



## **HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries Information for Parents**

**HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries** is a community-led collaborative program that provides Released Time Bible Education (RTBE) to students during the school day with all funding provided by community donors. Written parental permission must be obtained for students to attend. Students are released to leave school, for about one hour, one time per week for Bible class. Trained volunteers accompany students from the school building door to high quality transportation and to a nearby location off school property for an engaging Bible class.

All volunteers go through an extensive application and approval process, including background checks, and, we are committed to child protection and safety policies. At least two volunteers are required to be with students at all times, and the program is responsible for taking students' attendance and for students' safety. The ministry is insured in every aspect – volunteers, leadership, and transportation.

The program's overarching goal is to instill hope in students through faith in God. For more information about HopeStrong Pickaway's Released Time Bible Education program serving your school district please contact the Site Coordinator listed on the parent consent, email [hopestrongohio@gmail.com](mailto:hopestrongohio@gmail.com), or visit our webpage [www.hopestrongohio.com](http://www.hopestrongohio.com).

Local congregations and organizations committed to this collaborative work in Pickaway Co. include: Center Pointe Church, Crossroads CCCU, Elizabeth's Hope, First Church of Christ in Christian Union, God's Abled, Hedges Chapel CCCU, Heritage Nazarene Church, New Life Assemblies of God, Nicolas Drive COG, Ohio Christian University, River of Life COG, RoundTown As One, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, University Church, and Village Chapel Church.

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## HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries (Please keep this page for reference)

**Nearby Location Information:** Students in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Walnut Elementary School may attend HopeStrong Bible Classes, if the attached and completed, signed parental permission form is returned. Classes will be one day per week generally on Tuesdays or Thursdays during their lunch/recess time. No academic classes will be missed. Participating students will travel just over one mile by bus or van from the school building to Hedges Chapel Church at 15495 Winchester Rd., Ashville, OH, for classes.

**NOTE: PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH SESSION!**

### HopeStrong Schedule for 2024 - 2025 School Year

| <u>Grade</u>    | <u>10 Weeks</u>   | <u>Usual Times</u>  |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | September 10 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays) | 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM |

**No HopeStrong Class during Pumpkin Show Week or Thanksgiving Week  
HopeStrong Classes will have a Winter Break Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> | January 7 <sup>th</sup> – Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays) | 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM |
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**No HopeStrong Class the week of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> | January 9 <sup>th</sup> – Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup> (Thursdays) | 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM |
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**No HopeStrong Class during Spring Break (Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>)**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | April 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 13 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays) | 11:00AM – 12:00 PM |
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**No HopeStrong Class the week immediately following Easter Sunday (April 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Questions? PLEASE Call Site Coordinator, Joy Shields-Miller, MD at 614-506-7702**

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## HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries Parent Consent Form

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

### Consent

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the Student listed below, give permission for the Student to attend the released time Bible education program of HopeStrong Pickaway. Students are responsible for any school assignments missed during released time classes. I may revoke consent for my Student to attend the program at any time, and the program may remove any student from the program for disciplinary issues or for being disruptive. I understand that volunteers and program administrators are trained to report child abuse and neglect and concerns about self-harm.

Class time may be adjusted from the approximate times provided. At times, videos or photos may be taken during class or special events, and I give permission to Hedges Chapel, HopeStrong Pickaway, and the state and national released time Bible education organizations with which HopeStrong is affiliated (School Ministries Ohio and School Ministries, Inc.) permission to use and publish, without charge, photographs or videos of my Student.

I request the school to provide a copy of my Student's emergency medical card to HopeStrong Pickaway, so that information is readily available in case of an emergency. I understand this parental consent is valid for the 2024 - 2025 school year or until revoked by me. I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Student listed and I have the legal authority to provide this consent.

Printed Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, medical, or other issues that program volunteers should know about your Student:

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**\*Pizza will be provided each week.\*** Do you have a church home? \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_