

Greater Hope Newsletter

Summer 2021 Issue

Drive Through Fish Dinner ***(dine in available)*** ***Greater Hope Fundraiser*** ***Friday, August 27, 3–6 pm***



Pickup Location:

Dayton Mennonite Church
4887 John Wayland Hwy
Dayton, VA 22821

Menu:

Fresh Fried Catfish & Hushpuppies
Homemade Coleslaw & Green beans
Homemade Pie or Cake

Reserve Your Dinner Today!

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Dear partners and friends of Greater Hope,

Greater Hope is hosting our 2nd annual fish dinner. We hope you'll choose to support the ministries of Greater Hope by purchasing dinners! Also available this year—an option to dine in. The catfish will be fresh from Mississippi and prepared on site with special seasonings and light breading by experienced people. Homemade sides and yummy homemade desserts complete the menu.

Most importantly, your dinner will be freshly prepared and ready for you to drive up and take home to eat, or come inside to dine in. Don't wait, contact us today to reserve your dinners! Unreserved dinners will be available on a limited basis.

As a non-profit ministry, we depend on fundraising to meet our budget. Thank you in advance for your support of Greater Hope!

Kathy Kipps,
Executive director
The Greater Hope Board

What We Offer....

Living Waters: A 20 week in-depth healing and discipleship program which ministers to people who are seeking healing from relational and sexual brokenness.*

Boundaries, Beyond Boundaries, Safe People: Classroom study of books by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend, addressing specific issues that confront today's Christians.*

CrossCurrent: A 9 week Christ centered ministry and support group for those seeking more truth and grace in their relationships and sexuality.

Men Pursuing Purity: An 8-10 week group equipping men to live lives of purity, purpose and power.*

Conquer Series 1 & 2: Men's recovery series enabling freedom from sexual addictions.

Women at the Well: An 8 week group equipping women to live lives of relational integrity.*

The Journey: Women's group offering hope for spouses walking through the valley of sexual addiction.

Various Continuing Support Groups: Maintenance groups providing continued helps for recovering men & women.

Counseling and Consultation: Confidential consultations and referrals for professional counseling.

Prayer Ministry: Available by appointment at the Greater Hope office.

Resource Room: Books & videos, TV & DVD player available.

Standing In The Gap: A prayer group interceding on behalf of the prayer needs of the ministry.

GREATER HOPE NEWS: Quarterly newsletter features articles ministering to those overcoming sexual sin.

*A nominal fee is charged.

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Who We Are....An evangelical ministry promoting freedom from and healing for heterosexual and homosexual sin and brokenness. Originally founded in 1995 as Day Seven, and re-established in 1998, Greater Hope operates under the direction of an interdenominational board of directors. The work of Greater Hope is supported entirely by the 501 (c) (3) tax-deductible contributions from individuals and churches who share our vision for ministry.

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A Testimony From Our Men's Groups . . . by Glenn Loan

"I realized that I was not alone in my struggles with sexual addiction and that to be truly free, I had to surrender all."

When I came to Greater Hope Ministries in October of 2020, I was at a crossroads in my life where I had to decide whether I was going to get free from my addiction to pornography and other vices or lose my marriage of 32 years. I knew that I could not continue to allow these demonically controlled obsessions to control me any longer. I also knew that my wife, Angela, had suffered through my two suicide attempts, years of lies, and living with a Bipolar husband she could no longer trust. At the end of our rope, she reached out to our pastor's wife, who suggested we contact Ron and Kathy Kipps.

Upon our first visit, I knew that this was a place of healing. However, I also realized that I was not alone in my struggles with sexual addiction and that to be truly free, I had to surrender all. No more lies, no more playing games, and no more secret life.



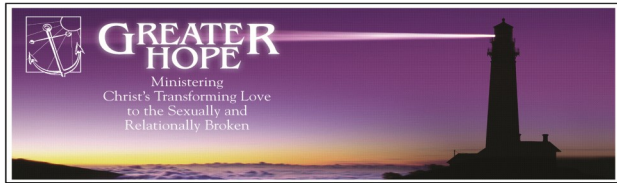
Through studying God's Word, staying accountable, and maintaining a commitment to purity, I am now experiencing freedom I have never experienced before. I have truly come to a place of understanding that true freedom can only come from surrendering my life to the Father's will.

For years, I went to church, pretended to be a good person, good father, and husband, but secretly, it was all a lie. A lie that almost destroyed me in 2013. The roller coaster ride of addiction intensified when I was first diagnosed with Bipolar I in 2006, after experiencing a nervous breakdown at work. I now realize that the torment of my addictions was feeding the mental illness between those years, but I could not stop for any longer than a couple of months at a time.

In 2013, after my second suicide attempt, I was placed in Western State Hospital when Angela presented me with separation papers. I did not want to lose my marriage and committed to change. For several months, things were going well; then, I got involved with a woman on social media, and Angela discovered my online affair. As I reflect back, I truly don't know why she stayed committed to our marriage, but I committed to her that I would get help.

I continued to live my secret life. Sometimes Angela would come in and find me on pornography sites which would always result in verbal altercations. From 2014 until 2020, the cycles continued, and by October, Angela had had enough. She needed a husband who she could trust, love, and share her life without fear of infidelity. My addiction to pornography, to food, to television, and other vices were leading me down the path to self-destruction, but our God's love is so amazing. He gave her the grace to stay with me and surrounded me with brothers who love me, and for that, I will be eternally grateful.

Applying the principles I have learned from working through the *Conquer Series* and the *7 Pillars of Freedom* has allowed me to experience complete freedom, and to be totally faithful to my marriage and to my Lord in a way I could have never achieved on my own.



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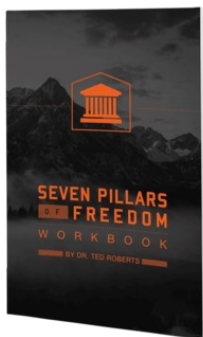
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Our Mission

Greater Hope exists to offer hope, minister healing, and equip people for sexual and relational wholeness through Christ's transforming love.

Our ministry is for those who desire to develop the ability to love others in a Godly manner both physically and emotionally.

Men's Fall Group



A great in-depth program for men who have already gone through the Conquer Series a number of times and want to keep striving forward in sexual integrity. Each pillar is made up of five lessons, so the course is best run over a period of 12

months for men to have enough time to apply the teachings to their lives.

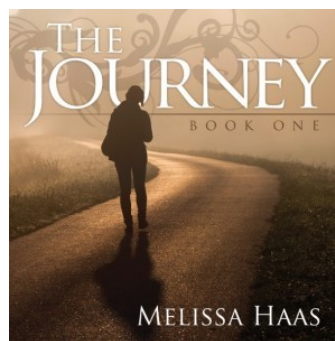
Small Group setting—space is limited

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Women's Fall Group



Written for spouses of sexually broken men, Journey is a 10-week counseling and support group for women facing betrayal and loss. Using the Journey workbook, women will work through topics such as 'Angry – but not Stuck'; 'Admitting Fears'; 'Setting Limits'; and 'Trusting Wisely'.

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