

# Living Word Ministries



## Reaching UP – Reaching OUT

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR:



#### Greetings from Burkesville – the land of opportunity!

We appreciate those that take the time to read through this newsletter. We pray that it is worth your time and that through the words of this brief greeting you might be encouraged.

January was a busy month at Living Word, having completed the annual time of fasting and prayer, conducted our first ever Encounter Weekend, and hosted yet another Welcome to Living Word Ministries Banquet. Each event was intended to carry out our mission statement – Reaching Up; Reaching Out.

Jesus left us but two tasks to fulfill when He departed from this earth to take His place in heaven. He told us to preach the Gospel (reach out) and make disciples (reaching up). It is the two pronged approach of not only the Word of God, but the mission of God. He said in His Word that He doesn't want any to perish (spend a Christless eternity in Hell) but that everyone would have eternal life (eternity with God in Heaven). In order to accomplish that, we need to reach out to the lost and see them come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

But seeing them "saved" is simply not enough. We are also commanded to disciple. This is the process of connecting with God and connecting others to God. In reality, reaching out (evangelism) is the easy part. It does not take a lot of effort, time, or resources. Conversely, discipleship is the "hard" part. It takes time – lots of time – effort, and resources.

God is on the move in Burkesville. Please pray and ask God to continue to guide our steps and to continue to give us favor.

God bless each of you!

Pastor Gary & Miss Vicky

(Comments about the *Pastor's Paragraph* can be e-mailed directly to Pastor Gary at [lwm@duo-county.com](mailto:lwm@duo-county.com).)

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"neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love** of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Romans 8:39**



## Operation Blessing!

What is a bigger blessing to a pastor and their congregation then to fill their facility to capacity? The Dutch Creek Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has invited our fellowship to enjoy a church service with them Friday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The Dutch Creek Church is one of the churches that our sheet rock team blessed in 2008. We were blessed to be able to sheetrock their entire addition as they experience the blessing of God. This is an opportunity to be a "second blessing" as everyone is invited to this one of a kind, one time special service.

## Community Outreach Planned

Get ready for a weekend of blessing and outreach as we enjoy the ministry of Phillip Hicks.

Brother Hicks found himself in prison after a robbery turned into a shooting. It was there that he found and surrendered to Christ and experienced a total transformation! This was no jailhouse conversion as Brother Hicks began to witness to other prisoners and to lead them in a big way to Christ. By the direct intervention of God after several years in prison, a judge threw out Brother Hicks' conviction and he was set free.

That was many years ago and since then Brother Hicks has traveled as an evangelist, investing as much time and energy and resources as he can in prison ministry. He uses humor to get their attention and the truth of God's Word to convict them.



Brother Hicks will be in Burkesville Friday through Sunday, February 20 - 22. The Friday meeting will be at Living Word Ministries at 6:30 p.m., the Saturday meeting will be at the Cumberland County Middle School at 6:00 p.m., and the Sunday meeting will be back at Living Word at 10:00 a.m.

If you need more information, contact [info@lwmsky.org](mailto:info@lwmsky.org).

## Annual Town Hall Meeting

What's more fun than a church business meeting, a four hour PTO meeting, and a regular session of congress? Our Annual Town Hall Meeting!

Each year, only once each year, Living Word invites all its family members to a Town Hall Meeting. Here you will hear great, but brief, verbal presentations (reports), learn about the economics of church life (financial reports), experience sighted future telling (casting vision), and enjoy one huge Ice Cream Social!

This brief but important fun-filled fellowship time is scheduled for Sunday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting is for anyone that considers Living Word their home as well as anyone that would like to know more about Living Word. You don't need to RSVP, you only need to show up! (There will be plenty of ice cream!)

Show that you are interested in the Future of Living Word by attending this brief meeting!

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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT – HOPE GROUP

In February we shine the ministry spotlight on the HOPE Group. This ministry is led by Heyward & Connie Adams. We would like to thank them for all of the love & support they have poured into this ministry.

Due to personal involvement with an addict, Heyward & Connie saw the need for a faith based support group here in Burkesville. For two years they had been involved with a support group in Murfreesboro, TN that met twice each week. There they learned that addiction can be more than drugs and alcohol, it can be anything that has control over individual lives. They also saw that the group atmosphere was instrumental in the recovery process. Sensing the need for a group locally, they formed the HOPE group.

HOPE Group is a faith based support group for individuals or families affected by addiction. They provide hope, strength, and encouragement for those that are struggling, for families of those in need, and for individuals that have overcome the addictions, but need continued guidance and support. The HOPE group is also recognized by the Drug Court.

Since the first meeting, February 24, 2004, they have seen tremendous progress and spiritual growth in the people that attend the HOPE Group meetings. There is a visible change in demeanor, character, and overall attitude. The members are affected by other group members with their testimonies of hope, faith, encouragement, and recovery process.

Addiction is defined as a habitual repetition of excessive behavior that a person is unable or unwilling to stop, despite its harmful consequences. People can be physically addicted to a drug; meaning they may suffer ill physical effects if they stop taking the drug. They also can be psychologically addicted to drugs, gambling, or other behaviors; meaning they feel overwhelmingly deprived if they attempt to stop.



HOPE Group meetings are held on Tuesday nights at Living Word Ministries in the multipurpose room at 6:30 p.m. For more information regarding HOPE group contact Heyward or Connie Adams at 270-433-7676.

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