



# NEW HOPE MINISTRY & COUNSELING CENTER

## God's Sovereign Hand

There are a lot of exciting things happening right now. It seems like God has all of a sudden opened several doors for us all at once. It may seem like they are all happening just now, but we know how God can be at work over a long period of time, setting things up to come about in *His perfect timing*.

Several years ago, one of our original Board Members, Micki Cline, gave a New Hope Overview Packet to an old classmate of hers, an attorney in Des Moines. He had the packet awhile before he was able to read it. About a year later, he passed the packet on to a friend of his who he thought might be interested in our organization. That man just happened to be Chuck Hurley, president of Iowa Family Policy Center. Mr. Hurley had the packet for quite awhile before he was able to take a look at it. He just happened to read it one weekend, noticed that we were located in Centerville, and just happened to be speaking at a church in Centerville that Sunday (the very next day). He called Micki, whose number was on the introduction letter and asked if he could meet her at the center after church and meet the director. She got a hold of me Sunday morning and set up

the meeting. We gave Mr. Hurley a tour of the center and I shared my testimony with him. He said he was very impressed with our organization and that surely there was some way he could be of help to us. A couple weeks later, he introduced me to Daryl VanderWilt, who was a grant writer in his organization at that time. Daryl became a very good friend with New Hope.

In 2008, Mr. VanderWilt invited us to be part of a Capacity Building Seminar program through an organization he started called Iowa Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, which was set up to help small faith-based and community organizations. He and his team of retired business consultants helped us so much with the packaging of our ministry and have all remained good friends with us.

Last year, Daryl's organization received a large grant to disperse several smaller grants to small faith-based or community organizations in the southern two tiers of counties in Iowa. They invited us to apply for one of the grants. It was strictly for "capacity building." It couldn't cover operating expenses or wages, but was to go for something that would generate income. We chose to come up with a detailed plan

and budget for marketing the New Hope Biblical Counseling materials. We found out in mid December that we were chosen to receive a \$20,000 grant for this purpose!!

This will be a huge blessing for us. Please pray for us as it will be *a lot of work*, and please pray that the Lord will bless it. One of the requirements of the grant was that the organizations that receive this grant are to take a "Bench-marking Visit" to a like-organization that is like-minded with theirs. You visit an organization that is really successful at what you are wanting to do, and learn and glean from them. I knew right away what ministry I wanted to visit. We met Eric and Leslie Ludy at a women's conference they were the guest speakers at last April (they are nationally known Christian authors). They also have "Ellerslie" Christian Leadership Training Center—and it's located in Windsor, Colorado! So me, Julie, and Andrea get to take a three day trip to Colorado this summer! Isn't it awesome when you finally get to see how God had been orchestrating, precisely setting things up to happen, working on your behalf?

And here's an interesting twist: that week-end conference the Ludy's taught last year—New Hope has been

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendars

- New Hope Seminar: Begins Monday Feb. 10th
- Testimony Night Friday, March 18th 6:30 p.m. Centerville First Baptist
- Women's Conference at Honey Creek Resort "A Child of the King" April 29th—May 1st

asked to be the featured speakers at this April! It's going to be held again at Honey Creek Resort on Lake Rathbun. There will be between 280-300 women there. This is another huge opportunity for us! We need lots of prayer for this too!

*Cindy Farrington*

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## Gearing up for Women's Conference at Honey Creek Resort

This is it ladies...the weekend you've all been waiting for. You will not want to delay in registering as there is limited seating and lodging. The 3 day conference, **Child of the King**, starts Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Check-in opens at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon for this 3-day event that quite possibly, *could* transform your mind and change your life.

The first evening will be an inspirational prelude, setting the stage for the rest of the conference. Saturday we get started with teaching on what it means to be a Child of the King and how to walk victoriously in our position in Christ. With lunch served at the lodge, you'll have the opportunity to relax and meet some new friends. The New Hope staff will also be available to visit with you. In the afternoon, the teaching continues with some Victory Principles that are foundational for overcoming problems and waling in truth. We will also cover issues of forgiveness, submission, and humility, just to name a few. We're going to teach you how to clean up your past and shut the door on the devil, enabling you to become more rooted and grounded in faith. Saturday will be a day jam-packed with teaching and we fully expect to see many of you set free from chains that may have kept you bound from living the victorious Christians life. You will be able to relax while you dine at the lodge for the evening meal, then take a leisurely stroll down to the boat dock. The resort has wonderful walking paths as well. On Sunday morning we will wrap up the event by explaining how we can have victory over habit sins and progress on to becoming a warrior of the King. These are the highlights ladies and you will *not* want to miss out on this very special time. The teaching can have incredible impact on hearts, especially those who have suffered much pain. We can say with complete confidence that God will meet us there. It's a great get-away for you and your friends, perhaps it would be a special time for you and your mother, or maybe your sisters. We invite you to come, embrace the occasion and all that the Lord has prepared for you.

Truly, this is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to come together at the beautiful Honey Creek Resort for a time of fellowship, cleansing, and encouragement. The cost is only \$55 for the 3-day conference and 2-night lodging. There is also a \$20 meal plan available. If you were there last year, you already know how beautiful Honey Creek is. Give yourself and your loved ones a gift, the gift of renewal and refreshing. God has something very special waiting just for you. The conference is being put on by Life Empowered Ministry. You can register on-line: [www.lifeempoweredministry.org](http://www.lifeempoweredministry.org) or by calling 641-459-3700 or 641-226-4602.

## New Hope Prepares for Spring Seminar

The beginning of a new year is most often associated with making resolutions. It's also the most popular time of the year for reviewing our lives and schedules to see if we need to make some serious changes. If your to-do list includes everything but time with the Lord, why not make a permanent resolution (I prefer to call it a heartfelt resolve) to move God up to the top of your list?

The New Hope for Spiritual Growth Bible Study Seminar may be just what you need to help you get started. Implementing change in our lives isn't always easy. We can slip into a routine of doing things the easy way, because it doesn't require as much effort. But we all know that anything worth having is worth the effort. And your Heavenly Father is definitely worth every effort you are willing to make toward building and maintaining a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him.

**The 16-week Seminar will be held on Thursday evenings,  
beginning February 10<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 26<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**We will meet at our Centerville location at 303 W State Street, upper floor.**

Discipleship is vital to growth in the body of Christ. Along with teaching you some Biblical Principles that you may not be familiar with, it will also create in you a deeper heart of love for others. As Believers, we are all called to share the love of Christ, and to do it most effectively we need to be firmly rooted and grounded first. These classes offer a time to come together to learn, share, and encourage one another. There is a special bonding that occurs between hearts of brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord delights to see His children gather together to break bread (the Word) together.

God is the only one Who can fill the void in your life and in your heart. He has a plan and purpose for you. Maybe this is where He wants you to start. You can fill out the Registration form or call us at 641-856-3326. It's amazing how much better your day (and your year) will go when God is placed at the top of your list instead of giving Him whatever time you might have left. He will bless you for putting Him first.



## Testimony Night Set For March 18th

We're so excited about our upcoming Testimony Night. It's been a while since we've come together to hear from some of the New Hope Graduates. It's always such an encouragement to hear them share their testimony and all that the Lord has done for them.

We've invited three very special Graduates that have truly applied the New Hope materials to their lives to the fullest and are now enjoying true victory. Their minds have been transformed and they are witnesses to the power of Almighty God. He has worked on their behalf, because they have genuinely applied His Truth(s) to their lives. Our Counseling Graduate has a beautiful voice and we're looking forward to sharing this unknown talent with all of you. We also have two Seminar Graduates who experienced tremendous healing and revelation about the truth of God's love and forgiveness. All of these precious people love the Lord and their lives are wonderful examples of what God can and will do when we come to the point of total surrender.

Often those who come to New Hope seeking Counseling have tried on their own to straighten out their lives. Many are literally at the end of their rope. Some have already determined that they have done too much to ever be forgiven for. But that is absolutely not true. That would be one of those lies that the enemy uses on a multitude of people, to keep them trapped and often unable to seek help. But glory to God—He draws with love, waiting with open arms to embrace them, and to offer His forgiveness.

After the program, we'll gather for some refreshments where you can meet and visit with the speakers. It truly is a blessing to share with the world all that God has done for you personally, but it's not always easy to stand in front of a crowd and share

you heart openly. We know that the words you hear will touch your heart. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today" (Hebrews 3:13a). Your personal thank you would encourage them as much as they encourage you, so please take a moment to speak with them. These people agreed to speak because they applied the New Hope materials to their lives and have reaped the benefits. They love the Lord and they want others to know that if God will do it for them, He will do it for you. "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34).

If you are a Believer, then you have had your own personal experience(s) with the Lord. If you haven't yet made the decision to follow Christ, this night was prepared especially for you. You will not leave the same way you came. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). Let us remember that God commands us to edify, exhort, and encourage one another. We hope you will join with us in being an encouragement. We will praise the Lord for the wonderful work He has done in transforming hearts and lives. And we will proclaim that, "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings" (Psalms 40:2).

We hope you will plan to attend. Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Sanctuary, 603 W State Street, Centerville (Refreshments following in the fellowship hall).

Questions? Call 641-856-3326.

### Praise :

- For the lives that were greatly blessed as they attended our fall Seminar
- For the work He is doing in the lives of those who have come seeking help. He has drawn them here & we are blessed to minister to them in sharing the love of Christ.
- For a divine appointment with the president of a Bible Institute & Seminary who purchased a customized "New Hope Bible College Curriculum Kit" & will be using the New Hope Counselor handbook in their Biblical Counseling Degree Program.
- As New Hope has been chosen as a recipient of the Southern Rural Iowa Grant. Continuing education & training is included in the grant, providing an opportunity for our staff to travel to Ellerslie Leadership Training Center in Colorado this summer.
- He has opened doors for New Hope to begin a weekly Radio Show. This is an awesome opportunity for us to reach an even wider audience. Hearing the Word of God is so valuable to those who might be traveling, for people who are unable to attend church regularly, & even to busy parents who can listen but otherwise have their hands full.
- Praise God for all of the doors He is opening on our behalf. God's timing is perfect!



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God's Word.

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### Join Us in Prayer:

- That God will lead, guide, and direct the future of New Hope Ministry.
- For God to continue to protect and keep in good health everyone involved with New Hope.
- For people to take advantage of all that New Hope offers: Discipleship Seminar's, Small Group Bible Study materials Jail/Prison Ministry materials, Individual Counseling, and Personal Workbooks with daily lessons.
- For our upcoming Testimony Night scheduled for Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- That God would lead people to attend the New Hope for Spiritual Growth Bible Study Seminar, beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- That God will raise up more Counselors' and Prayer Partners, especially husband and wife teams for marriage counseling.
- For God to have total control of us as we prepare for the Women's Conference at Honey Creek in April and that many lives will be blessed and changed for His glory.
- That God will bless the grant project of marketing the New Hope Biblical Counseling materials.

### Stop in and See!

New Hope is helping with a mission work in Uganda by having a handmade bead display made by the people of United Friendship Children's Ministry. Here's a message from our friend Beth who oversees the project:

*We have a new shipment of beautiful, handmade bead jewelry from Uganda for sale! The beads are made from strips of paper and turned into beautiful, colorful jewelry: necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. There are also a few handmade baskets for sale. Except for a small wiring fee, 100% of the proceeds go back to Uganda to care for and help orphans, widows, and the needy. Schools and churches are being built, and the Gospel is spread across western Uganda with our support for United Friendship Children's Ministry. Also, let me know if you would like to host a "Bead Party." I will come! (Think Tupperware Party, except all of the*