



Helping one person at a time, therefore helping families for generations to come.

Board of Directors

Dr. Eric Harding
Chair
Dottie Wilson
Vice-Chair

Kim Chrestman
Linda Hale
Dr. Bill Kahlstorf
Dr. Martin Lee
Al Pleasants
Mark Smith
Linda Southward



Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

Hope Family Ministries



"By their fruit you will recognize them." (Matt. 7:16 NIV)
A Newsletter for The Friends of Hope Family Ministries

VOLUME I ISSUE II

January, 2010

After receiving last month's newsletter, many commented that they enjoyed having a picture of those for whom they are praying. With that in mind, we decided to profile one staff member each month for the next six months.



The first voice a client hears, and the first face a client sees is most often that of Tammy Johnson. Her soft, southern drawl and compassionate manner is a source of comfort for many of the clients and supporters that either call or come by the office.

Tammy grew up in a small community in Itawamba County, and graduated from Mantachie High School. She has been married to Tim for 23 years and they have two children—Kala (18) and Clay (13). The Johnson family lives in Baldwyn where they are members of East Mount Zion Baptist Church. Tim is a deacon and Tammy works in various capacities with the children and youth.

She loves to travel, especially to the beach with her family, although she admits that she doesn't have much time to do so. Closer to home, she enjoys watching her son, Clay, play football and hearing her daughter, Kala, sing at church.

Prior to joining Hope Family Ministries last year, Tammy spent 16 1/2 years working in Human Resources with a home health provider.

Her favorite scripture is *Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and thank Him for all He has done.* Philippians 4:6 NLT

A Story of Hope

When I walked into HFM, I was very leery of what they would be able to do. I had been in counseling off and on for 16 years. I was wounded, unstable and hitting the bottom. I was trapped in a life of coping skills that didn't work—coping skills that included alcohol, prescription medication, sex, and internet porn. Everything I tried was only temporary and I was searching for something that would last. I already trusted God with my eternity, but HFM would show me how to trust God with my increasingly unmanageable present life. I was conformed by the world through a broken past of childhood divorce, molestation, mental illness and bad sexual choices, even to the point of a suicide attempt. My counselor at HFM spoke truth into my life which I heard and began to trust and helped begin an amazing transformation. I now live my life knowing God loved me in my past, He loves me now and will love me in the future no matter what. I know how to live my life by the Spirit instead of the flesh. I no longer let the world define who I am. I let God do that. The process was not easy and at times was painful, but I had HFM to love me, support me and point me to the One that could truly help and heal. The 18 months I have been going to HFM may seem long to some people, but I have been helped more in this past year and a half than 16 years of secular counseling combined. I was trapped in coping skills that medicated my pain but didn't last, but I found freedom in a Christ who heals broken hearts. HFM convinced me from God's Word that I could trust God to heal me and put me back together. I have and He has. The Godly love and faithful friendship of HFM counselors changed my life and the life of my family. I am doing things I never thought possible. Thanks to God and HFM I am a better wife, mother,

friend and witness.
Stacey Cornelius

Go to this link to see Stacey's video testimony: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjmVWLWlBqBw>

A Message from Bro. Mike



"God knows what He is doing and He can be trusted." Words spoken through me into the lives of many people. Joshua, on the day he was promoted to replace Moses, temporarily forgot (Joshua 1:1-11). Joshua didn't doubt God's character or ability, but rather, was just overwhelmed by it all. God's scheduled growth of this ministry team, during an economic downturn, doesn't compare with taking the promised land. But, it has been overwhelming at times. God delivered Joshua from being overwhelmed, restoring his focus, to continue his faith journey. Several months ago, in a time of being overwhelmed, God spoke to me through an email I received.

"I just wanted to write and encourage you a bit. If I had extra funds, I would not hesitate to support your ministry financially. Over the years I have followed as God blessed you in your vision—because you followed a vision He gave you. You have already gone through difficult times, but He was always there—and He is still there. In fact, there is no crisis for Him—since He has all the riches and since He is in control. The ministry is producing fruit that is

much more important than money and thus, your assets are high. Thank you for what you do and being willing to "hang in there".

God is doing an amazing work in changing lives through Hope Family Ministries! Yes, there are challenges, but, one life changed is worth the cost.

I am humbled, honored and so appreciate our ministry team. Again, thank you for praying and making Kingdom investments through Hope Family Ministries! We depend upon, pray for and appreciate you!

His,
Bro. Mike

The Fruits of your Prayers and Gifts....

January—December 2009:

Counseling hours:	2727	Individuals counseled:	856
Marriages counseled:	402	Workshop attendance:	51
Prayers of surrender:	44		
Prayers of rededication:	298		

During December:

Singles counseled:	40	Single parents counseled:	21
Parents counseled:	87	Marriages counseled:	71
Total counseled:	156	Counseling hours:	220

Since May 1995:

- 1,494** people have prayed to be born again.
- 3,571** believers have prayed in rededicating both life and situations to God.
- 26,745** hours of Biblical Counseling have been provided.
- 9,609** people have been helped through counseling.
- 3,819** people have been helped through workshops.

Expenses in 2009:	\$290,377
Income in 2009:	\$295,319
	\$ 4,942



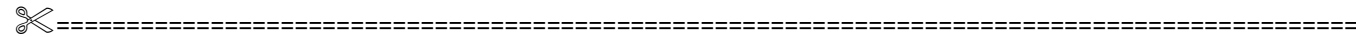
Honor and Memorial Gifts

Your gift may honor a loved one, celebrate the birth of a child, memorialize a death or simply show your appreciation to someone. A gift that will continue to make a difference for years to come, your contribution to Hope Family Ministries is tax-deductible, and will be properly acknowledged.

To make a contribution, fill out this form and mail it with your check to Hope Family Ministries.
2754 Mattox Street * Tupelo, MS 38801

Please Print

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____ to Hope Family Ministries
 In memory of _____
 In honor of _____
 Commemorating _____
 Name of person(s) making contribution: _____
 Send acknowledgement to: _____
 Address: _____



The following honorariums/ memorials were received during December 2009

In Memory LEON ENLOW <i>Dottie Wilson</i>	In Honor MR. & MRS. PIGGIE CALDWELL <i>Dr. & Mrs. Bill Kahlstorf</i>	DR. ERIC HARDING <i>Kay Darling</i>	COL. DAN & ANN SEAL <i>Alan and Yvonne Merritt</i>
AMOS FEATHER, SR. <i>Ladies I Sunday School Class, Auburn Baptist Church</i>	MR. & MRS. L.E. CONYERS, JR. <i>Thelma Haley</i>	SARA LINTON <i>Thelma Haley</i>	MR. & MRS. DAN STEELE <i>Dr. & Mrs. Bill Kahlstorf</i>
BETH GRAHAM <i>Jimmy & Judy Pryor</i>	BOBBY & JUDY DANIEL <i>Dottie Wilson</i>	JAMES E. & RENEE MATTOX <i>Jim and Carmenann Mattox</i>	DR. & MRS. VAN STONE <i>Dr. & Mrs. Bill Kahlstorf</i>
BILLY GLOVER <i>Vicki Stephens</i>	MONA DICKEY <i>Alan and Yvonne Merritt</i>	MR. & MRS. JAMES MATTOX <i>Rev. Mike & Rosemary Marecle</i>	JANET VIOLET <i>Dottie Wilson</i>
WILLIAM HURST, SR. <i>Jamie & Marty Owen Marietta G. Massey Jackie & Rudolph Massey Bob & Angie Melton</i>	BERT & DANNA DUNCAN <i>Linda Hale</i>	JOANNA MEGGINSON <i>Alan and Yvonne Merritt</i>	KATHRYN WALDEN <i>Dottie Wilson</i>
DR. JACK KAHLSTORF <i>Rev. Mike & Rosemary Marecle</i>	MIKE & KATHY FERRIS <i>Linda Hale</i>	TAMMY McCALPIN <i>Dottie Wilson</i>	DR. BUDDY & CATHY WIKLE <i>Rev. Mike & Rosemary Marecle</i>
BOBBY MARSHALL <i>Peggy Marshall</i>	FRIENDS <i>Tammy McCalpin</i>	MR. & MRS. JERRY NAPIER <i>Dr. & Mrs. Bill Kahlstorf</i>	
PATRICK WILLIS THOMPSON <i>Dr. & Mrs. Bill Kahlstorf</i>	LINDA HALE <i>Bob & Joyce McCord Thomas & Jenny Trock David A. Vance</i>	NMMC-COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF <i>Dottie Wilson</i>	
JUDGE CARROLL WHITE <i>Jimmy & Judy Pryor</i>	MRS. THELMA HALEY <i>Linda & Skipper Conyers</i>	SAM & LAUREN PATTERSON <i>Linda Hale</i>	
		JAMIE REBENTISCH <i>Alan and Yvonne Merritt</i>	

Any left?

Have you seen any wide-eyed questioning faces coming through the kitchen door trying to satisfy their curiosity and craving, wondering if any were left? Have you peeped through the window looking at the lights, yard or cars to see if there was any falling, accumulating, melting or any more left? Have you noticed any on walking tracks, exercising rooms or weight-loss classes to see if there were any more left? Can you help me find some anywhere? By now, you have figured out we are not looking for food, diet routines, or snow (well, maybe we are still looking for a little more snow). So, what are we looking for? Resolutions. Resolutions? As in "New Year's Resolutions"? At the end of January? That's my point. No one is looking for "resolutions" now and only a courageous few are still struggling to keep their precious "resolutions".

What really is a *resolution* anyway? The dictionary defines it as a firm decision, expression, opinion or intention. Could there be something else we should be looking for instead of resolutions? What are people looking for these days if not the "r-word"? Could it be a "c-word"? Commitment? Commitment. Where can we find commitment" besides the dictionary? Can we get it from our politicians? Sports heroes? Coaches? Corporations? Car salesmen? Friends? Family? Spouses? God? Sadly, some people would say "No!" to all of the above. "Commitment" is defined as a dedication to a cause, pledge, person, or obligation. Can we find it other than just on paper? Whether one is a believer or not, Calvary is a great starting point for a "real live definition" of the c-word. From the walk in the garden to the walk up the hill, this Son was committed to something and/or someone! Nothing could stop this act of love, gift of love, that was changing History. Just a few hours before, resolutions had been made, but were there any left now? None left, nor those who had made them. But, we gain hope for the moment, when we catch a glimpse of the c-word when a traveler is snatched out of the crowd and he is committed to carry the cross. Then we are surprised by a dying thief who turned in the right direction. Thankfully, we see it again when someone slips out of the shadows and let their tomb be borrowed. Then all of a sudden a gardener surprises a mourner calling her by name and because of commitment, everything has changed! Sadness has turned to sheer joy! Pain has turned to promise! Tears were turned to truth! And there was hope for the moment! Run later to the seashore and you see Commitment by the breakfast fire, forgiving a friend and trusting him to feed His sheep as He gave him a second chance at commitment.

What about you? Is there any left? Do you need a second chance? Do you need to make a commitment? Would you turn to Jesus and let Him turn your sadness into joy? Turn your pain into promise? Turn your tear-filled eyes to the truth? Would you let Jesus lead you from "resolutions" to "commitment" and give you hope for this moment and on into eternity as well? Yes, He has and is making a commitment to you. Now it's your turn, resolution or commitment. Which do you choose?

Committing to Him, Bro. Kevin Wallace

Prayer Requests:



Board of Directors: families and decisions
 Prayer and financial partners
 Souls and marriages to be saved
 Staff members: marriages and family