the kids.

Please contact Brea Ashcraft at breamina@gmail.com for more information.

Announcements

Events & Activities

Give For Haiti

We encourage everyone to consider giving financially to help the people of Haiti. If you'd like, you can give through the offering here at Hope and that money will be given to reputable relief organizations. Please simply write "Haiti" on your gift.

If you'd like to give directly, here is a list of some trustworthy organizations that you might consider. We are not saying these are the only worthwhile organizations but simply some that we would like to make known to you.

1. Compassion International(www.compassion.com)
2. Food for the Hungry (www.fh.org)
3. World Vision (www.worldvision.org)
4. World Relief (worldrelief.org)
5. Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org)
6. Northwest Haiti Christian Mission (www.nwhcm.org)
7. Water Missions International (www.watermissions.org)
8. Real Hope for Haiti Rescue Center (haitireshapecenter.wordpress.com)

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 throughout 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.

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 to find a variety of plans.

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.

New to Hope? Join Us for Lunch – Jan 31st

If you have started attending Hope during the past two months, we invite you to join us for lunch on Sunday, January 31st following the 11 a.m. service. You will have the chance to meet some members and regular attendees of the church and hear briefly about the church. Please sign up on the form in your worship guide.

Annual Women's Retreat – Feb 5th & 6th

Please join us for Hope Fellowship's annual Women's Retreat on February 5-6, 2010! Our speaker will be Barbara Ettinger, who will help us examine what it means to walk in God's beauty. Come and worship with Carolynne Brown and join the other ladies of Hope as we seek God during this special weekend. Sign up today! For questions please email cmdumee@gmail.com.

Create Your Own Door Prize!

The Hope Fellowship annual women's retreat is coming up soon and we are looking for some door prizes to give away during our weekend. In the past we have given away handmade bags created by Julie Carew, A facial by Brea Ashcraft, and books about biblical womanhood.

If you have a door prize you would like to share please contact Christy at cmdumee@gmail.com or sign up in your worship guide.

Community Groups Spring 2010!

Community Groups at Hope will begin the week of February 8th. A community group is a collection of people that commit to gather on weekly basis to study the Bible and build relationships with one another. Community groups provide a great setting to mature in our faith and to get connected with other people at Hope. Please feel free to join a group this Spring! You can sign up in your worship guide, on the church's website (www.hopefellowshipchurch.org) or in the foyer. For more information contact Dane Helsing (dane@hopefellowshipchurch.org).

Valentine's Day isn't just for Couples anymore!!

Come join us for our 3rd annual Single's Valentine's Dinner on Saturday February 13. We will have good food, fellowship and plenty of fun things to do!! The cost of the event will be approximately \$10/person. An RSVP by Thursday February 11 will be required to ensure that we have plenty of food to go around. Please sign up in your worship guide or contact Angela Westra (angela.westra@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or want more information.

Central Asia Missions Trip: Informational Meeting – Feb 21st

We will be sending a team from Hope to serve with our international missions partners in Central Asia this summer. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity and your potential involvement (going, praying, giving) please sign up to attend our first informational meeting on Sunday, February 21st following the 11am service. During this meeting, you'll learn more about our partnership in Central Asia, we'll discuss the application process involved in going, and you'll learn about other ways you can partner with us. Please RSVP by signing up in your worship guide. For more information, please contact Dane Helsing (dane@hopefellowshipchurch.org).

Service & Giving Opportunities

Serve with the Band or Tech. Support team

The band and tech. support team are looking to welcome a few new servants into their midst beginning immediately. Here's how you might be involved...

Serve in the band as:

An Instrumentalist: Bassists, Keyboardists, electric guitarists, percussionists, etc. needed.

A Vocalist: Male and female vocalists needed.

Serve on the tech. support team as:

Giving Opportunity: A Woman's Concern Baby Bottle Fundraiser Drive

This January, Hope is benefitting A Woman's Concern Pregnancy Health Center by participating in their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser Drive. A Woman's Concern is a ministry which extends Christ's compassion and love to women experiencing crisis pregnancies to help them overcome their fears and anxieties around motherhood, thereby empowering them to choose life for their unborn. Please take a baby bottle home with you and fill it with money over the next several weeks and return it the church on Valentine's Day (Sunday, February 14). Every cent you donate goes directly to saving and changing lives. We encourage you to help a family celebrate the gift of their child!

Donate used cell phones and ink jet cartridges

Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas? Please donate your used cell phones and ink jet cartridges to help raise much needed funds for Young Life Cambridge. Collection bin is located in the church or contact younglifecambridge@gmail.com to schedule a home pick up. Young Life will receive money from Phoneraiser for each item collected to help fund camp scholarships for teenagers in need of financial assistance. Your donation will help protect the environment. Ask around your office and neighborhood to collect more!

Sunday Service Welcoming Team - Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Welcoming Team on Sundays before and during our worship services. We are especially in need of volunteers for the 6pm service. These individuals serve on a rotating team of volunteers that formally greet newcomers, help them to find seats, tell them more about Hope Fellowship, & provide them with information about our ministries & activities. This is a very important role that will make newcomers feel more at home and get connected. If you'd like to serve on this team, please contact Melissa Dalton at Melissa@hopefellowshipchurch.org or sign up in your worship guide.

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 or sign up in your worship guide.

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. 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.