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## **The Cover Story**

hanks to generous donations from the congregation of New Hope Ministries, twenty-five students and student leaders from **Breakthrough Student Ministries**, were able to attended the **12 Conference** in Bradenton, Florida, this summer.

**12 Conference** is a 3-day conference designed to transform students into fully devoted followers of Christ, to live a life bigger than themselves, and to make a positive impact on their world. This year's theme was "The Cause."



As in the previous years we've taken students to this event, it was an amazing opportunity for them to grow in the wisdom and stature of the Lord. They created new bonds of friendship, heard Holy Spirit inspired messages from some of the leading voices in today's generation, and experienced powerful worship, and youth leader sessions. They also heard from musical guests, participated in exciting praise and worship, and, of course, had a lot of fun!

Most of all, our students and student leaders were refreshed in the Word. They were indeed transformed into fully-devoted followers of Christ, and God **will** use them to make a positive impact on their world!



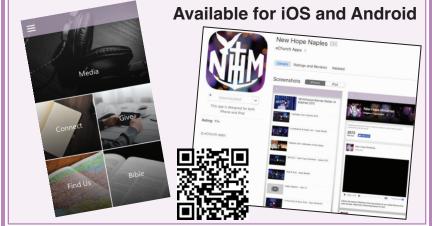
Breakthrough Student Ministries (6th-12th grade students) meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the Breakthrough Room, located upstairs in the Event Center. Each week there's fun, fellowship, food, and a message by Pastor Jason Justice or a guest speaker. We also have great special events throughout the year.

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## From the Tree Stand by Pastor Grant Thigpen

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Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

Four times it is written in God's Word that the just (or righteous) shall live by faith. As Christians, our spiritual lives began by faith in God's Holy Word (Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:17), and according to that Holy Word, we can grow up by continually desiring the sincere milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2).

Faith is not a one-time occurrence, it is a lifelong existence of hearing God's Word, receiving God's Word, and doing God's Word. (Matthew 13:19,23; James 1:21,22; II Corinthians 4:13)

#### But no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident; for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians 3:11

As long as we live on this earth, we must live by faith in God's Holy Word. To live by faith is to walk with God; to walk with God means that we agree

with His Word (Amos 3:3). What we see or do not see with our natural eves is not what our faith is based upon. We must be fully persuaded that God's Word is true and anything contrary to it is a lie. Our faith is not based upon what happens or doesn't happen in our lives, it is based upon what the Word of God says has already

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:17

happened in Christ Jesus. By faith, we live, move, and have our being in Him! What we see or do not see, what we feel or do not feel, must not cause us to waver from believing God's Word, receiving it, understanding it and obeying it because that is how we live by faith.

Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Hebrews 10:38

## Missions We Support

outhwest Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching tens of thousands of student athletes and coaches in Collier, Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties—one heart at a time. FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America, and they focus on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. They seek to challenge coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high, and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for lesus Christ.

Their goal this year is to be active on 45 middle and high school campuses and reach 65,000 students and coaches through their campus ministry programs. In our area, those include:

**Coaches Ministry** 

Team Chaplain Program

"Huddles" (An FCA school club that reaches out to the entire campus)

**Team Bible Studies** 

One Way 2 Play – Drug Free program (reaching students to commit to playing drug and alcohol free)

Special Outreach Programs

**Prayer Groups** 

They also seek to reach and serve the coaches, who are often the single most important adult role model in a young person's life. Over the course of his or her career, the influence of a single coach ripples out to reach thousands of kids. The values those kids learn stay with them long after the final whistle blows on their last high school game. On campus they seek to help coaches maintain a heart for coaching, a heart for their players, and a heart for God.



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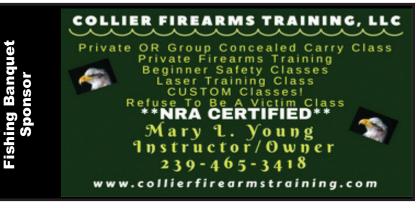
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Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes Condensed Milk Can/Jar of Turkey Gravy Instant Potatoes Stove Top Stuffing

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...." (Matthew 25:35)

Please bring non-perishable food items NO LATER THAN WED., NOV. 16th

## Awesome Sausage, Apple and Cranberry Stuffing

Recipe compliments of Chef Brian Elwell

Prep.: 15 minutes; Cook: 25 minutes; Ready in: 1 hour 40 minutes INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 cups cubed whole wheat bread
- 3-3/4 cups cubed white bread
- 1 pound ground sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 2-1/2 teaspoons dried sage
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, cored and chopped
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.
- 2 In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring for 2 minutes to blend flavors.
- 3 Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apple, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter and mix lightly. Allow stuffing to cool completely before loosely stuffing a turkey.





## How to Give a Holy who Cares by Texas Stready

o me the worst fate possible is to become a person who overlooks the matters of the heart—my own or others. But like everything that concerns emotions, too much focus on feelings can take us off track.

Life has taught me that what I think of myself and who I really am can look quite different. No one is perfect and few are connected enough to realize what's really going on. This automatically leaves us at the corner of Now What Street and Who Cares Boulevard.

#### **Your Next Move Matters**

The question then becomes, how can I be affected when I should be, but unaffected if need be? Taking an unfamiliar course can be quite scary. It's like the struggle of learning to ride a bike. It requires risk, understanding, and obedience, but the achievement brings great reward.

Our battles when crossing the mine-field of life are tough. Some insist we protect ourselves while others demand a seek and destroy mode. Believe it or not we can learn to protect ourselves and defend ourselves at the same time.

#### **Dependence**—Not Balance

I spent much of my life protecting people I hardly knew and hurting the ones who love me. Talk about offbalance.

Emotional stability exists, but



it's different for each body. No magic's involved, it's all about technique. The only teacher I can trust is the One who created the formula—God. The Holy Spirit is my tutor. It's like having a legal cheat sheet. Reliance on His voice takes diligence, but the end result is an A + .

Dependence is a key factor. The only way to find freedom from our self-salvaging lies is to get off our tightropes and grab hold of the Lifeline.

#### Just Do It

Believe it or not, Who Cares Boulevard is the course we must take. Sounds irresponsible when in fact, it's the art of taking my hands off. Don't misunderstand, in some matters it's absolutely necessary to respond, but more often than not, letting go is our best option.

If we can settle these three things, who cares will come naturally.

- 1. God is in complete control.
- 2. His love for me is perfect.
- 3. He always does what's best.

Being certain of these three things gives me a newfound abil-

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ity to shrug my shoulders. If God created the heavens and the earth, then it's obvious He's in control (Genesis 1:1). If I believe that lesus chose to die to save me from my sin, then plainly no one cares more (Romans 5:8). If it's true that God will use every circumstance for my good, then without doubt God always does what's best (Romans 8:28).

Do yourself a favor and take

your hands off. Let go. Things are exactly as they should be. It all comes down to this-do I believe the Bible or not? My behavior will answer that question. The truth found in God's Word makes giving life a holy who cares not only easy, but downright fun.

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# Top Three Things to Bring

#### The FIRST thing...

**Bring Yourself.** In Luke 8:43-48 there is a story about a woman with a blood issue who one day makes the choice to go encounter Jesus. Just like this woman made the choice to go, we have to make the choice to go. Each week we have to make the choice to attend church because we know what can happen while we are there.

Think of it this way, what if no one showed up for a service because they did not want to bring themselves, it would be empty and it would be awkward.

The reality is that we have to learn to put a priority on being a part of the local church. We have to understand and accept the truth that it is a place to be yourself, to connect with others, and to connect with God.

#### The SECOND thing...

**2**Bring Your Friends. In Mark 2:1-12 we read the story of four men who carry their friend to Jesus. This is my favorite depiction of someone not only inviting someone to meet Jesus, but actually being willing to **bring** them to meet Jesus.

We each have the power to change the course of someone's life by inviting them to a place where they can encounter a loving God who cares for them.

Sometimes sharing your faith and love for Jesus with other people is as simple as inviting them to church and making it impossible for them to say no. I believe that attending church affords people an opportunity to not only grow and be challenged, but to be changed forever.

**Question**: What if God desires to use you to invite someone to church so that they can be eternally changed? What if?

I believe He does. Yes, it will be risky, yes it will take faith, but it is always worth it. The worst they can say is no, but you never know when they will say yes. Remember that sometimes it takes multiple invitations for some to accept.

I don't just accept anyone's friend request on Facebook. It's just one of those things I don't do. However, I have noticed that some people that are diligent in sending me friend requests and because of their diligence (and my irritation) I eventually accept.

The truth is we should never stop inviting the people God has placed in our lives.

If church is a place you love

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and enjoy, it should be a place you want to share with the people in your life.

#### The THIRD thing...

**Bring Your Expectation.** The definition of expectation: *To look forward to; anticipate the occurrence.* 

Another word for expectation is faith and we see it throughout the Bible. The definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

We should all bring an expectation for God to do something in our lives every time we attend church. We should expect God to speak to us, encourage us, and do the things that only He can do in and through our lives.

We should expect what He says in His Word to come true. We should expect that when we pray, He hears us.

We should not only have an expectation for ourselves, but we should have an expectation for the people we bring to church. We should expect God to do something special in their lives. We should expect God to change hearts and renew minds. We should expect God to do what only He can do.

When I think of expectation I think of those movies that have you gripping your hands tightly, maybe even giving you sweaty palms when wondering and thinking about what's going to happen next. I believe that this is what God desires in each one of us. As we come to church we should be on the edge of our seats asking, "What is God going to do today?" I truly believe that having expectation will cause God to meet you at that expectation; that having an expectation for God to do something in and through your life will get His attention. We should come every week knowing that anything can happen.

Throughout the New Testament, we read accounts of how people flocked to Jesus with the expectation: What is God about to do next? I have to be honest. As I think of what God is going to do at New Hope Ministries in the near future, I find it impossible to not have an excited expectation, knowing that God is going to do something amazing in and through this church and our lives.

There are six words that God has really pressed upon on my heart and mind this year. They are "**The Best Is Yet to Come.**"

## Walk by Faith Not by Sight

There are people who have every reason to be discouraged and give up on life, but instead they make the most of their situation and bring joy to those around them. Those people inspire me and make me realize how important it is to be thankful and grateful for the grace and mercy God shows to each of His children.

One such person is my friend, Della Weeks. Although she awakened out of a coma totally blind, her attitude is one of gratefulness. Della's motto, **"You can sit back and feel sorry for yourself or you can get up and do something!"** Believe me, she doesn't sit around. She loves to get out and "see" what's going on around her and help her friends and family in any way she can. She was also instrumental in bringing *Lighthouse for the Blind* to Collier County.

Della has great adventures with her wonderful friend (and former sister-in-law), Debbi Tull. They go to movies and sightseeing, and Debbi describes to Della what she sees. They also go shopping, out to eat, boating, fishing, visit state parks and have taken a boat to the Florida Keys. Debbi says, **"Della has a keen sense of smell and hearing, and she is** great with directions." Recently, Della and I were part of the same small group at a Women's Conference. During the time of sharing about ourselves, Della said, "I don't have any reason to complain. My life is good and I'm so blessed to be alive. I know so many are much worse off than me."

Della is on her own during the day, so she has devised her own technique for organizing her closet and for separating her clothes from her daughter's when doing the laundry. She cooks and sews and even made a new pair of coulottes by laying a pair of her slacks on the new fabric and following the outline as she cut out the shape she wanted.

Eleven years ago, Della had what seemed to be an allergic reaction with uncontrollable itching in her right leg. After a few hours the itching spread to the other leg. By 1:00am, with no relief, she went to the emergency room where they ran tests. For lack of finding anything else, the diagnosis was Dermatitis and Della was sent home with medication that basically knocked her out so she could get some rest and relief from the itching. Two days later she went back to the hospital where they kept her a continued on page 22

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## What Will We Do If So-And-So Is Elected?

onfession: I do not particularly love writing or reading about politics. My heart gets all thumpity and afraid that I will hurt feelings or offend someone or make myself look ignorant or start a comment battle or...the list goes on and on...but I am going to be brave and write about it.

If you are like me, you respond to politics one of two ways depending on your mood at a given moment:

(1) You shut out the voice of American politics immediately, having become jaded by the ugliness, falsity, and ever-increasing godlessness that currently prevails in the media and in the government. You remind yourself that God is in control and does not need your voice adding to the chorus of complaining, bitterness, and hate that currently fills social media and daily conversation. **OR** 

(2) You become incensed over one or more issues and are inspired to become a voice crying out in the wilderness against a world that wants no part of the Bible or Christian values. It is up to you to change American government, and if so-and-so is elected then the world as you know it will come to an end.

Depending on how I'm feeling, I usually set my mind on one 20 by Mallory Murphy Harris

of these two attitudes. Some days I tell myself, "It's hopeless. There will never again be a servant of the Lord elected as president. You might as well give up praying, and trust God to humble America in whatever way He sees fit. Raise your family to the best of your ability and mind your own business." But this perception of politics is a problem because God does not want us to stop praying or fighting for His Kingdom to come to earth. He does not want us to stay in our own Christian safety zone while ignoring the injustices that break His heart.

However, the second attitude isn't quite right either. It can lead to testing God, and becoming frustrated with Him when American society and government do not reflect our earnest prayers.

So, how can we have a healthy outlook on politics, especially as the political scene heats up and candidates are fighting tooth and nail for the spotlight? By having a Godly, wise perspective that takes both God's sovereignty and our own responsibility as His people into consideration. I do not have this mastered yet - I am either dead to the political scene or living in a state of hopeless, crazed fear as I cry out desperately for change. I think these skewed viewpoints can be boiled down to this: not praying enough or not trusting enough.

I once heard a sermon on prayer by pastor Tim Keller. He was explaining Psalm 4 (I believe) and how two different types of praver are visible in the passage. In the first verse, the psalmist writes, "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!" This is a desperate cry for the Lord to intervene. It's a prayer of supplication, a humble man asking God to do a mighty work, but later, in verse 8, the author says, "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." This is a prayer acknowledging that God is in complete control. The psalmist can sleep at night peacefully, trusting the Lord with all of his heart. Both of these prayers are good examples for us to follow as we kneel before God. Our hearts have to constantly be expecting God to work mightily in our nation and to install Godly people in leadership positions, while at the very same time trusting Him to carry out His plan.

Here's a little secret: God's plan can NEVER be thwarted. Ever. The Bible says, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand" (Proverbs 19:21). Whew. Even reading that verse gives me peace.

That being said, it's completely

valid to be heartbroken over what is going on in the world today. In fact, it would be a tragedy if you felt no sadness at the materialism, broken family life, and sexual immorality that currently characterizes our once-beautiful nation. The prophets in the Old Testament tore their clothes, wept over their cities, and mourned. Jeremiah, commonly referred to as the weeping prophet, writes: "Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughters of my people! Oh that I had in the desert a travelers' lodging place, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, a company of treacherous men" (9:1-2).

Jeremiah is crying about the moral decline of his society, saying that they are "adulterers" and "treacherous men." Sound familiar? It is Godly to be passionate for righteousness. It is Godly to pray fervently for the person being elected as president. Because how can we be a living, breathing, loving city on a hill if our eyes are shut to the evil around us? We have to trust God and walk in obedience, praying that He uses us to bring justice. We have to keep speaking the Truth even when the rest of the world hates us. We have to go to sleep at night with peace in our hearts.

Even if the worst happens... and so-and-so is elected. Why? Because our God never fails.

#### Walk by Faith continued from page 18

few days for more testing. The new diagnosis was Still's disease, a form of Rheumatoid Arthritis which required her to have shots in her stomach. Once again Della was sent home and when she awakened in the middle of the night and tried to get up, she was unable to move her body. She could feel touch, but was completely paralyzed.

The family called 911 and, hours after being hospitalized, Della went into a coma. **There seemed to be no explanation for the coma.** Her organs were shutting down, she had to be put on dialysis and life support, and there was little hope for recovery.

Della's daughter worked for Dr. Daniel Morris, a local oncologist, so she contacted him and asked him to please come and review her mother's chart. Upon entering the room and looking through her chart, Dr. Morris felt he knew what was wrong and ordered the testing and medication for TTP (Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura).

Della was tested and indeed Dr. Morris' diagnosis was correct. TTP or Moschcowitz syndrome is a rare disorder of the blood-coagulation system, causing microscopic clots to form in the small blood vessels throughout the body. These clots can damage organs, including the kidneys, heart, and brain. Treatment began, and Della started responding after the second of three treatments. By the time she received the third, she had come out of the coma. She was still heavily medicated and on dialysis, but her brain function was good. She remained in the hospital as the medication and sedative dosage was slowly decreased. After a month she asked her family, "Why are we always in the dark?" **Their suspicions** were now confirmed. Della was totally blind.

Three months later, Della was released from the hospital and began trying to adapt to her new life without sight, on dialysis, and having to give herself insulin shots. However, in February while out for lunch with her daughter, her blood pressure spiked and a headache came on sudden and fierce.

The initial CAT scan showed that Della's brain was hemorrhaging. During the entire month of February a CAT scan was done each morning and night, to monitor the progress before she could be released to go home.

Following the brain hemorrhage, dialysis testing showed improved numbers and 30% kidney function. **Della knows that many prayers were spoken on her behalf and that God has purpose for her life. She feels blessed to be alive.** 

#### Walk by Faith continued

It took four years to get off of all the medication. Through the power of God and His healing touch, Della is NO LONGER receiving dialysis and does not need to take insulin. She frequently enjoys a large DQ Blizzard with no side effects!

During our interview Della said, **"We walk by faith, not by sight."** I thought it a fitting title for her story. She has NOT stopped believing that **one day she will see again**. So, she has stacks of Christian material gath-



Debbi Tull and Della Weeks

ered from every seminar or event she's attended because, she says, "I'm going to read every bit of it when my sight is restored!"





...a turtle, 5 light blubs, a hair clip, a ring, a dragonfly, a clothespin, a sharpie, 7 birthday candles, a spoon, playing cards, scissors, a straw, pliers, a bandaid, 6 pennies, sunglasses, and a lip gloss.





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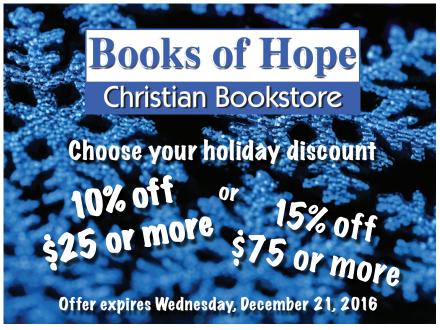
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### NHSM Graduates: Where Are They Now?



#### 2010 Graduates: Bucky & Jerri Flowers

Jerri and I have been attending New Hope Ministries for about 18 years. We first attended when it was located across the street. Each of us has grown in our

walk with Jesus, just as the church has grown physically over the years. Since attending the School of Ministries, things have only gotten better for both of us. Once I graduated, I started attending the Thursday night men's group and eventually, on many occasions since, I have taught and led those classes. Then, I was asked to lead the church's emergency and security team ministry. Yes, it is a ministry. Two years ago, I led a dear friend who was dying of cancer, to the Lord. Last year, I was asked to teach one three-hour session on Evangelism in the School of Ministries. This past year I was asked to do the



complete six week session. Which is, to date, one of the most exciting things that has happened in my spiritual life. I consider it an awesome and humbling responsibility to represent God to other believers.

Several years ago Jerri started helping one of the teachers in the Daisies class on Wednesday nights. I remember asking her when she first started "what are you teaching tonight?" Her reply, "I'm not a teacher, I'm just helping." Well, God and the Holy Spirit won out. It wasn't long before she became the Daisies' teacher and when you walk into that classroom it is obvious who the teacher is. Through the School of Ministries we learned to hear and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct us. God doesn't call the equipped, He equips those He calls. We are living proof.

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#### 1991 Graduate: Susan Gaffney

Hard to believe it's been 25 years since I graduated from the inaugural class at New Hope School of Ministries! If there's one thing I've learned since graduation, it's that the Lord never stops teaching and I am eternally His grateful student!

In 1991, I was busy climbing the corporate ladder and faced a decision: Continue up the ladder to financial success, or use my new skills to share my faith and disciple one on one to those placed in my path by the Lord. It was an easy decision and one I've never come to regret. That's not to say there haven't been hardships along the way. In a brief 8month period, my mother passed away unexpectedly, my father underwent a botched surgery leaving him in constant pain, and my son was diagnosed with testicular cancer. A short time later, I was surprised to learn that my marriage had come to an end. I could go on, but as Patsy Clairmont says, "I personally have found pain will leave a residue, but God uses that to keep us tender and compassionate toward the fractures in other people's lives." I couldn't agree more!

For the past 18 years I have volunteered in the nursery at my church, Southpoint Community Church in Jacksonville, FL. This, in turn, led to several nanny positions for families both inside and outside my church. They have touched my life as much as I have been honored to speak life into theirs. Most recently, one of my employers, who I encouraged to visit our church, gave her life to the Lord! Additionally, I serve as a leader in the Women's Ministry and facilitate a weekly women's Bible study in my home. The Lord has seen fit to keep me humble. "tender and compassionate," and I will continue to do my best to help heal the "fractures in other people's lives."

Eight years ago I sustained a traumatic brain injury. The brain was bleeding and I wasn't expected to live. The surgeon had been called in to bore a hole to drain, but I felt the Lord had stopped the bleeding. I had two friends with me and they were in the emergency room, not only praying over me, but calling everyone in our church to pray! Sure enough, after the 2nd scan, it showed the bleeding had stopped! The surgeon talked for months about how it was a miracle that not only am I alive but living somewhat a normal life.

I have faith that one day I will be totally healed!

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**Jason Dally** began attending New Hope Ministries in 1996, and is a 2009 graduate of the New Hope School of Ministries.

In 1997, NHM was on the south side of Davis Blvd., where the Bovs & Girls Club is now located. Having outgrown our two buildings, plus a portable, we were holding three Sunday morning services. along with Sunday evening and Wednesday night. Child Development Center, our child care facility, was in operation Monday through Friday, and our current sanctuary was under construction on the north side of Davis Blvd. This was also the year Jason began working in the maintenance department, first on the old property, and upon it's completion, in the new building, continuing until 2002.

In 2011, Jason returned to the maintenance department as a custodian in the Event Center. His job requires a flexible schedule, which includes evening and days, depending upon

NHM events and rentals of the Event Center facilities. Jason is a hard worker and has a heart to serve others in any way he is able.

In addition to working at NHM, Jason also teaches in HopeZone during the 9:00am Sunday morning service. He also volunteers in the kitchen, and enjoys being available to assist with the Hunting and Fishing Banquets, the Motorcycle Rally, Fall Fest, and the Family Fun Days.

Jason is a native of Naples. His family moved to Naples in 1973 and he was born at Naples Community Hospital three year later. His hobbies include sports, hunting and fishing. Jason also loves food, particularly steak, chicken, pizza and German chocolate cake!

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## NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CALENDAR OCT 2016 - JAN 2017

## October

- 21 Family Movie Night: God's Not Dead 2
- 22 Pastor's Wives' Appreciation Brunch
- 25 Fields of Faith (Naples High Football Field)
- 26 Breakthrough Student Ministries RIOT NIGHT
- 28 Fall Fest

#### November

- **1** Thanksgiving Food Drive begins
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 General Election Day
- **11** Casting Crowns Concert
- 12 8th Annual Hunting Banquet
- 18 Movie Night
- 24 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)
- 27 Angel Tree begins

#### December

- 18 Water Baptism
- **25** MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### January 2017

- **1** HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 8 Baby Dedication





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