

Calendar of Events

- 12/01 Women's Ornament Party
- 12/08 Christmas Party
- 12/15 Christmas Basket Distribution
- 12/16 Family Dinner
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Years Eve

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Bible Study

— 11am-12:15pm Saturday

Men's & Women's Groups

— 9am Sunday

Worship Service

— 10:45am Sunday

A Note from Sarah

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ,

As some of you may have heard by now, I got engaged this month! Come late winter/early spring of 2019, I will be marrying Richard Yao. Richard and I began dating at the beginning of this year and from very early on, it's just made sense. Have no fear, he is a wonderful man of God who has been endlessly supportive and encouraging, especially amidst all this change. He is wonderfully nerdy, embraces my quirks, and has even done an overnight shift at the shelter! He's a trooper and I'm delighted I get to navigate through this life with him.



Along with this exciting news is a bittersweet announcement. After five and a half years, I will be leaving the ministry at Bridge of Hope at the new year and will begin working at a local law office as a paralegal and in marketing. This decision was by no means easy, one that came after long periods of prayer and consideration, but it is one I am confident in. While there are many, many mixed emotions with this departure, I am truly excited to see how others step into new leadership positions and grow as a result of my absence. Since the start of my ministry at the church, my desire was to make myself replaceable. Over the last few months, I've come to realize how that was already taking place. I have the utmost confidence in the two women who co-lead our women's group, there are several experienced volunteers for our day camps, and many individuals who have been involved in the planning process for our various events. The final piece, my replacement as Director of Communication and Assistant to the Pastor, is now in place! I'm very excited to share that Tisha, you may know her as the women's house manager, is going to begin working at the office as well! She will begin during the second half of December so that there will be ample time for me to train her and for her to acclimate to the position. Like me, she will be raising support for her position. I would highly encourage all of you to consider donating on her behalf— simply indicate it is for 'admin support' or use her name! I am excited to see how God continues to work in and through Bridge of Hope during this transition and change in leadership. I have full confidence that God will continue His good work here.

I cannot thank you all enough for all your support for Bridge of Hope and myself over the years. It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve here and alongside you. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have gotten to know many of you, whether through serving on a committee, participating in Mega Day, or day camps. The ability to partner with other churches/individuals and see how God was at work in their context has been one of my favorite perks of my time here. I hope to still stay connected and serve alongside you at future events with Bridge of Hope. Thank you for ministering to me and being an encouragement in my walk. Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or simply want to talk! Please keep me, Richard and Bridge of Hope in your prayers as we all undergo some sizable transitions in the next couple months!

All for His Glory,
Sarah Reddekopp



A Word from Pastor Luther

We are seeing our year come to an end and I just want to share a few thoughts with you. First, you have been a very intricate part of BoH, we cannot do what we do without God sending you to partner with us as we serve the marginalized in our community. Believe me, God is making a difference in reaching the lowly for Christ. Secondly, I will become more visible at Grant Elementary. This is the school that we partner with and, through working with the counselor there, I will be



speaking to every class on a monthly basis, help start a boy's club that focuses on manhood, value and purpose, and other things like these. I am very excited about this opportunity with which God has blessed me. Thirdly, I will need your prayers as I got to speak on behalf of those who deal with slumlords in our community. I will begin by talking with the commissioner to see what can change as far as decent housing is concerned. Some of our families live in very bad situations and cannot afford anything different. We live in some very challenging times and it's time for the church to be the church that Christ is building. I am praying that BoH is one of those churches.



Thank you for your support and please pray for Sarah as God transitions her into a new chapter in her life. She will truly be missed, especially by me. Also, please welcome and pray for Tisha as she takes on this opportunity as my assistant and director of communication. With much love,
Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.

Herman's Story of Hope

I grew up in a God-fearing family. I went to church twice a week. My mother and father were in the home, my father was a 'stay at home Baptist.' I lettered in football and track and graduated from high school. I went from a cap and gown into a tuxedo. I gave up eight scholarship in order to give my baby my last name.



I started smoking weed and decided to sell it to just the cost. I got a scholarship to college but cocaine was the beginning of the end. Through it all, He was keeping me in the storm.

I joined the union in June of 1973, and I was blessed to retire 35 years later. One of my biggest assets is my union.

Now that God is working in my life, I'll go forth with boldness. Enough is enough, it's time for me to be obedient to His word. I've surrendered. In my weakness, I'm getting stronger in His Word. This is a gift from God and the only way I can keep it is if I give it away. He gave me the victory and I give Him all of the glory.

He said, 'repent, again I say, repent!' I turned away from my sins 180 degrees (not 360 degrees). I had to do my own inventory, take a real deep look at myself. I've been in that space called mercy and grace, but the time is at hand. I offer myself to you, Lord, to do your will.

Here I am Lord, use me!

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- Opening of Cold Weather Shelter
- Filling of Sarah's Position
- Continued, Growing Participation with Grant

Prayer Requests:

- Cold Weather Shelter
- Transitions in Leadership
- Developing Relationships in Area
- Growth, Development & Reorganization of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Terry & Bev
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah

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