

# Children & Family

MARCH  
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## Ministries

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### 3M Monthly Marriage Maintenance



#### Simplify: Back to the Basics

By Michelle Akins

God's timing cracks me up. Women's Retreat, Equipo, Easter, etc. are looming large on the calendar. It hardly seems like the month to pause, ponder, breath, and simplify. But going back to the basics of what is important and vital to my

marriage may be just the thing that leads me into a deeper relationship with my husband and with Christ. Instead of considering the call to simplify as just another item on the never-ending "to-do" list...I can see it as a way to honor God, as central and vital to my everyday life. Perhaps it's as simple as regaining gratitude or remembering our wedding vows. At 3M, couples can take time

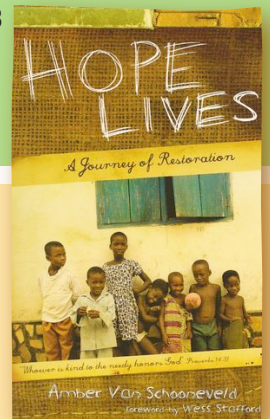
together to focus on their relationship and enjoy a family dinner followed by free childcare! This month we'll discuss what it means to simplify our marriages. Please RSVP to Michelle Akins or Steve Fawver.

When: March 18, 6:30pm  
Where: NFC Social Hall  
Who: Married couples of any age and their families (free childcare provided).  
Cost: \$5 dinner donation

### HOPE LIVES VBS 2013

80 youth and adult volunteers are needed to participate in vacation Bible school. Please contact Michelle Akins to learn more about how you can be involved in this community ministry.

Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28  
9-11:30am



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## For Your Calendar



March 8-10	NFC Women's Retreat, Twin Rocks Friends Camp
March 10	Adoptive Families Gathering, NVFC, 5:30pm
March 15	Pre-K Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7pm
March 18	3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance), NFC Social Hall, 6:30pm
March 21-30	Equipo (formerly GAGA) Trip to San Luis, Mexico
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 1	Stamps for Camps Begins
April 15	3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance), NFC Social Hall, 6:30pm
April 29	Pre-K Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7pm

## Volunteers and Donations

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's vacation Bible school. 80 youth and adult volunteers are needed to help during this community ministry in partnership with Newberg Foursquare Church. A list of VBS volunteer open positions is posted outside our nursery on the large bulletin board. VBS runs June 24-28, 2013. Sign up today!

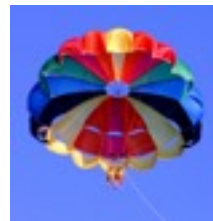


You can also contribute to VBS by bringing in plastic grocery sacks or a cash donation for VBS snacks and supplies. Please bring All VBS donations to the NFC office.

Girls Camp is looking for donations for their craft projects. Please bring the following items to the Resource Room on Sunday mornings: buttons, scrapbook paper, clothespins, composition notebooks, embroidery thread, fabric scraps longer than 24 inches.

5:30pm, they will have a small supper, followed by a program at 6pm. Rhonda Andrews, a local counselor in adoption issues, will be talking about some of the struggles adoptive parents may be having with their kids. Childcare provided. For more details contact Melanie Mock. [mmock@georgefox.edu](mailto:mmock@georgefox.edu)

## NFC Women's Retreat



Sign up before Friday, March 8, to join a group of wonderful women for "Lifted Up, Living in the Rhythm of Grace." The retreat will feature Lisa McMinn and Julie Anderson as our speakers, lots of time to relax and enjoy the Oregon coast at your own pace, and delicious meals. Please contact Michelle Akins if you plan to attend. Registration and scholarship forms can be found in the NFC office.

## Pre-K Fun Night

This spring, our preschoolers will have two Fun Nights! These events are for children age three through five who do not yet attend Kindergarten. We will enjoy dinner, stories, and large-group games together. The cost is only \$2 per child with a family max of \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist during this energy-packed hour. See above for dates and times. Contact Michelle Akins if you'd like to help or if your child(ren) plan to attend. Visitors welcome and encouraged!



## Sunday Morning Schedule

**Sunday school** for children age 2 through 5th grade provided during 1st service at 9am.

**Nursery care** for children up to age 2 during 1st service 9-10:15am. Nursery care infants and children through 2 years is available during the 2nd service from 10:30 to noon in Room 243.

**Godly Play** is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:45am worship service. Children are dismissed during the service to Room 232.

**Children's Care** is for children ages 3 through 5 during the 10:45am service. Children are dismissed during the service to Room 133.

**Community Time** is open for you to gather with your church family from 10 to 10:45am in the Social Hall or on the lawn, weather permitting.



Let's Carpool!



There are a few people in our congregation who could use help with rides to and from church. Please contact Michelle Akins if you are able to serve in this manner.

## Adoptive Families Gathering

If you are a family that has adopted children, is interested in adoption, or if you've been adopted, this group is a helpful resource! AFG meets monthly at North Valley Friends Church. March 10,