

HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL: WOMEN OF HOPE

In 1991, Dr. Randy Steger, marketing professor at Lipscomb University, presented a proposal to his students to do a different type of project for the end of the semester. He suggested they seek to meet the mounting needs for medical supplies and equipment in war-torn former Soviet Union and other Eastern European nations. This humanitarian project would utilize the energy and abilities of the students to make a significant difference in the lives of others, and the class was ready for the challenge.

The students researched the needs of children's hospitals in Romania, Russia, Yugoslavia, and Ukraine, and presented their findings to local hospitals, doctors and pharmaceutical companies. They set out to secure three or four suitcases filled with medical supplies to send overseas with missionaries. They ended up being quite successful. Lipscomb finally had to ask them to leave campus because the donated supplies were taking over the auditorium! The day they packed up to leave campus, they were able to fill two tractor trailers with all the donated items.

Through this urgent need for humanitarian relief, the students organized the Healing Hands ministry, which was later incorporated as Healing Hands International in 1993. The Lord has truly blessed this work and in the ensuing years, HHI has been able to serve more than 75 countries. What was once an idea has become a tool to provide aid to people suffering throughout the world. Most importantly this ministry has proven to be an excellent way to give glory to God and bring recognition to the local church.

At the core of Healing Hands reside their mission, vision, and values. Their vision is a world that is full of hope where physical needs are met and

hearts are surrendered to Jesus Christ. Their mission is to aid, equip, and empower those in need around the world in the name of Jesus Christ so that they might experience God's healing grace.

Healing Hands fulfills their mission through numerous programs and ministries, including:

Clean Water
Agriculture: Fighting Hunger
M.A.G.I.
Women of Hope
Education
Disaster Recovery
Medical Aid
Shipping

Women of Hope
While there are several facets to HHI, this month's focus is on Women



WOMEN OF HOPE is a ministry that empowers women through Biblical teaching and basic business training to help support their families.

MEXICO

GHANA

INDIA

KENYA

MOZAMBIQUE

"Year after year, most of my students are not Christians at the beginning of the training. But by God's grace, by the end, many of the young women accept Christ as their Savior."
—Elizabeth, Leader in Ghana

"It is my ambition to teach Hindu and Muslim women so they will have the opportunity to know the will of God."
—Prasanthi, Leader in India

"I have been especially convicted about how this time together is great for meeting physical needs, but even more importantly, it is a time of mentoring and growing together spiritually."
—Martha, Leader in Mozambique

of Hope, which is a ministry devoted to serving women around the world. The program provides opportunities for women in developing countries to support themselves and their families through small business training, start up assistance, and micro-lending. Each country has a unique program fit to their needs. Some of the ways women are helped are through agricultural training, skills training, and business and leadership training.

Agricultural workshops are held in numerous countries, training women in food sustainability skills such as composting

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and drip irrigation. Methods for drying and preserving foods are also taught, enabling families to prepare for the dry season. These workshops educate women on how to use their resources to provide nourishment for their families and communities. Many are able to grow enough to feed their families and produce a surplus for selling.

In other areas women are taught new skills in shea butter production, jewelry making, or sewing. Learning a new skill is valuable so these women can sell an original product in the market or make an item that will provide for their families.



HHI has developed a Christian Business Woman's Manual to be used around the world for training in sound business principles with a foundation of Biblical text to be used in everyday application. Christian Business Women's conferences have been held in Haiti, India, Mozambique, Kenya, and Baja, Mexico. At least 25 new businesses have been started as a result of these conferences. Women have begun businesses in Curries and Spices, Embroidered Tunics, Breakfast Center, Custom Made Baby Clothes, Matching Saris and Blouses, and a Training Center.

The old African proverb, "If you teach a man, you teach an individual. If you teach a woman you have taught a village" is the foundation for this program. Ultimately, the goal of this ministry is to help create small communities of women who know the love of Jesus and understand how that love influences how we should treat our neighbors. They will in turn go out into their own families and larger communities to share this message.

One of the activities Healing Hands offers each year for women in our area is the Women of Hope Conference. The purpose of the Women of Hope Conference is to provide an opportunity for Christian women to come together to

hear dynamic speakers, worship together, participate in classes, meet other Christian women, and encourage one another in service to others. This year's conference is titled "Courageous Hope." It will be held March 1-2, 2019 at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon, TN.



Each year at the conference, a Woman of Hope is honored and interviewed. This year's honoree is Elizabeth Yakubu of Ghana. She directs the God's Will Vocational Training Institute and works with numerous women's co-ops.



Get more information and register online for the Women of Hope Conference at hhi.org as well as learn how to be involved in the work of Healing Hands International.

Stressed?

Job, family, friends, church & community seem to devour all your time?
Catch yourself spending too much time on social media?
Have trouble saying “No”?
Need to realign your priorities?

THEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LADIES' DAY

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 8:30-2:00 p.m.
West Seventh Church of Christ
Speaker: Sheila Butt



Our ladies and guests are in for a treat!

Sheila Butt will speak on the topic of

“Feeling Overwhelmed” - something women of all ages seem to relate to in today’s society.

A potluck salad/dessert luncheon will follow Sheila’s presentation.

After lunch, we will have a lady share practical tips for women on “Personal Safety.”

About our speaker:



Sheila was born in Rockford, IL, and attended East Tennessee State University. She graduated with a B.S. in English with a minor in history. She has also studied Greek and hermeneutics at David Lipscomb University. She is married to Stan Butt Sr., a minister and the Executive Director for the Tennessee Dairy Association. She and Stan have three sons and nine grandchildren.

Woman magazine and was featured for her service as a Tennessee state legislator.

Sheila Butt was elected to the Tennessee General Assembly in 2010, serving the 64th District and served in four general assemblies. She served on the Agriculture Committee, the Criminal Justice Committee, the Education Committee and the Health Committee. She also served as the House Majority Floor Leader.

Sheila was the 2016 recipient of the Agriculture Legislator of the Year Award by the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association. She has also received the Iron Lady Award from the 9.12 Nashville Project in 2015. In November of 2013, Sheila received the Elected Women of Excellence Award by the National Foundation for Women Legislators. Sheila is known nationwide for her integrity and for her articulate message of standing for “Faith, Family and Freedom.”

Sheila graduated from the Women’s Program at Bear Valley Bible Institute and has taught ladies’ days, teens girls’ days and in lectureships for the past 25 years. She has been on numerous mission trips to many of the Caribbean Islands, Honduras, Panama, India and Alaska. She taught in the Horizons program at Freed-Hardeman University for 19 years and received the Kay Battles Service Award from that program. Sheila has written two books for ladies and teen girls and co-authored another with several women entitled, We Bow Down. Sheila was the recipient of the Publishing Designs Golden Pen Award for her work on those publications. She has written articles for Christian

Since leaving the General Assembly, Sheila has been actively involved in the Sisters, Servants, Soldiers ministry which she initiated last year. The ministry supports women in many areas of the Lord’s work including Biblical teaching and mission work both at home and abroad. Sheila emphasizes the important role of women in the Lord’s body historically, as well as today, in building up, strengthening, edifying and growing the Kingdom of God throughout the world!



Just about every marriage has its share of bad times; then again, some marriages simply go bad. The reasons for the latter include abuse, adultery, alcoholism (and other forms of chemical self-indulgence, aka addiction), and emotional and/or physical abandonment. Not to say that any one of those can't be overcome, but they are four of the top five reasons why some marriages arrive at a point where there's no going back.

I can't think of (or find) an A-word for the fifth reason; therefore, I've invented a new disorder (it's what psychologists do, after all): post-natal marital amnesia, or PNMA. A recent column of mine on the need for the marriage to "rule," in every sense, prompted a flood of emails, letters, and even a few phone calls testifying to the contemporary ubiquity of PNMA.

Take, for example, the fellow who was essentially abandoned by his wife when their live-in young adult daughter gave birth out of wedlock. Wife flipped into full grandmother mode and that was that. Or the stepmom who, when her husband's teenage daughter visits for a weekend, takes her pre-teen daughter (likewise, from a first marriage) and herself to a hotel so as not to experience her stepdaughter's disrespect and depraved behavior (said child enjoys telling her younger stepsister about her sexual exploits) that dad, by his own admission, pretty much ignores for fear of upsetting her.

On and on went these tales of woe. One failed or failing marriage after another brought about by misplaced priorities; to wit, otherwise clear-thinking adults who'd rather have a wonderful relationship with a child than with their spouses.

Some of these otherwise clear-thinking adults might say their marriages were on the rocks, slowly coming undone, before the child-idol in question arrived on the scene. Sorry, but that's no excuse. Take it from someone who's been married for fifty years (to the same woman as opposed to some cumulative figure), when bad stuff happens in a marriage, the responsible thing to do is focus on fixing it.

Avoiding marital problems by taking refuge in relationship with a child or children is cowardly, dishonest, and immature.

People my age often talk with one another about the problems we see today's young parents creating for themselves. We talk amongst ourselves because most of us have learned, the hard way, that relatively rare is the young parent who will listen to us much less take our advice concerning child-rearing matters. One thing most of us observe is parents making idols of children. This idol-making takes numerous forms, one of which is posting daily photos of a child on some social media platform, accompanied by the day's report of the child's latest accomplishments ("Tiffany went down the slide at the park for the first time today!"), which no one should be deprived of knowing (and which all point to nascent genius of one sort or another).

Two such idol-makers can make a go of it (until their last idol leaves home at which point all bets are off), but when one parent has made an idol of a child and the other understands and practices the difference between love and idolatry, well, uh-oh. I call it the child-centered divorce. In a way, the divorce simply makes official what has been the case for some time: to wit, PNMA.

As children, people my age or thereabouts were not fussed over, bragged about, or made idols of. It was obvious, furthermore, that our parents had much, much more of a relationship with one another than they had with us. We understand, therefore, that the benefit to a child of being merely loved and disciplined well, as opposed to idolized, is inestimable.

I certainly didn't know it when I was a young parent, but I know it now: The past is the greatest of all teachers, and the greatest teachers, furthermore, always possess great respect for the past.

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John Rosemond is a premier expert on traditional, biblical parenting and is the busiest speaker in the parenting field. John's purpose is to inspire parents to take loving leadership of their families and raise children who will assume responsible citizenship as adults.

SUNDAY
Nights
SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 3

SUPER SERVICE SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10

CONNECT

FEBRUARY 17

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

FEBRUARY 24

HOME DEVOTIONALS

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year.

The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings take you through the entire Bible in one year.

To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

Bible Reading

BOOK-AT-A-TIME February

Genesis

- 1 15-17
- 2 18-20
- 3 21-24
- 4 25-27
- 5 28-31
- 6 32-34

7 ----- Reflection -----

- 8 35-37
- 9 38-40

Acts

- 10 1-3
- 11 4-6
- 12 7-9
- 13 10-12

Psalm

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

- 7
- 8

Psalm

- 9
- 10:1-16
- 10:17-32
- 11:1-15

14 ----- Reflection -----

- 15 13-15 11:16-31
- 16 16-18 12:1-14
- 17 19-21 12:15-28
- 18 22-25 13:1-12
- 19 26-28 13:13-25

Leviticus

- 20 1-4

21 ----- Reflection -----

- 22 5-8 14:19-35
- 23 9-11 15:1-17
- 24 12-14 15:18-33
- 25 15-18 16:1-16
- 26 19-21 16:17-33
- 27 22-24 17:1-14
- 28 25-27 17:15-28

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 West Seventh Church of Christ					1 Parker Harrelson	2 Marley Ayers
					Spanish Singing	
3 Lily Howell	4 Cole Ayers Sam Hunter Molly Jones Laura Jo Murphy Jerry Walker	5	6 Jerry Cook Donna Estep Stetson Matzkiw Kyle Thomas	7 Gabriel Karkau Floyd Parsons Caroline White	8 Lenora Quintero Jonathan Stevens	9 Joy Allen Jacqueline Gomez
Super Service Sunday	Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship					
10 Joyce Hubbell M/M George Freeland	11 Jeanine Denney	12	13 M/M Zach Kittrell	14 Brenda Coleman Tucker Vincent M/M Harold Allen	15 Josh Howell Delores Lee M/M David Mann	16 Catherine Cox Linda Watts
Connect	Winterfest					
17 Rachel Basham Sara Cotero	18 Adell Eastep	19 Jax Ayers Georgia Henry Ann Phoenix Sarah Skidmore	20 Rob Cofer Santos Galicia Kent Pardon	21	22 Carlos Baraocio Hailey Heffington Hannah Grace Robinson John Simmons	23 M/M Doug Phillips
Winterfest	MIDWEEK Meal ❌					
Small Group Bible Studies						
24 Michelle Shrader	25	26 Shannon McMurtry Alex Savage M/M Sammy Salters	27 Jill Coleman M/M Seth Anderson	28 Austin Hubbell Allison Jones Robin Miller		
Home Devotionals						

WEST SEVENTH MINISTRIES

BIBLE CLASSES

To learn more about:	Contact:
Audio System	Eric Bryant
Baby Showers	TBD
Baptism Preparation	Jim Criswell
Benevolence	Tom Anderson
Members	Joe Westmoreland
Hispanic	Alex Quintero
Non-members	Tom Anderson
Bridal Showers	Wanda Smith
Communion Preparation	John Kodatt
Counseling	Barry England
Education	
Children's Education	Haley Schmidt, James Thomas, Zach Whitworth
Vacation Bible School	Lisa Couch
Facility	David Ward
Family Ministry	Barry England
Fellowship Meals	Jerry & Shirley Oakley
Finance/Contribution Count	Duane Leach, Zach Whitworth
Food Pantry	Harry & Mary Law, Boone & Kathy Morrow
Greeters	Darrel Marlin
Hispanic Ministry	Alex Quintero
Men's Ministry	David Esslinger
Missions	Josh Hardin
Nursing Home Communion	John Simmons
Nursing Home/Assisted Living	John Simmons
Open/Close Bldg HVAC	Billy Brooks, Steve McEwen
PrimeTimers (Senior Adults)	Barry England
Service	George & Shirley Freeland
Fellowship	Bob & Judy Cofer, Faye Kinzer
Service Station	Mike Forsthoff
Broadcasting	Calvin Jackson, Paul Gibson, Chuck Simpson
Traffic/Parking	Billy Brooks
Vehicle Maintenance	Billy Brooks
Van Drivers/Scheduling	Steve Cofer
Visitation	Mike Greene, John Law
Women's Ministry	Jeanine Denney, Sharon Greene, Beverly Simmons
Worship Assignments Sunday	Phillip Young, Sr., Pat Coleman
Wednesday	Tommy McEwen
Nursery	Brenda Coleman
Powerpoint	Eric Karkau
Tween Ministry Grades 5-6	Ryan & Haley Schmidt
Ushers	Zach Kittrell
Youth Ministry Grades 7-12	Tucker Vincent, Jon Bennett, Jacob Love, Jamie Hubbell

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Children's Classes - See the Information Center for a complete list of children's classes, teachers, topics and a map of our facilities.

Adult Classes

College Age & Young Professionals **New Look at Old Truths** **Room 212**
John Law

Young Marrieds **Survey of the Bible** **Room 306**
Barry England
Tyler Sells

Young Families **Gospel of Mark** **Room 214**
Jim Robinson
James Thomas

Homebuilders **James** **TV Studio**
Wade Denney
Jon Bennett

Adult Class **Ten Commandments** **Fireside Room**
Randy Owens

Adult Class **Practical Lessons for** **Auditorium**
Porter King **Everyday Christianity**

Adult Class **Gospel of Mark** **Chapel**
Joel Oswalt

Hispanic Class **Room 307**
Alex Quintero

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Class **Anointed, A Robe & Crown** **TV Studio**
Lola-Margaret Hall

Adult Class **Week of the Cross** **Auditorium**
Terry Northcutt

Adult Class **Precepts Study of** **Fireside Room**
Randy Owens **Genesis Part 2**

Adult Class **Hebrews** **Chapel**
Joel Oswalt

Hispanic Class **Room 307**
Alex Quintero