

Be a Faith Encourager through HopeWork Prison Ministry

HopeWorks Orientation

Monday, September 11 – 5:30 p.m.

Midtown Church of Christ – 1930 Union Ave.

(basement: enter on the east side, door near the front of the church)

Dinner provided

No reservation needed

Would you like to mentor an individual on his/her way out of the prison system? Perhaps God is calling you to use your gifts of compassion, deep listening, and encouragement in a new way. If so, please consider becoming a Faith Encourager through HopeWorks. An orientation is scheduled for September 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Midtown Church of Christ.

As a Faith Encourager, you would commit one hour each week for 13 weeks to your assigned partner, providing the kind of consistency and empathy he/she needs during an exciting but vulnerable time. You are needed! Far more inmates have requested a Faith Encourager than there are Faith Encouragers to go around.

Idlewild is in partnership with HopeWorks, and several members of Idlewild have already committed to becoming involved this year. Simply put, the Faith Encourager ministry is one ingredient in a recipe that combines education, job, and life skills training to those who are nearing their release dates. Together with post-release access to important resources, these ingredients become the recipe for a successful transition. They empower former inmates to make new lives for themselves, minimizing the recidivism rate and even breaking the cycle of generational poverty that traps so many.

If you're interested in becoming a Faith Encourager or want to learn more, please contact Stephen McIntosh (Stephen.mcintosh@ipaper.com) or Sara Dorrien-Christians (sdorrien@idlewildchurch.org) — or simply attend the HopeWorks orientation Monday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of Midtown Church of Christ, 1930 Union Ave. (Enter the door on the east side, near the front of the church.) Dinner will be provided. No reservation needed.