

# There Is A Hope... There Is A Future

Jeremiah 29:11(NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

## Upcoming Events

- October 25, 2014**  
**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**  
**5:00pm**  
**Wetlands Water Park**  
**Jonesborough**
- November 1, 2014**  
**Women's Conference**  
**8:30 am-3:00 pm**  
**Cherry Grove Baptist Church**

## A Women's Conference

On Saturday, November 1, 2014, Cherry Grove Baptist Church will host a conference to raise awareness about Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Dating Violence. As I have shared information about the conference, I have been asked what exactly is Human Trafficking.

Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It is prevalent in many countries around the world. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all fifty of the United States. Human Trafficking is a market based economy that exists on principles of supply and demand. It thrives due to conditions which allow for high profits to be generated at low risk.

As defined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the legal definition of "severe forms of trafficking in persons is :

a. sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or

in which the person is induced to perform such an act has not reached the age of 18, or;

b. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery.

Victims are trafficked for a wide variety of purposes, such as commercial sex, agricultural work, or housekeeping, yet they all share the loss of one of our world's most cherished rights — freedom.

There is no one consistent face of a trafficking victim. Trafficked persons can be rich or poor, men or women, adults or children, and foreign nationals or US citizens.

There is no one consistent face of a trafficker.

Trafficking includes a wide range of criminal operators, including individual pimps, small families or businesses, loose-knit de-centralized criminal networks, and international organized criminal syndicates.

Human Trafficking is a crime under US and international law, as well as under many state laws.

The number of trafficking victims in the US is largely unknown. However, hundreds of thousands of US citizen minors are estimated to be at risk of commercial sexual exploitation.

Join us on November 1, 2014, as we learn more about how we can help the victims of these crimes.

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## Facts about Human Trafficking from 55 Little Known Facts

### WORLDWIDE

- There are more slaves in the world today than ever before in history.
- 13 million children around the world are victims of Human Trafficking.
- Over 50% of human trafficking victims are children
- UNICEF estimates that 300,000 children younger than 18 are trafficked to serve in armed conflicts worldwide.

### UNITED STATES

- Women trafficked in the U.S are used to work in the sex industry (strip clubs, peep and touch shows, and massage parlors.)
- They are also trafficked to work in sweatshops, domestic servitude, and agricultural work.

### TENNESSEE

- In TN, sex slavery and trafficking are more common than most people would presume.
- In 2011, 85 counties reported at least one case of human trafficking. (From TBI)

## Are You In An Abusive Relationship-Do You Know Someone In An Abusive Relationship from FOCUS MINISTRIES

### Does He....

- Constantly criticize your appearance?
- Tape record your conversations or keep a calendar of your "actions" to use against you later.
- Give you that certain "look" that instills fear?
- Belittle your accomplishments?
- Constantly contradict himself to confuse you?
- Isolate you from friends and family?
- Make you feel you are the one who is crazy?
- Use intimidation to get what he wants?
- Make you believe you can't exist without him?
- Escalate his anger into physical violence?
- Refuse to believe he has hurt you, refuse to get medical treatment for your injuries, or demand that you lie to the doctor about your injuries?
- Promise to change, but refuse to see a counselor?
- Bring you flowers and gifts after a violent episode, and promise never to do it again?
- Act insanely jealous and accuse you of cheating on him with any man you speak to or act friendly?
- Keep you from using the phone or leaving the house?

### Hot Line Numbers

If you are in need of a safe place due to Domestic Violence, you may call Safe Passage in Johnson City, TN.

24 Hour Hotline 423-926-7233

Tennessee Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline:  
1-855-558-6484.

### Websites with more information

[www.endslaverytn.org](http://www.endslaverytn.org)  
(working to stop Human Trafficking)  
[www.ithastostop.com](http://www.ithastostop.com)  
(TBI on Human Trafficking)  
[www.focusministries1.org](http://www.focusministries1.org)  
(Domestic Violence)  
<http://www.safe passageshelter.org/safeplan.html>

## Heart Piercing Wounds From FOCUS MINISTRY

- **Name Calling**—The abuser uses derogatory names.
- **Abusive Anger**—The abuser exhibits sudden outburst of anger which are usually irrational and unexpected.
- **Threatening**—The abuser knows the victim's greatest fears and uses these to intimidate and keep control.
- **Withholding**—The abuser refuses to acknowledge the victim's thoughts and feelings while remaining aloof, silent, and emotionally distant.
- **Countering**—The abuser refutes the victims perceptions, thoughts, opinions, feelings, and life experiences usually stating viewpoint. This causes the victim to not trust her own perceptions.
- **Discounting**—The abuser invalidates denies, and distorts the victim's perceptions, feelings and thoughts stating; "You're too sensitive. You make a big deal out of everything..."
- **Blocking and Diverting**—The abuser either refuses to communicate or controls what is to be discussed. Sometimes information is withheld or the topic of discussion is suddenly switched to a new topic other than the original. This puts the victim into a position of defending herself. These are common statement used to block or divert, "You're such a nag. You're always trying to start something
- **Accusing and Blaming**—the abuser blames the victim for his anger and problems. He accuses the victim of doing something wrong.
- **Judging and Criticizing**—The abuser consistently judges, criticizes, and negates the victim's feelings, thoughts, opinions, and actions.
- **Trivializing**—The abuser considers the accomplishments, talents, abilities, and statements as insignificant.
- **Undermining**—The abuser undermines the victim's decision regarding rules and consequences given to children.
- **Ordering**—the abuser demands instead of asking politely.
- **Denial**—The abuser denies that he is abusive by saying statement like: "I never said that. That never happened."
- **Forgetting**—The abuser denies he said or did something even if is happened recently.

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### Please Register for Conference by October 15, 2014

You may register by the following:

[www.hopeandfuturecgbc.weebly.com](http://www.hopeandfuturecgbc.weebly.com)

Email: [HopeandFutureCGBC@comcast.net](mailto:HopeandFutureCGBC@comcast.net)

Facebook

Cherry Grove Baptist Church 423-753-2033

Sharon Millsaps 423-341-3042

Kathy Bennett 423-930-7632

## Tactics Human Traffickers Use On Youth

### Boyfriends

Some boyfriends are not friends, at all. A typical human trafficker ploy is to win a girl's complete trust. The trafficker, or a guy used as a recruiter, then turns the girl over to traffickers. Sometimes, traffickers use another girl to win that trust.

### Social Media

Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, texting and chat. Social networking is cool. Sometimes it leads to an off-line meeting and an uncool end-another social networker trapped by slave traders-the girl is ensnared into a life filled with brutality.

### Drugging at social events

You meet interesting people at parties. But drugs secretly dropped into a drink or smeared on a glass can lead to an unexpected after-party, or more like an endless nightmare. Drugging at social events is a common tactic of human traffickers.

### Too Good To Be True

The chance of a lifetime. A job too good to be true. The travel opportunity that can't be refused. Except that it leads to a place you cannot return home from. A place that is so very bad, and yet too true.

### Targeting Vulnerabilities

No one ever told her that she is beautiful and seemed to mean it. And he wanted that concert ticket so much, he was willing to believe anything. We all have emotional needs. We all have dreams. Human traffickers know us all too well, and they are there to offer whatever it is you want or need. But they don't deliver.

### Family Members

Too often parents or extended family sell children, in exchange for drugs, alcohol or other gain. One family, for example, sold their child in exchange for van payments. An estimated 20% of victims are trafficked by their own family.

### Threats

Traffickers sometimes use coercion. One girl, for example, was approached when she was home alone, and told to pack her bags and come with traffickers or they would kill her family.

## Car Wash - September 6, 2014



Thank You!

We want to say a "BIG" thank you to all our Cherry Grove Family, who washed cars, baked goodies, or helped support the Car Wash in any way. Thank you to Olde Town Ace Hardware, Jonesborough, for the use of their facility. We raised \$ 595.26 for Safe Passage, Domestic Violence Shelter, in Johnson City.

## Healthy Relationships at the Start of the School Year

It's back-to-school season, and while you may be returning to the same school or going off to college, it's important to remember how important healthy relationships are as you get settled back into the groove of going to class, studying for tests, participating in afterschool activities and generally being busier than in the summer.

No matter your relationship status, one of the most essential parts of any relationship is communication. Talk about what you both want and what you both expect out of the relationship. For instance, do you both feel like the two of you should spend lots of time together, or does one of you need lots of space? Getting on the same page now means being able to enjoy each other and avoiding misunderstandings about what you both want.

Compromise is another important aspect of any relationship. You're bound to disagree -- in fact, disagreements are a natural part of healthy relationships. Finding a compromise between what the two of you want, however, can prove more challenging. If one of you needs time apart from the other for a while because they've got a huge project, for example, talk about ways to see each other without it interfering with the work. Remember not to get in each other's face, call each other names, sulk or use the silent treatment. Listen to what your partner has to say. It might surprise you!

If you've been in a relationship for a while, maybe you feel like you're in a rut with your partner. Every relationship can use a boost! Talk about activities you both like and do them together. It doesn't have to be expensive -- it can be as simple as a walk in the park. Use your date time together to talk about what you both like about each other, and why you both want to stay with each other. Even if you're not in a relationship, you can give yourself a boost by planning a fun outing with friends or giving yourself a "me" day to do whatever you want.

Having healthy boundaries is another way to keep your relationship secure. Set boundaries together. You and your partner shouldn't feel like this is a trap, nor should they feel like there's a lack of trust. It's about expressing what makes both of you feel comfortable. No one should be stopping the other from going out with friends without the other, blocking them from participating in hobbies and activities or demanding to know passwords to your phone, email, Twitter, Tumblr or more.

A relationship based on mutual respect and open communication will go so much farther than one rooted in power, control and mistrust. If your partner is doing things like yelling at you, humiliating you in front of your friends, acting super jealous or manipulating you into doing things you don't want, they could be the early warning signs of abuse. -From Love is Respect

## DATING VIOLENCE FROM Love is Respect.org

- Nearly 1.5 million high school student nationwide experience abuse from a dating partner in a single year.
- One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.
- One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- One quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse.

## Campus Safety Awareness Month—September

If you're heading off to college this fall, you're probably feeling super excited and staying busy figuring out your schedule, getting your books, and settling into student housing. While college can be a lot of fun (and you also get to learn cool stuff!), it's important to remember that there are risks involved. One in five women are sexually assaulted or raped on college campuses in the U.S., and one in three teens is the victim of dating abuse.

All of us at loveisrespect definitely want you to know how to stay safe and help others stay safe, too. September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month, so all month long groups and organizations around the country are calling attention to issues of student safety on college and university campuses.

This year, we're focusing on bystander awareness and how being an active bystander can help prevent incidents of assault and violence. Being an active bystander means: Speaking up if you witness violence or assault, and taking action if you sense that someone needs help.

- See more at: <http://www.loveisrespect.org>

