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Hope in the Mountains Welcomes New Program Director

I am pleased to announce that **Reed Hobby** has been hired as the program director for Hope in the Mountains. He has a background in youth work, education, sports ministry, and seminary studies. He has an obvious gift with young people and a sincere desire to help them succeed. He will be involved in many programs for us, including Pathways to Success.

Reed is married with a son named Spencer, and a second son, Henry, is due any day now! His wife, Abi, is a native West Virginian, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 2014. Reed grew up around Nashville, Tennessee and has also lived in Arkansas, Illinois, and Texas before settling in the Beckley area. Please pray for Reed and his growing family as he gets settled into his new position. Great things are in store for Hope in the Mountains; we are so thankful that Reed will have a key role to play in that future!

—Ryan Snuffer



Board Member Spotlight: Chip Bennett



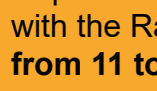
This month, we are honored to highlight our board member, Chip Bennett. He has faithfully served Hope in the Mountains for several years, offering steady leadership, wisdom, and a deep commitment to our mission.

In addition to his role on our board, Chip is an ordained United Methodist pastor and serves as Superintendent of the Southern District of the West Virginia Conference. He is also a chaplain in the West Virginia Army National Guard. In the coming months, Chip will be deployed to the Middle East for a year of service.

We will greatly miss him and his presence during this time; we are incredibly proud of his continued dedication - as a leader, pastor, chaplain, and family man. Chip's work, both in ministry and military service, reflects his heart for guiding others, strengthening communities, and sharing the hope and grace of Christ.

We invite you to join us in praying for Chip and his family in the months ahead, for their safety, strength, and a deep sense of God's loving presence. We also pray that Chip's time in deployment will be impactful, as he ministers to and walks alongside those placed in his care.

Volunteer Opportunity



Friends of Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains is adding a weekly program in partnership with the Raleigh County Commission on Aging. **Every Tuesday, from 11 to 1pm**, we will be hosting seniors for an activity and a meal.

Would you be willing to partner with us in ministry? You could host an activity, pass out food, or help us clean up afterwards.

Email Kim at: admin@HopeInTheMountains.com or give us a call at (304) 683-1110.

Art Show & Auction with Sneak Peek Event

Our Mid-20th Century Art Show and Auction will feature two collections.

The first is by W. Lee Atkyns, a prolific artist whose paintings from the late 1940s to 1970s were featured in many galleries and museums, including the Smithsonian, across the United States. Lee captured the spirit of America with various acrylic, watercolor, and oil paintings with styles ranging from impressionism, to art deco, and abstract.



Willie Lee Atkyns Jr., Untitled (Small town in Pennsylvania), Oil on masonite, Overall: 23 x 53 1/4 x 1 3/4 in. (58.4 x 135.3 x 4.4 cm), Collection of Art in Embassies, Washington, D.C.; Gift of The Estate of Willie Lee Atkyns, Jr.

The second collection features a wide variety of period pieces gathered from around the world. Together, they will form the backdrop for a distinguished evening at the Beckley Art Center to help raise funds for two very special local nonprofits.

We invite you to come out and support this event!

If you cannot make it Thursday evening (May 28th), or just can't wait to see the art, we are showcasing the art at the Beckley Art Center on Sunday afternoon, the 24th, for a special sneak peek.

Art & Tea Sneak Peek
Sunday, May 24 at 2:30 PM
 **Beckley Art Center**
600 Johnstown Rd, Beckley, WV

Guests may preview and begin bidding on select auction items.

Tickets for both events can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Tickets are \$25 per person.
To purchase, call (304) 683-1110.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and an auction.

Mid-20th Century Art Show & Auction
Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 PM
 **Beckley Art Center**
600 Johnstown Rd, Beckley, WV

Proceeds will be shared between the Beckley Art Center and The Hope Center.

Summer Camp with Hope in the Mountains

This summer, Hope in the Mountains is offering two free camps designed to support children's growth, learning, and connection.

Summer Reading Camp, held June 15-18 at Appletree Apartments, is open to children entering 1st through 3rd grade.

This engaging, four-day program helps students strengthen their reading skills in a fun and supportive environment. Research shows children can lose up to two to three months of reading progress over the summer, often called the "summer slide," and early reading proficiency is critical for long-term success.

DaySpring Bible Summer Camp will take place June 22-25 at The Hope Center and is open to children entering 1st through 5th grade.

This faith-based camp includes Bible lessons, prayer, crafts, games, and activities that encourage growth and connection. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided each day.



To learn more or to register for either camp, visit www.hopeinthemountains.com/ministries or call us at (304) 683-1110.

Support Hope in the Mountains

Preparations are well underway for a full summer of programs at Hope in the Mountains.

From children and youth activities to support for adults and seniors, each initiative is designed to meet real needs in our community, and each one depends on continued generosity.

Your support helps us open doors for learning, connection, and care all summer long. If you would like to partner with us, you may designate a program with your gift or allow it to be used where it is needed most.

DONATE TODAY www.hopeinthemountains.com/give.

About Hope in the Mountains

We serve families and individuals in our communities. In the spirit of the teachings of Christ, we offer love, restoration, and hope.

We offer educational programs for youth and adults, grief support, and network with other area charities and non-profits that serve the community.

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