

FAITH AND FINANCE

“In God’s economy,
everyone is blessed.”

- Bobi Laird

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Bobi Laird and her daughter-in-law Jenny took a step of faith when they agreed to teach the **Faith and Finance** class, “I have always been able to manage money well, but I am not a teacher. I pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak through me each lesson.” Through her experience owning and operating a small business, Bobi has learned invaluable lessons about finances and decided to share that knowledge with others. Jenny is her Ally, she helps with the paperwork and observes the class, noting what seems impactful and helping plan future lessons.

Bobi completed her training in Faith and Finance through the Chalmers Center Institute to prepare to teach the curriculum. During the first session, each participant lists three financial goals they would like to accomplish. Reviewing their goals has been very impactful for Bobi, who became emotional when telling the story about a woman whose goal was simply to save up enough money to take her children on a local trip, such as Lake Michigan. “It really makes me appreciate all God has blessed me with and encourages me to want to bless others.”





Bobi and Jenny both think that there are others who could use this class, no matter their financial situation. "We all need to learn how to live richly", says Bobi. Americans tend to be very busy and think about themselves. In this class you learn how to give of what you have for the good of the kingdom."

When asked what they would like to share with supporters of Hope United Bobi said that she would like to invite everyone to consider what it means to give sacrificially in God's economy richly, says Bobi. She specifically notes that this does not always mean money. Jenny said that given what she has seen in the class she would encourage those who are able to donate "I think that if more people were exposed to this kind of class, they might grow in empathy."

If you would like to get involved with the Faith and Finance class by becoming an Ally or instructor, please visit the Hope United website <https://hopeunitedsjc.com/>

Hope United's Annual

DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER

Support our efforts to transform our community while enjoying delectable desserts and listening to testimonies of all that is being accomplished at Hope United!



Tuesday, October 3rd
6:30pm to 8:00pm

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STURGIS MAKE IT HOME

A MINISTRY OF RADIANT LIFE CHURCH
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HOPE UNITED



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Sturgis Make it Home is a ministry of Radiant Life Church in Sturgis, in partnership with Hope United. Its purpose is to help supply individuals starting over in life with essential household items such as **bedding, bath linens, dishes, cooking and eating utensils, pots, pans, cookware, utensils, laundry baskets, etc.** The ministry is located at 307 W Chicago Rd., Sturgis -Jefferson Street entrance.

Hope United's Restored Hope Furniture Ministry, which supplies individuals starting over with essential furniture items, saw the need for a ministry in Sturgis that would also help supply these same individuals with household items for their homes. Shelly Render and Peggy Musolff of Radiant Life Church answered this need by involving their home church in starting Sturgis Make it Home. Radiant Life Church has been a strong Partner Church since Hope United's start in 2018, and we are privileged to partner again with them in Sturgis this year.

- Sturgis Make it Home requires referrals for its clients from any church or local organization (CMH, Hope United, United Way, Salvation Army)
- Distribution is by appointment with a referral.
- Donations for household items can be dropped off on Saturdays from 10 am to 12:00 pm

(These items should be gently used, clean, smoke and stain free please.) No electrical appliances will be accepted.



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom of God in a broad sense, is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. In a narrow sense, the Kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who are willing to submit to God's authority over their lives. Satan challenged the authority of God over His Kingdom and convinced Adam and Eve to trust in themselves rather than in God's wisdom, which broke fellowship with God. The result of their sin resulted in their having to leave the garden, where they had been perfectly provided for through their Sustainer, and led to all of mankind being separated from God, and trusting in themselves instead of the creator to meet their needs.

The great news is that God created a way through Jesus for that fellowship with Him to be restored! One day soon that fellowship with God will be fully restored. Until then, we pray as Jesus taught us, for the fullness of God's Kingdom to come to Earth. (Matt. 6:10) We are called to participate in His Kingdom work by proclaiming the good news of Jesus and by living out the aspects of God's Kingdom in our everyday lives; living as Jesus taught us to live.

At creation, God established a Kingdom economy on Earth. He created a system in which mankind was to operate that would result in shalom. God's shalom is a world of peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare, and tranquility. Although this Kingdom will not be fully realized until the second coming of Christ, we can bring aspects of God's Kingdom to Earth, right here, right now by living and operating according to the standards that Jesus taught us. By loving our neighbors and living sacrificial lives to meet the needs of those less fortunate. By acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our fellow man.



The Faith & Finance class, taught through Hope United's RESET, challenges individuals enrolled in the class (whether participant or ally) to ask the essential question; what does it mean to first seek God's Kingdom and trust that He then adds everything else to us? (Matt.6:33) Seeking first His Kingdom changes everything about how we live and how we use money – we are invited to think beyond how we view wealth and asked to participate in God's larger work of restoration.

Jesus came to restore all things. One of the ways He is doing so is through the ministries of Hope United and classes like Faith & Finance. Won't you choose to partner with Hope United in this exciting Kingdom work by committing to support the ministries of Hope United on a monthly basis and by giving of your time to serve? Contact us with your financial pledge and commit to an area of volunteer service as we, together, seek His Kingdom first!



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