

# Parachurch Ministries

## BOH Mission Statement

*“Come as you are, grow in grace, go and serve”*

## Parachurch Missional Mandate

*All para-church ministries that come under the auspices/sponsorship of Bridge of Hope must encompass aspects of the mission of this church body—  
come as you are, grow in grace, go and serve by...*

- working with ministries who are invitational to and accepting of others
- working alongside others to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
- sharing the Good News of salvation by being the hands and feet of Jesus

## Biblical Purpose

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:  
If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.  
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”  
Ecclesiastes 4:9&10*

## Responsibilities

*Those in leadership of each para-church ministry will be responsible for the oversight of the ministries' needs and requirements. Members of Bridge of Hope, or those outside of Bridge, will need to be approved by the Bridge of Hope Council before serving.*

## Directives

*Each para-church ministry's leadership will...*

- consist of at least one member of Bridge of Hope
- include a Council Liaison who will be appointed by Council
- be overseen by the Council

## Current parachurch ministry:

- Celebrate Recovery: 2015 –  
*Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-based recovery program designed to help individuals on their journey of healing from “hurts, hang-ups and habits.” It uses similar principles as Alcoholics Anonymous but differs in that it is a Christ-centered ministry—Jesus Christ is the one and only Higher Power. Like AA, it is a 12-step program. However, at Celebrate Recovery the 12 steps are based on biblical principles, acknowledging that it's God who brings healing. Along with the 12 steps are 8 principles that Jesus taught His disciples from the book of Matthew, chapter 5, in the Sermon on the Mount. These 8 principles, or Beatitudes, teach us how to live and are instrumental in leading individuals to wholeness.*

*Bridge of Hope is the sponsoring church for this ministry in our community. It's held each Monday evening, beginning at 7:00pm, at the Ministry Center. Everyone is welcome.*

## Previous parachurch ministries sponsored by BOH:

- One Body One Hope / Supermarket Church: 2007 - 2018
- Alpha: 2018 – 2020
- Royal Family Kids: 2014 – 2021