

Haven of Hope

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

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HAVEN OF HOPE MINISTRIES

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OUR MINISTRY GOALS

- Helping couples define their core emotional issues.
- Teaching couples how to care for each other's hearts.
- Discovering how to keep a person's heart open to love.
- Understanding cycles that lock a relationship.
- Experience healing for destructive emotional wounds.
- Applying truth to the heart through inner healing.

Haven of Hope is a faith-based, non-profit ministry committed to helping those who are hurting from their life experiences of the past, as well as, the present. We believe that there is life-changing help for the wounded hearts and broken relationships of those who are lead into putting their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This miracle is only possible through His power. We are but instruments to help lead the hurting to Him, the "Healer of the Hurting."

You can make a one-time or recurring donation by going to our website and clicking on the donation button or by calling the office.

Marriage Tools Designed with You in Mind

The Haven of Hope team has wrapped up another season of marriage retreats. Our last retreat was in Pennsylvania with around 70 couples attending. We enjoyed other retreats last fall/early winter in Indiana and Iowa. Attending one of these *The Two Hearts / One Flame Marriage Retreat* is a fabulous way to keep the flame of your relationship burning strong, as well as brightly for your family and community to see! Additionally, it has been proven to be a very effective tool used as a follow up to any counseling work couples have done, whether at our offered intensives at Haven of Hope or otherwise. Thank you to all the host churches and committees who sponsored these retreat events again this season. We are looking forward to adding some new venues in this fall in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Please see our website for more information about these retreats. Check it out at www.havenofhopes.com.

I am also pleased to announce that a new follow-up course booklet has went to print for couples wishing to experience encouragement and application practice beyond our retreat weekends and intensive sessions. The name of the course is "Building Blocks for Relationships". It is designed to help all couples to maintain a level of emotional intimacy in their marriage, especially since building intimacy opportunities can get easily crowded out by everyday responsibilities of life. Follow-up groups will meet weekly for 6 weeks, and consist of 2 couples and a lead couple. Meetings are designed as a tool to support active life-on-

life interactions, allowing for couples to gain assistance on a deeper level to identify and resolve emotional issues that may be blocking intimacy in their relationships. Time is given to share with one another victories and conflicts that happened the week prior. Each week there is a different tool or concept taught and discussed that will help couples to build good things into their marriage.

We had groups meeting last year in Michigan and plans are to launch new groups in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Ohio soon. If you have attended a *Two Hearts / One Flame Marriage Retreat* or went through an intensive counseling experience that follows the 'Caring for the Heart' model of counseling, you are welcome to check out this group opportunity. There will be information for these groups on our website, as well as registration links. If you live in an area that this is not available, and you would like to start a group or two, please contact our office! We will be glad to assist you in getting something started.

The need to support one another is great. None of us are islands and we need to band together in fighting for the health of our relationships within the church, and beyond, frankly. It is disappointing and disheartening to be alone with no support. We need each other and scripture supports that we are designed that way on purpose. In I Thessalonians 5:11 we are asked to "encourage one another and build each other up" and "to encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."

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We are excited to see what the Lord will do through these groups to equip His people!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be trained and lead these groups so that we can impact the world for Jesus. The family unit needs to be strengthened and marriages are the center of the family. What a better way to impact the world for Jesus than to be a part of building and strengthening marriages, so that children everywhere can learn, through positive parental modelling to work hard toward creating healthier relationships. Getting tools for effective communication, and emotional intimacy development, into parents' hands is one of the best ways for the next generation to have strong families! May the Good Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you, and may He give you peace.

Steve Swartz, HOH Director

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Grand Rapids, MI

November 7-9, 2019

Hicksville, OH

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Willow Street, Pennsylvania

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