

*“Love God, Love Others.”*



*Reaching our Community with the hope of Jesus Christ.*

*2023-2024*

*Membership Packet*

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## Mission Statement:

To inspire and empower all young people and those who nurture them to realize their full potential as responsible, productive, and engaged citizens by providing opportunities for our youth to grow spiritually, academically, and socially in a safe environment.

## The Hope Center Creed:

"I am Loved. The very GOD who created the universe Loves me. And because He Loves, I can live a better life, treat people as I would want to be treated, and do all things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me."

# **The Hope Center Staff**

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Dennis Blanchard **Hope Center Director**

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# Greetings from the Hope Center Director and Staff

Dear Parents and Members,

Welcome to the Hope Center. We are glad your child has decided to join us as a member. There are no fees to join, but we do expect you to follow the expectations of the Hope Center and its staff. It is important to treat others respectfully. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for all of those who attend. More importantly, we strive to teach the members the love our Savior Jesus Christ has for them.

The Hope Center is fully funded by local businesses and members of the community and we want to show them we appreciate all that they do to help us. We hope to make the Hope Center a home away from home and to become good stewards of their gifts and the blessings God has given to us. Our goal is to make the Hope Center a family environment, to teach the kids about Jesus Christ, and to take ownership of the Hope Center.

The Hope Center is here to help the youth of our community by providing a safe place to gather. We want your child to be part of it. We also encourage you as parents to become involved whenever possible.

We look forward to an amazing year full of fun and adventure. God has a special plan for each and every one of our members, and we can't wait to see what He has in store for each of them!

Please read through the following information and return the last page to the Hope Center. It is important for all members to have completed the information if he/she plans on attending the Hope Center.

Yours in Christ,

Dennis Blanchard  
Hope Center Director

Make sure to complete the following and return:

- Review of Hope Center Expectations
- Internet Usage (needs signature of parent and member)
- Media/publication Form
- Tutoring Session Form
- Membership Information
- Emergency Medical Information
- Request for transportation from school (GRADES 3 - 5 only)

# The Hope Center Expectations

The focus of the Hope Center is provide a safe place for kids in the grades third through high school to gather and learn about the love Jesus Christ has for all of them.

It is important that the parents, the members and the Hope Center staff work together and have the ability to communicate with each other throughout the year.

Below you will see areas where the Hope Center needs your permission for your child to be involved in specific areas. This packet gives information about our expectations, use of the internet, media permission, tutoring opportunities. Also included is a form for the Hope Center to have on file in case of an emergency.

After you read through the following information, we request you complete the last two pages of the membership book and have your child return it. On the back of the Emergency Medical Form, you will see the proper check offs for the specific areas.

## Expectations

- Our actions show integrity.
  - We build up other. We don't tear down.
  - We respect authority instead of questioning it.
  - Our language is positive and not offensive.
  - We respect the building and its contents.
    - We don't destroy things to destroy things.
  - We use the item, equipment, computers and the facility for its intended purpose.
  - We work on patience and perseverance
    - If we start an activity with someone, we finish the activity
  - We clean up after ourselves and help others understand the importance of taking care of the Hope Center
- ABOVE ALL, OUR CHOICES ARE PLEASING TO THE LORD, OUR GOD**

## Disciplinary Actions/ Consequences

It is our hope for all of the members to follow the expectations of the Hope Center. The environment of the Hope Center is a team effort which involves everyone. It is the responsibility of everyone to take care of the Hope Center. That involves helping and making choices which help others and not harm them. Those who participate and follow the expectations will be welcomed to go on field trips and take part in our daily activities. If they choose to not follow the rules they will be given a warning, if they continue to behave in that manner, they will be asked to leave for the day and have to have a parent sign a paper of acknowledgement of their child's behavior before their child is allowed to return.

If upon returning to the Hope Center, the behavior continues, your child will be suspended from the Hope Center and a conference with the parents will be scheduled with the Director before that child may return. The Director will determine the amount of time of the suspension.

## Entering and exiting the Hope Center

The Hope Center cannot be responsible for the actions of the members before they enter the Hope Center or when they leave. For safety purposes, the doors will be locked at a specific time and to enter, he/she will need to press the call button and a staff member will help them gain entry.

Once a member enters the Hope Center, they cannot leave without permission. Once he/she leaves he/she will not be allowed to reenter. When a member leaves the facility, the Hope Center staff cannot be responsible for them and where they go. If you question if your child is attending, you can contact the Hope Center. We keep a daily attendance of members attending.

## Use of Cellphones

When members are at the Hope Center, we want them to be present with the people there. We ask them to put their phones away. We have noticed some members receive a phone call from their parent that they need which in some cases was not true. If you need to **contact your child**, please use the Hope Center phone (419)935-8900. Staff members will have phones near them to answer the phone during hours..

## Expectations and Information continued

### **Internet Permission**

With your permission your young adult will be able to access the Internet at the Hope Center. Below are the rules for usage. Please read before you consider granting permission.

#### Guidelines for Internet Usage

1. All members must have a signed permission slip from their parents that authorizes them access to the Internet.
2. Respect for the equipment of the Hope Center and its network is a condition for use of the computers.
3. Members are to notify the Hope Center Staff immediately of any disturbing material they may encounter on the web or in e-mail.
4. Members will not use the internet in a way to cause harm or danger to others.
5. Members will not use the network in any way which violates any laws
6. Members will not connect to, download or share any sites which do not reflect the vision and mission of the Hope Center
7. Members are not to give out personal information like telephone number, full name, address, etc. to anyone on the Internet.
8. Members are to never give anyone their password to any of their accounts or allow another member to use their account to access the Internet or Hope Center network.
9. Students must gain clearance from the Hope Center Staff before downloading any programs from the Internet.

### **Media Permission**

A goal of the Hope Center is let others know of the good things that are taking place there. We hope to do that through social media, and news outlets. We will be using pictures in publications. On the return form you will see an area which gives us permission or request us not to use your child' name and picture in any publication.

### **Tutoring Permission**

The Hope Center will be working with the school this year to provide learning activities and to provide students who attend the Hope Center the opportunity to attend and receive help with their academics.

A key to being more successful is knowing the needs of the individual child and working with the school to meet those needs. By communicating with the school, those individual needs can be addressed.

The Hope Center and the Willard City schools will need your permission to share your child's academic needs. Mr. Blanchard, the Hope Center Director and a school employee will be the liaison between the school and the Hope Center. The information will be used to meet the needs of the child during tutoring sessions or academic assistance for your child.

# HOPE CENTER MEMBER EMERGENCY AND INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN TO THE HOPE CENTER.

Member Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Member's email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's/Guardian's Contact information  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Best way to contact: \_\_\_ phone \_\_\_ text \_\_\_ email

Father's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Best way to contact: \_\_\_ phone \_\_\_ text \_\_\_ email

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (If Parent is Not Available)  
Adult Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

CHILD'S MEDICAL INFORMATION  
Any health problems which program directors should know: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medication, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Any activities child should NOT engage in: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Initial One)  
\_\_\_\_\_ In the event of an emergency and I am unavailable, I give consent to the Hope Center Staff to get my child, \_\_\_\_\_ medical treatment to the best of their  
(child's printed name)

knowledge. I give permission for my child to be transferred to the nearest medical facility by Hope Center Staff, Hope Center Volunteer or an emergency vehicle. I also consent to medical treatment which the staff and physician deem necessary until I can be reached.

\_\_\_\_\_ In the event of an emergency and I am unavailable, I do not give the Hope Center Staff or any medical physician permission to treat my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing the Emergency form.  
Please check the appropriate boxes below, sign and return**

**Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INITIAL THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH AREA**

**Internet**

\_\_\_\_\_ *I give permission for my child to access the internet and have read the guidelines.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I do not want my child to have access to the internet while at the Hope Center.*

**Media Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ *I give permission for my child's photographs to be used on social media, in future promotions or informational packages put together by the Hope Center.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I do not give permission for my child's photographs to be used on social media, in future promotions or informational packages put together by the Hope Center.*

**Tutoring Assistance**

\_\_\_\_\_ *I give permission for Mr. Blanchard to communicate with the school to help assist in my child's education.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I do not give permission for Mr. Blanchard to communicate with the school about my child's academics. .*

**Transportation to Hope Center**

The Willard City Schools will provide transportation to the Hope Center on Monday and Thursday for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. In order to provide this service, the Hope Center Membership Packet needs to be completed and returned to the Hope Center or turned into Mr. Blanchard

This bus is one of the first busses to leave so it is important for your child to be ready to leave at the end of the day.

\_\_\_\_\_ *I give permission for my child to ride the school bus from the school to the Hope Center.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *My child will not need transportation to the Hope Center.*

**Hope Center Expectations and Guidelines**

\_\_\_\_\_ *I have read the Hope Center member rules and understand that continued participation in the Hope Center activities is contingent on the member's attention to the behavioral guidelines. I hereby grant permission for my child to participate at the Hope Center. I agree that, to my knowledge, my child is physically and medically able to participate in these activities. If any injuries do occur to my child, I also understand that the program directors will diligently try to contact me in the event of an emergency, if unable to reach me they will contact an alternate adult named on his/her form.*

I also acknowledge the Hope Center cannot control the decisions of the members of when they decide to come to the Hope Center and where they go when they leave. The Hope Center cannot be responsible for the choices, the member makes when they leave the facility. The Hope Center Staff is open to communication with you, the parent if a concern arises.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_