



Anne Paulk, Executive Director

HOPE 2016 RECAP

HOPE 2016 was a definite highlight of the past summer in many ways. And, I have news to share with you about HOPE 2017, updates from our member ministries, news of regional events and trainings by our members, plans for RHN to exhibit at AACC and National Religious Broadcasters, our job opening redesigned, and address scare tactics of gay activists in the US and San Diego.

At HOPE 2016, we were glad to present Desert Stream Ministries with the 2016 Best New Healing Resource award for their booklet, *Open to Life: How Jesus Transforms Persons with Same-Sex Attraction*. Janet Parshall was also given the 2016 Champion of Hope award for fidelity to God's Word, commitment to the hope of transformed lives through Jesus Christ, and the mission of Restored Hope. As a result of the conference, a national leader of Chi Alpha is recommending that all the western state Chi Alpha college students attend HOPE 2017.

HOPE 2017 – SAN DIEGO, CA

Confirmed speakers include: Joe Dallas, Janet Mefferd, Linda Seiler, and Ron Citlau.

San Diego is home to SeaWorld, an awesome zoo, beautiful beaches, amazing churches and a large gay and lesbian population. The latter have recently found out that we will be there June 16th & 17th and have not been too welcoming. One printable comment from a gay advocate on our public Facebook page: "You people are freaks."

HOPE2017
San Diego, CA

Save The Date
JUNE 16&17

Joe Dallas | Janet Mefferd | Linda Seiler | and more...

DOZENS OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Everyone is gay or gay friendly in San Diego. Good luck finding a venue. Protest groups are forming as I type this. Go somewhere else like to hell.”

Although we already have a venue we do face two general obstacles—lies that people believe, and spiritual strongholds. Regarding the first, we clarify who we are and what we believe as well as show respect to individuals, not lies. About the latter, we face off in prayer with powers and principalities on behalf of those God seeks to redeem. Amazingly, God chooses to use us to show His own power. And, when individuals are saved from the dark forces, we are filled with inexpressible joy.

2017 EXHIBITION BOOTHS

Last year, our booth exhibited at the national conference of American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC-Dallas), Stand 4 Truth conference (Houston), Western Seminaries Women's Conference and a SE regional Episcopal leaders event. All were tremendous and fruitful experiences.

Next year, Restored Hope will be at the National Religious Broadcasters Proclaim! conference (Orlando) and AACC international conference (Nashville). Stop in and say hello if you are in the area. We would love to connect with you.

OREGON JOB OPENING

We are hiring! We have an opening for a full-time office admin/conference coordinator or a part-time admin. If you know someone in the Clackamas, OR area who is looking for flexible hours, Christian environment, work-life balance, and has event or admin skills, we'd love to hear from them! Email Robert@learyconsulting.com for more info.



MEMBER NEWS

Portland, OR—Portland Fellowship created a brand new online resource for family and friends with loved ones dealing with gender confusion (transgenderism), www.hopegrouponline.com

Fresno, CA—New Creation Ministries Fresno celebrated over 30 years in ministry and is still going strong with a full client load.

Oklahoma City, OK—First Stone Ministries celebrated 40 years of ministry last month. Director Stephen Black is finishing a new book on outcomes of care provided throughout 25 years of ministry.

Minneapolis, MN—Outpost Ministries also celebrated 40 years in ministry this fall and hosted a special worship service led by world-renowned worship leader and song writer Dennis Jernigan.

Atlanta, GA—His Wonderful Works recently hosted their 2nd Amazing Love Event with 40 testimonies to God's transforming power and over 260 in attendance. It was also livestreamed through Charisma TV.

Bakersfield, CA—His Way Out Ministries' director Phillip Lee is hosting a weekly radio program covering ministry topics.

MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

H.O.P.E. Group

David, Director



H.O.P.E. (Holding On Praying Expectantly) is a community of parents and other family members who gather once a

month for support and prayer.

To learn more about HOPE Group, go to:

<http://3crosses.org/hopegroup>

All Things New

Minister Debora Barr, Director



Glenarden, MD

All Things New Ministry is a discipleship ministry that helps men, women, and teens overcome the effects of same-sex attraction

and sexual brokenness in small group settings where they examine their lives in light of biblical truth and cultivate personal intimacy with Jesus Christ.

To learn more about All Things New, go to:

<http://www.fbcglenarden.org/sos/archives/item/401-all-things-new-ministry.html>

Pastoral Affiliate

Ginger Haan, Assemblies of God



Cave Creek, AZ

Ginger is on an AG pastoral team committed to serving individuals, marriages, families, and churches in their pursuit of sexual and

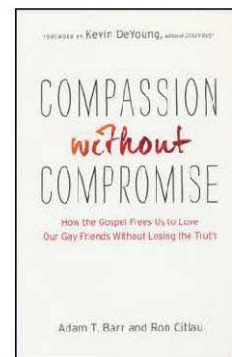
relational wholeness, through 1) equipping the church to respond biblically to issues of sexual and relational brokenness, and 2) helping the sexually and relationally broken find healing in Christ.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Compassion Without Compromise

Adam T. Barr & Ron Citlau

In their role as pastors, Adam Barr and Ron Citlau have seen how this issue can tear apart families, friendships, and even churches. In this book they combine biblical answers with practical, real-world advice on how to think about and discuss this issue with those you care about.



For more information on Compassion Without Compromise, go to:

<http://compassionwithoutcompromise.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Highlights

December 17, 2016—Landover, MD

Christian Response to Same-Sex Attraction

Hosted by All Things New Ministry

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-things-new-tickets-28608843822>

January 9-11, 2017—Phoenix, AZ

TRUTH and LOVE Conference

Speakers: Andrew & Annette Comiskey

St. Paul Catholic Church

For more information and to register, go to:

<http://www.truthandlove.com/>

For a full listing, go to <http://www.restoredhopenet-work.org/index.php/event/2012-12-11-03-04-45>

Electroshock in Church Basements? News Flash of Truth for Millennials

Anne Paulk

I don't know if you have seen the scare ads accusing vice president-elect Mike Pence of being in favor of "conversion therapy" and electroshock of gay teens, but if you haven't, you will. Or, perhaps you noticed an article on Huff Post recently: *A Survivor Of Gay Conversion Therapy Shares His Chilling Story*. Thankfully, we had a chance to counter these ever widening misconceptions in the Christian Post: *Electroshock Therapy for Gays in Church Basements? Pastoral Counselors and Christian Psychologists React to 'Conversion Therapy' Claims*.

To be absolutely clear: Restored Hope Network does NOT and has NEVER used electroshock, harsh chemicals, viewing of gay or other porn (forced or not), or other aversion accusations.

These are completely unfounded and dangerous beliefs being thrown around among some millennials and Gen-Y persons. As executive director of Restored Hope Network, I am absolutely against any such treatment. It is ludicrous to even accuse us of such behavior because there is absolutely no basis for such an accusation. Assuming one cares about youth, wouldn't they want to know if it is actually true? It is important to investigate the veracity of these claims so that law enforcement can take

action. Additionally, because the Huffington Post article does not disclose whom the accusation is against, it generalizes the attack against all Christian counseling and pastoral care.

But does this really impact Restored Hope Network? A fear response has been noted by a number of our ministry leaders, among gay friends, and Gen-Y individuals following the presidential election. We also encountered antagonism related to holding our 2017 conference in San Diego. DesiringGod.com covered the topic of widespread fear related to the election results: *Let's Rise to Love Those Left in Fear*, though we advocate confronting fear with truth as well.

Recently, a young woman wrote this below one of our YouTube videos:

"Looking at the comments and wondering how any of these people support any of the following: electrocution, forced viewing of gay porn while smelling harsh chemicals, poking with needles, burning someone's skin, etc. UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS THEY'RE NOT GAY. First of all, if I knew I was going to be burned with anything, I would lie and say I'm not a part of (insert minority group here). And to think that this is done mainly to

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