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THE LINK

LOCAL CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE (LCR) SPOTLIGHT: DALE WILLIAMS FROM MT. PLEASANT UMC



Our Day of Hope on March 19th proved to be a resounding success! We had simply beautiful weather on a crisp clear day. We received more guests than we anticipated and as you can see with these pictures, an amazing time was had by all!

FREE WILL, God's will has been my guiding light through the years. I've been involved in many areas of volunteerism which will always be a part of my life. I have grown spiritually from all these experiences. From the days of jumping off my family front porch to run errands for elderly neighbors, to serving as a mentor and tutor for many youth in juvenile services, all has served me well in my Christian journey. As I reminisce about my life, I think about Joshua 1:9 "Remember, that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." I do love this verse! It energizes me to continue my endeavors in volunteer work, and to represent my church as LCR for RESIDING HOPE.

When I was approached about serving as my church representative for Residing Hope (LCR), I was delighted to accept the position. I have continued to grow in knowledge as I watched with our congregation the remarkable fifth Sunday video clips as residents have shared their amazing spiritual growth at RESIDING HOPE. This alone has been very educational. These video clips have captured our congregation's attention and given them a deeper insight of the programs. The residents articulate how they have grown in their faith, and as individuals. Hearing their testimonies have encouraged our members to give more freely. We have a steadfast interest to do more for RESIDING HOPE.

However, our most memorable experience with Residing Hope was September 23, 2023 when we extended an invitation to Mr. Kitwana McTyer, CEO and President and Pastor Brian Carr to come share with our District the innovative programs established under his leadership. The participants arrived early, with some driving between 2-3 hours! They were able to interact with Mr. McTyer and Pastor Carr before the program started. It was an amazing day that ended with gained knowledge about the future of RESIDING HOPE, as well as the formation of new found friendships. As the late Rev. Jesse Jackson would say "KEEP HOPE ALIVE!"

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MAY LCR LUNCHTIME CHAT

All are invited to join us by Zoom on Tuesday, May 26th at 12:00 Noon to learn about recent happenings at Residing Hope, discuss best practices, ideas, challenges and support for each other, as well as build stronger relationships. The Zoom link is below. If you have any issues receiving the link or don't receive the internet version, please contact Brian Carr at 386.351.5136 or Brian.Carr@ResidingHope.org

YOUTH DAY OF HOPE EVENTS

For the first time ever, Residing Hope is planning to host a Day of Hope event strictly for youth groups. It will be a day when church youth groups can learn more about our ministry, enjoy fun activities, and work side-by-side with our youth on campus projects. Lunch will be provided.

Enterprise Campus - July 22, 2026

9:30 Gates open
10:00 Welcome program in the gym
10:45 Begin activities and projects
12:15 Return to gym for lunch
12:30 Lunch
1:00 SPARK band performs
1:30 Closing program

Madison Youth Ranch – June 10, 2026

9:30 Gates open
10:00 Welcome program in the Chapel
10:30 Begin activities and projects
12:15 Return to Chapel for lunch
12:45 More fun activities
1:45 Closing program





SPACE AND PROJECTS ARE LIMITED, SO SCAN THE QR CODE TODAY TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOUR YOUTH GROUP!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: LYNN BELLOMY, VOLUNTEER RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
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MONTH OF PRAYER

The first Thursday of May (the 7th) was designated as National Day of Prayer by the United States congress in 1952, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." At Residing Hope, we would love for you to remember our children and staff regularly in your prayers. So in recognition of National Day of Prayer, we're making the month of May the official Residing Hope Month of Prayer. We have prepared a week of prayer requests along with a brief Bible verse that we are asking you to share with your congregation.

JUST CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT THE WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST SCHEDULE FOR THE RESIDING HOPE MONTH OF PRAYER.

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Alarm Clocks, Clock Radios, Twin Mattress Protectors, OFF Bug Repellant (spray)