

Dear Friends,

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes our annual Spring Fundraising Banquet. After the menu planning and invitation design is complete, we turn our attention to the most important part of the evening: inviting people to share their testimonies.

What does it mean to give testimony? Merriam-Webster defines testimony as “a public profession of religious experience” and “first-hand authentication of a fact: evidence.” For followers of Christ, we understand the former, but we often tend to forget that the latter also applies to our stories. When we testify—share our story—we are speaking fact. We are saying, “listen to what God has done.” Banquet testimonies give participants the chance to share their stories of God’s work in their lives over the past years. If you’ve been around Outpost for a while, you’ve probably noticed that all our major events include testimonies. This is an intentional choice we make during planning.



Why are testimonies so important? **First**, giving testimony is a part of overcoming. Revelation 12:11 reminds us that those who overcome do so “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.” Somehow, speaking the truth out loud to others solidifies that truth in the speaker’s heart and mind. The more we tell the story of God’s work, the better we are able to remember the story later—especially when we face another challenge. You’ve likely experienced this already in your life. Think of a song you learned as a child. The more you sang that song, the more you now remember the lyrics and the tune, and the more readily the song comes to mind when you need that particular encouragement. The same is true of testimony.

Second, when we give testimony, our story encourages others in their walks with Jesus. None of us who follow Jesus are walking alone. There are people in front of us, further along the path. There are people next to us, walking and talking with us. There are people behind us, looking to us for guidance and hope. When we share our testimonies, all three of these groups are encouraged. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that encouragement is a vital part of gathering together. “*Let’s consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

As the cares of the world press in around us, it can feel as if there is no hope. In those times, remembering God’s past faithfulness gives us hope that God will move again. Those who have heard our stories are also reminded of their hope in God’s faithfulness, power, and love. My prayer is that each one of us will be encouraged and emboldened to testify today. Whether your story is big or small, sharing God’s work in your life brings hope to those around you. Share away!

Wendy

We hope you will join us on April 2 for the Spring Banquet, so you can hear stories of how God is at work in people’s lives through the ministry of Outpost. Visit www.outpostministries.org to register today.

Voices of Outpost: A Living Waters Testimony

I didn't know what to expect going into Living Waters. What I can say now—after completing the course—is that the Living God encountered me in deep and powerful ways, opening my eyes wider to the greatest treasure in all the world: Jesus Himself. I can say with a deep confidence of soul that I am His, and no one can undo that. God used Living Waters as a tool to bring me into greater freedom from my sin and deeper joy in Him. He also revealed to me the powerful healing that can be experienced through Him inside of Christian community. I'm not who I used to be. I am a new creation, and I am living into the reality of that more than I ever have before. The truth that I have been crucified with Christ and raised with Him in resurrection, has permeated my soul in far greater ways than I can even articulate with human words. Praise be to God because without Him, I would be dead in every way. But because of Him, I can experience true life! (See Romans 6:5-11 & John 8:36 for some good truth!)

A Warm Welcome

Meet Matt, our newest team member:

“Outpost has been a central part of my healing journey since I first joined Joshua Fellowship (JF) as a participant in 2012. Over the last decade, I’ve had opportunities to share my struggles and receive teaching, mentoring, and healing prayer in and through both JF and Living Waters. I have been able to give back to the ministry by serving as a volunteer small group leader for JF since 2019. I am thrilled to be joining the Outpost staff as Joshua Fellowship Coordinator this spring and look forward to continuing the work of inner healing and transformation that Outpost has so faithfully carried out for the last 46 years.”

A Fond Farewell

Dear Friends, it is with excitement and sadness that I report I am stepping away from Outpost. Excitement because I have taken a position at a Christian high school, and I look forward to this new opportunity. Sadness because working in ministry is never just a job (even as an admin). I have **loved** serving, planning, working, coordinating, editing, writing, singing, worshiping, and testifying for God and Outpost/TCJHOP--alongside so many great people, I might add. I am sad and happy, excited and wistful, anxious about the future and believing that God orders our steps. How like God to give us yet another opportunity to practice the “yes/and” of life in Christ. *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy; to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)*
See you at the Banquet and God bless, Joy



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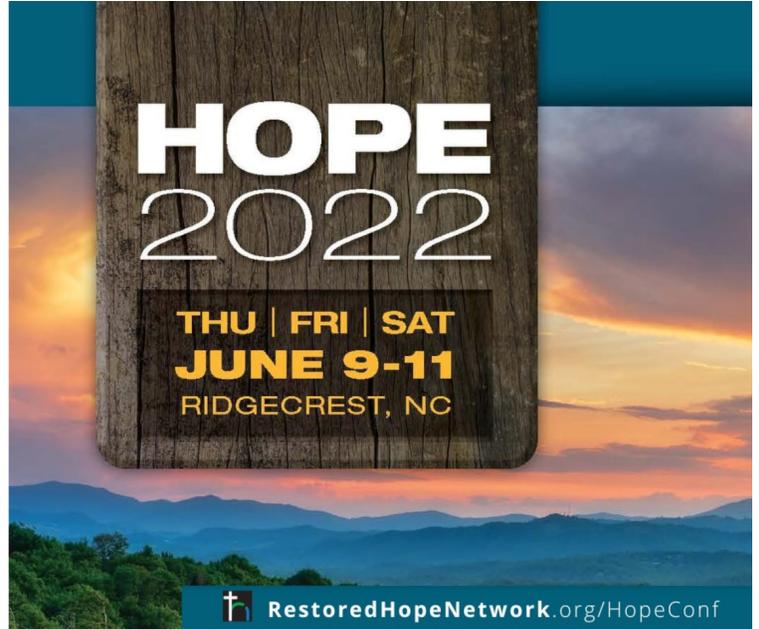
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Tuesday, March 29

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET

APRIL 2, 2022



Calendar of Events

- **Feb 16:** Scott participated in a panel discussion on marriage, dating, and singleness at South Suburban Church's youth group.
- **Feb 23:** Jonathan spoke to the youth group at Grace Church Roseville.
- **Mar 11-12:** Jonathan and Wendy taught a track at the North Central Region Assemblies of God Kid's Leader Conference.
- **Mar 14:** Wendy spoke at Cornerstone Church Crystal's Senior Luncheon.
- **Apr 2:** Spring Fundraising Banquet (see article on other side)
- **Jun 9-11:** Restored Hope Network's HOPE 2022 Conference. Visit www.restoredhopenetwork.org/hopeconf for more info and to register.

Prayer Requests

Praise God for providing people to step into the leadership roles at Elijah Company and Joshua Fellowship.

Praise God for the faithful service of those leaving Outpost to serve in other places this spring.

Pray for those preparing testimonies for this year's Banquet, that they would be filled with confidence to tell their stories, and that they would hear God's voice guiding them in what to share.

Pray for God's ongoing provision for the ministry. Pray that the Banquet would honor His work in our lives while also raising funds to continue bringing hope to the hurting.

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