

Calendar of Events

- 05/05 Challenge Meeting
- 05/13 Mother's Day
- 05/26 Day Camp Parental Meeting
- 05/26 Homeless Outreach
- 05/27 Family Dinner
- 05/28 Memorial Day

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Bible Study

— 11am-12:15pm Saturday

Men's & Women's

Groups

— 9am Sunday

Worship Service

— 10:45am Sunday

A Word from Pastor

Dear Ministry Partners,

Thank you for believing that God is using Bridge of Hope to share the Gospel to the lost in our area. You have demonstrated your love for the people in our area by investing in us through your prayers, finances, skills, labor, sharing your networks, and most importantly, your heart. Also, thank you for receiving Lanita and me when we journeyed to some of your churches. We left encouraged and with uplifted spirits to be even more committed to serve the lost in our area.

I am asking for your prayers because we need to obtain a loan to get our parking lot repaved and the west side of our roof needs to be repaired. We are hoping to obtain the loan soon, because we need the repairs done before our day camp starts. We want to have a safe structural environment for kids to learn and play. So, please pray that God will provide this for us in a timely manner.

Also, be praying for two new transitional houses for us to disciple people on the Kansas side of the city. We have been overwhelmed with requests for transitional housing in this area. We thank God that He has been using these houses in a very powerful way to change people's lives. Last but not least, please be praying for us to stand strong in the Lord against the adversity that has been coming our way lately. I shared have shared with our congregation that when we are doing the things of God, by the power of God, people's live change and Satan does not want to see this happen. He will throw everything he has at you. So, please pray that we continue to speak as we ought, in the name of Jesus.

I will be encouraging our congregation to be praying for all of you on a weekly basis so that you well may stay strong in your endeavors in spreading the Gospel in your areas. We love and appreciate you and remember that we are all in this together!

All for His Kingdom,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.





Joyce's Story of Hope

First of all, praising God from whom all my blessings come. I was and am a sick sinner trying to be healed in Jesus' name. I've been struggling with sin for so long in my life that I have become immune to it—lying, stealing, manipulating, self-serving, cheating, hating, and the list goes on with negatives. I've been down the road before in trying to get right but somehow just couldn't get it together. I've seen and gone through a variety of hurts, fears, instabilities and even become a victim due to my lifestyle of using drugs.

Even after living this way for quite some time, there came a break in my life where, with the help of the Lord, I was sober for 23 years. Apparently, that wasn't enough satisfaction for me because I slipped without the Lord, stumbled without the Lord, and ended right back where I started. This time, situations became more unreal and sometimes torturing. Once I began to trip out and became sick of me and my lifestyle to where I began to surrender not realizing just how far this quest was going to take me.

After venturing through several transitions on my way again, I really began to open up my heart, mind and soul and do some serious searching about myself. I've come through multiple agencies and centers finally Shanna's house (the Straight & Narrow women's house), which put the icing on the cake. There I began to learn more about myself and to really learn about my heavenly Creator and his Son Jesus Christ. Thank God for Jesus! I began going to Bridge of Hope. I began turning to the Word of Jesus and listening more, which I previously had a lot of trouble doing.

I now have a spiritual family that truly cares about my wellbeing. I can go on and on but with these few words, I love Jesus more and more because of who He is and who I am with Him. Glory be to God!
-Joyce



Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- 19 Women Attended Retreat—safe travels & 'lightbulb' moments
- Volunteers & Projects Completed on Mega Day
- Safe Travels for Luther

Prayer Requests:

- Preparation for Day Camps
- Preparation for Challenge
- Continued Discipleship for Cold Weather Shelter Guests
- Growth, Development & Reorganization of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Terry & Bev
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah

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Women's Retreat

This April, 19 of our women embarked on a three-hour tour of rural Missouri to reach their destination of Osage Beach. In the next 40 hours, they studied Psalm 119 with Matt Chandler and had breakout discussions in smaller groups. Among other topics, there were discussions on what it means to be blessed, the importance of confession, the difference between knowledge and belief and suffering. Weathering storms and a tornado watch, the ladies found bits of time in between to check out the hot tub, make a telephone out of cups and string, craft and laugh. It was a whirlwind of a trip, but one that brought a greater understanding of God and His Word and the community we have in Christ. Some women were ready to return the next weekend!



