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MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2018

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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia (By Church Team Groups)

July & August – 21st Annual Back to School Program

July 20 Scholars Dinner – Cumberland Inn – Williamsburg, KY

July 27 – 29 Stuff the Bus Back to School Collection @ The Pinnacle – Turkey Creek

August 2 – 3 -- Outreach & Distribution Event – Jonesville, VA

August 10 --15th Annual Mission of Hope & Chick-fil-A Golf Classic

August 11 Cruisin' For Kids Car Show @ Joe Neubert Co. – Clinton Hwy

September ? -- Repair Fair Event – Williamsburg, KY

September ? -- Outreach & Distribution Event – Hazard, KY

October ? -- Outreach & Distribution Event – Sneedville, TN

October ? -- Outreach & Distribution Event – Williamsburg, KY?

October 31 -- Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends

November 1 -- Annual Celebration & Fund-Raising Banquet

November ? -- 6th Annual Christmas Drive Collection @ Pinnacle – Turkey Creek

November 25 -- 5th Annual Keyboards at Christmas – (NEW LOCATION – CIVIC AUDITORIUM)

November ? -- 23rd Annual Christmas Program and Barrel Collection Drive

December ? -- Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington

December ? -- LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

For Additional Details Call MOH Office (865-584-7571) Or E-Mail (info@missionofhope.org)

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Greetings Dear Friends:

The summer began with unusually cool temperatures. At the end of April, Shirley Plant retired, and we honored her with a party at Rothchild's. The weather began to warm up in late May, and summer activities kicked off in style. Mission of Hope extends the HOPE through our Resource Ministry, Scholarship, Back-to-School, Construction and Outreach/Distribution Ministries. Our ministry would not be possible without God's leadership and the ongoing support of wonderful volunteers and friends like you. Know how grateful we are for your friendship, volunteer spirit and generous donations. This is what makes it possible for us to continue to extend the HOPE.

Sincerest regards, Emmette Thompson - Executive Director, Mission of Hope

SHIRLEY PLANT RETIRES AS MOH OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Mission of Hope Appalachian Ministry has been immensely blessed to have the services of Shirley Plant as a Volunteer in the early years and for the past 16 years as our Operations Manager. She has also been my trusted Assistant, and for that I am most grateful. Shirley retired on April 30, 2018. She and husband Bill are excited about what is to come in this period of "transition" as they continue on Life's Journey Path. We as a Staff Team along with all of our Mission of Hope family and friends will miss Shirley and will always remember her dedication and love for the Mission of Hope. We will miss her cheerful smile and helpful and friendly telephone greeting. Shirley gave her best to champion the goals of the Mission of Hope. Her friendship will always be part of our cherished memories. If you would like to reach her in the future, Shirley has allowed us to share the following:

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With the retirement of Shirley, these are the names of our MOH staff:

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EVENTS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our 15th annual Chick-fil-A® Knoxville and Mission of Hope Golf Classic will be at Willow Creek Golf Course on August 10. Teams playing in the morning round will tee off at 8 a.m., and the afternoon round will begin at 1:30 p.m. Our sincere thanks go to Willow Creek Golf Club for hosting this event and to Chick-fil-A® Knoxville as presenting sponsor.

Major sponsors for this golf classic are: Fisher Tire; Rather & Kittrell; Duncan Family Automotive Group and Jerry Duncan Ford Lincoln; Lenoir City Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; Lincoln Memorial University; Management Solutions, LLC; Jim McMichael Signs and Truck Painting; Wintellect; Coleman's Printing and Awards; and Rothchild Event Rentals.

Event media sponsors are: WBIR-TV 10; The Knoxville News Sentinel; WRJZ Joy 620

Radio; WIVK FM 107.7; WNML Sports Radio FM 99.1 and AM 990; and News Talk 98.7.

Proceeds from the Chick-fil-A® Knoxville & Mission of Hope Golf Classic along with the Mission Pack the Bus event on July 27-29 at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek benefit Mission of Hope's Back-To-School Program. This year marks our 21st annual Back-to-School event. We plan to assist over 12,000 Appalachian children at 28 rural elementary schools with the school supplies they will need to get a good start to their school year. A donation of \$10 will provide a new backpack and supplies to a very deserving student.



MOH DONATIONS TO ALC AND LMU

On April 10, we had our annual Field Trip Day to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY. This is where we are privileged to have the Bill Williams Family Scholarship Endowment in honor of their son Michael. It is one of the most special academic institutions we serve. ALC is located in the middle of nowhere and nestled at the bottom of two mountain peaks. It is about a four-hour drive from Knoxville.

After their Staff gave us a tour of the campus, we were treated to an awesome lunch. We presented a donation check to the ALC President to serve another new deserving Scholarship Student. In addition, we donated approximately \$5000 in camera equipment to the College. This was donated to us by longtime Mission of Hope friends, Mary Sue Miller and her son Dan. The camera equipment belonged to Ed Miller, their dear husband and father, who passed away two years ago. Ed was an avid amateur photographer who took countless pictures of MOH activities. The Miller family was overjoyed that we were able to pass on this wonderful equipment to this very special College. As it turned out, ALC was considering a Photography Program.

We welcome your donations to support our college Scholarship Program. We would like to encourage you to learn more about this special College by visiting their website at: www.alc.edu.

Emmette and Valarie Thompson visited Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN, on Monday April 16, to present our 2018 Mission of Hope and Andrew Courtney Scholarship Award for a deserving student.

MOH SCHOLAR BRINGS A MESSAGE OF HOPE



MOH Scholar Summer Botts, MOH volunteer Ray Fisher and mentor Shawna Dittrich

Summer Botts has a captivating story after being selected as a MOH scholar three years ago. This competent 21-year-old will graduate cum laude from Tennessee Tech University this coming December. Her accomplishments include graduating in three years, making the Dean's List every semester and being the first-generation college student in her family. Summer's plan after graduation is to earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Tennessee and enter that field to work with abused children.

The Mission of Hope is not a stranger to Summer. It has been a part of her life since elementary school. Volunteers brought school supplies, clothes and Christmas gifts to the children in her rural Elk

Valley community in Scott County. She recently told the Farragut Rotary Club, "Yes, I've known about the Mission of Hope for a long time and it has been a part of my life for a long time. It opened the door to me for college and for what my life will be. The Mission of Hope believed in me more than I believed in myself."

The Mission of Hope scholarship, combined with the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, has allowed Summer to attend college and earn a degree in sociology. "If you could see where I came from to where I am today you'd know why this is all so special to me," she added. Ray Fisher stated that the aim of the Mission of Hope is to break the cycle of poverty "One student at a time." Summer's mentor Shawna Dittrich described Summer as being, "Very independent, self-motivated and self-disciplined."

May God continue to bless the Mission of Hope as it continues to award scholarships to students who have the desire to pursue a college education.

HOPE ACADEMY

This year's Hope Academy team included volunteers from First Presbyterian church of Greenback, Jack and Ann Salyers from Lexington and the team from Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church. These volunteers conducted a children's program and a teen program at the same time as the adult classes were being held. Extreme Couponing was a first-time class taught by a couple of parents from Black Mountain. This group planned a visit to local stores to learn how to use the coupons.

The attendance at Hope Academy averaged 80 people each night and served a total of 40 family units during the Hope Store. A total of 18 classes were held which included- quilting, lesser known Bible stories, how to decorate with mason jars, medical questions answered, gardening, and homemade cleaners. A photographer came to take pictures of families and then gave each family their picture. A nurse checked blood pressures and counsel folks with high readings. Team members enjoyed spending time with their friends of the mountains and extending the Hope of Jesus to all!

This was the last Hope Academy at Black Mountain, but Ginger Forbes and her volunteers plan to come up with some different ideas to be involved with the school on a regular basis. A quilting group lead by Donna Fraley is now emailing each other on a regular basis.



NEW EMAIL COMMUNICATION

In our attempt to stay current with technology and communication, I will be sending Mission of Hope emails from a new address – ethompson@missionofhope.org – through the MailChimp service. In fact, I have already begun to send email from this new address. If you have not received an email from me at my new address and would like to continue to receive Mission of Hope updates, please go to this link and sign up: <http://eepurl.com/duSFrP>

The ability to communicate with you through email is a True Blessing for our humble Appalachian Relief Ministry. It is one more way for us to stay connected to our wonderful Volunteers and compassionate Supporters. Without you, we truly could not do all that we are so privileged to do.

ONEIDA DAY IN THE PARK



What a beautiful day it was for our annual Day in the Park in Oneida on June 2. The weather was perfect and everyone had so much fun with all of the talented face painting, bouncy house and slide inflatables, delicious grilled food, incredible Bluegrass Gospel music by LakeSide, and exciting bike giveaways. We are so grateful to MOH volunteers Mike and Mary Emma Bunch and Betty Holland for planning this event. They, along with a whole host of other volunteers, made this special event lots of fun and a complete success!



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Thanks also to Laura Peck for doing a great job maintaining our Website at www.missionofhope.org and social media. Please visit our updated Website to keep informed of MOH activities.