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In Christ Alone,

Pastor Mike Addison  
New Hope Ministries

# THE FIRST 10 YEARS

2003 - 2014

The dictionary defines legacy as something that is handed down or remains from a previous generation or time. Many people never think about their legacy. I know for me, I concentrate more on life than legacy. I'm in the prime of my life and am more focused on moving and shaking for the Kingdom of God than on who will ultimately succeed me. However, the Holy Spirit did something special here at New Hope Ministries Church of God. Pastors Paula and Mike Farmer displayed the spiritual foresight to make sure that the church

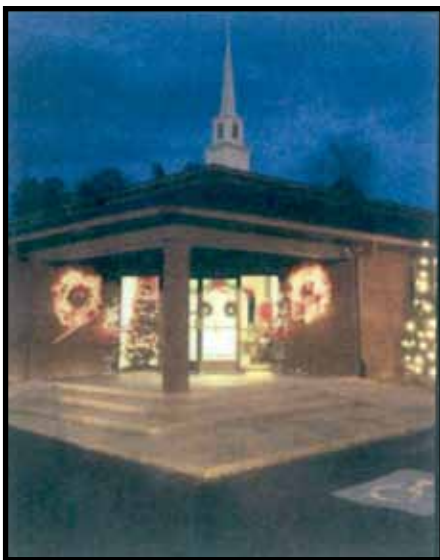


they planted would have a lasting legacy. I feel that the Holy Spirit has used our church to be an example as to how a legacy can be left to the next generation. Our story begins in 2003. A tenured female evangelist and her husband feel the call to plant a church. This would be a tall order in a region where the prominent churches of the area do not believe in "women pastors." However, Paula Farmer and her husband Mike, at age 50 and 53 respectively,

had little money, but big faith that God had called them to plant a church. As God was stirring this vision in their hearts, Paula and her mother visited the New Harvest Assembly of God in Corbin, KY. During the service, the Holy Spirit spoke plainly to Paula, "you are home." A few weeks after this visit a friend told Paula that New Harvest was planning to offer



their building for sale. From there the stirring turned into a "moving" and with tears in her eyes Paula knew what she had to do. Mike & Paula made an appointment with the Pastor of New Harvest the next day. They discussed a plan to lease the building with an option to buy. New Harvest was having services at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays so Mike & Paula asked to rent the church on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m., Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



Next they contacted the Kentucky State Administrative Bishop J. David Stephens. Bishop Stephens gave his approval for a church plant on one condition, that Paula and Mike would

pastor the church. This was a staggering question in that Mike & Paula had planned to start the church, bring in a male pastor and then assist him in the church. However, when Bishop Stephens asked the question and Pastor Paula answered that she would pastor it, she knew she was in for along term commitment. At the conclusion of her conversation

with Bishop Stephens, the Farmers went back to their home in Corbin. At home, Paula just sat in her chair and cried. Mike, who was working third shift at the time, woke up and asked her what she was doing. Paula replied "I feel like I've been to the doctor and he told me I am having 75 babies and I don't know what to do with them." To Mike and Paula this was a very overwhelming experience.

On July 11th, 2003 Paula and Mike Farmer planted a new church in Corbin, Kentucky. The church was named New Hope Ministries Church of God. This name reflected the burden of their hearts for so many displaced, hurting and broken people living in Corbin, KY.



Another challenge that Pastor Paula had faced is that she had lost nearly all of her hearing and depended on hearing aids and eventually a Cochlear implant to assist her in hearing. As any mother will tell you, giving birth is not easy and many challenges were faced in planting the church.



At the same time I had already been on staff at a large church in Northern Kentucky as a youth pastor. I was only twenty one years of age when my wife and I launched into full-time ministry. I am so thankful for this time in my life. I received a master's course in preaching & evangelism while I was there. Both of my children were born in Northern Kentucky. My wife April had just finished

her Master's degree and was working as a school teacher. We were happy and had our lives set on cruise control. God had



given me great favor in ministry and I began to evangelize extensively throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, and Tennessee. In 2005, I received a call from Pastor Paula



Farmer asking me to preach a youth revival in Corbin at her newly planted church. Of course I agreed and later that year I made my first trip to New Hope Ministries Church of God. When I arrived at the church I was escorted to her office where Pastor Paula looked stressed. Instead of saying "how are you" or "welcome" she stressfully said, "do you want to pastor this church?" I laughed and declined,

but God knows all things. What I didn't know was that Mike and Paula had made a commitment to the congregation that they would pastor the church and when the time was right they would bring in a successor to work on staff, build a relationship with the congregation, and eventually set them in as Lead Pastor. This is what is meant by securing your legacy. Mike and Paula Farmer had foresight from the Holy Spirit that they were not going to be able to pastor forever. Moreover, many in the congregation had been through hurtful pastoral changes. Mike and Paula did not want further hurts in the future for New Hope Ministries. They have



always wanted what is best for the church. So they, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, instituted a legacy plan.



I would continue to go annually to New Hope Ministries for revivals. God had placed several opportunities in my life such as being the Business Administrator at my church, evangelizing, doing world missions, and was a large part of the fastest growing independent pentecostal church in Kentucky and its attached para-church ministry. However, in the spring of 2008, the Holy Spirit began to bring a spiritual unrest to me and my family. Through a series of circumstances, in which I actually blamed the devil, God was unsettling me for His purpose.

During this same time in the spring of 2008 Pastors Paula and Mike Farmer were visiting the greater Cincinnati area for a revival. During one night of their stay, the Lord woke up Pastor Paula in the middle of the night and spoke these words, "Tell Michael Addison to protect his ministry." Pastor Paula spent the rest of the night overlooking the Cincinnati skyline and praying for God to make a divine appointment with me. I had no idea they were in town but received a phone call from them asking me to lunch. During the lunch that day Pastor Paula revealed her prophetic heart to me. At the end of our lunch Pastor Mike Farmer said, "you never know, God may be sending you to Corbin."



Over the spring of 2008, during many conversations with the Farmers and I, we began to discuss how God may be setting this opportunity in order. The church was five years old by this time. They had purchased a building, built another building and were dealing with the fiscal pressures that come along with it. When the church council sent me the salary they could offer it was much less than I was making in Northern Kentucky. The offer had no benefits, my wife would have to find a job, we would have to sell our home, and we would have to secure housing in Corbin, KY. To the church, who was dealing with the weight of building debt, what they did offer was huge leap of faith. However, Pastors Mike and Paula Farmer felt, along with me, that this was the will of God.



So let me set this up for you. The church was pledging money that they didn't have, and I was leaving an executive position with benefits to take a major pay cut...by faith. Many of my friends told me I was crazy and making a mistake. Many of the church people thought the church shouldn't go out on such a limb. However, when you are in the will of God, He makes a way where there is no way!

In July of 2008 we moved to Corbin, KY. By faith, the church had hired me as a full-time associate pastor. They did not have a large bank account, but they had a big vision. My wife found a job almost immediately, our house sold within weeks, and we began to work together in rebuilding broken



people. In July of 2014 New Hope Ministries celebrated our eleven year anniversary. Our church has now quadrupled to over 400 attendees. We now must have multiple services



on Sunday because our building cannot accommodate the crowds. We have added members, purchased property, and built buildings, we support missions, retired ministers and are a compelling force for good in our community. We currently have eleven full and part-time staff members. Thankfully, we have retired 1/3 of the building debt in six years and we are on a plan to be completely debt free in the next six years. To God alone be the Glory!

The success the Lord gave us was also coupled with devastation. Only a month into my time on staff at New Hope Ministries Pastor Mike Farmer was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Medical Center and nearly died from spinal meningitis. Mike had been diagnosed with cancer in 2004 and had the surgeries and treatments necessary to treat the cancer. However, in 2009, scans showed that the cancer had returned. This was a devastating time for the Farmer family. Paula and her children took Mike to several Doctors and hospitals around the country seeking medical advice. This forced me and the church to



grow closer as we stood in support of our pastors.

Pastor Mike Farmer received his ultimate healing in 2012 when he, with Paula, his children, and myself by his side, went home to be with the Lord. Mike was so proud of New Hope. He worked as a volunteer tirelessly and was New Hope's biggest fan. He sang in the choir, did the maintenance of the church, raised money, and did whatever was necessary to

make sure the church was taken care of. He supported his wife, Paula, in anything the Lord led her to do. He loved his children and grandchildren passionately. Mike Farmer was a huge part of New Hope Ministries and to this day we miss him. However, what's happening now was his dream and he would be so proud.



I have been at New Hope for six years. I have bonded with the congregation and we are family. In January of 2014 Pastor Paula and I spoke about taking the next step in the legacy plan. We



took our legacy plan to our Kentucky State Administrative Bishop, Bruce Rabon, for his approval and he praised us for our plan.



In September of 2014 I became the lead Pastor of New Hope Ministries Church of God. Pastor Paula remains on staff as Senior Pastor and we will continue to work together to promote God's kingdom. Pastor Paula will remain a vital part of the church. I plan to receive the mantle of leadership and help thrust New Hope Ministries into its next generation destiny.

Pastor Paula and I believe that the Holy Spirit birthed this biblical model of transfer. Moreover, we hope that our model will inspire other churches to transfer the mantle of leadership to the next generation when the time is right. However, this plan has some requirements. This plan must be clothed with humility. If insecurity, jealousy and selfishness are involved this plan is sure to fail. This is not to say you will not experience these emotions. You must have faith in God to cast down these imaginations. Next, communication must be clear and a forum for both parties to express themselves must be provided. Pastor Paula and I do not agree on everything, but we do agree to discuss our differences, pray about them and ultimately do what is best for the church.

In the six years I have been here at New Hope I have never gotten the "I'm the pastor" speech. This speaks to her security in who God has called her to be. Moreover, I decided to work with her in Romans 13 submission so I would never have to get the "I'm the pastor" speech. This speaks to a lesson I learned in Bible school that you do not have to agree to submit. We are proof that this plan can work. This is a multi-generational partnership.



Pastor Paula and I recognize the challenges to having a legacy plan. Trust us, we are not just writing about them, we have experienced them. In a cynical, top down, pyramid leadership model, the number one question asked is "Who's in charge?" To this we say Jesus! He is the head of the church. Pastor Paula and I are simply the stewards of what God has set in order. Technically, I will be the lead Pastor. However, just as a Pastor Paula allowed me to Pastor with her for six years, we will continue to work together to discern the will of God for our church, prayerfully discuss any disagreements and ultimately do what's best for the church.

Please keep in mind that Pastor Paula and I are in different seasons of life. Pastor Paula has been in ministry for over 35 years. She has earned the right at this season in life to take less operational responsibilities and focus more on ministering to people and loving her family. I, on the other hand, am married with a twelve year and a ten year old. I've been in ministry for 17 years and am in the physical prime of my life. Part of our legacy plan is to honor Pastor Paula by allowing her to do the things she loves to do! Why? Because I believe that I am sowing seed for the same to done for me!



As of writing this I do not know of any other story like ours. I do not know anyone else like Paula and Mike Farmer who had the courage to plan their legacy from the beginning. I do not know another man like myself who is willing to sit for six years in order to execute the plan. However, we hope our model catches on. If you are a Pastor, age 55 or older, we are asking you pray about your legacy and the legacy of your church.





Moreover, we are asking you to consider our model, pray about it, and see if the Holy Spirit is leading you to install a legacy plan at your church. To next generation leaders we are asking you to begin to pray about joining a legacy plan. That would mean submit yourself to the mentorship of a pastor, build rapport with the congregation, be patient, submit to authority, have a learning posture, and eventually inherit a church you assisted in building with people you

love and that love you.

Now in reading this you could get the perception that this book is about the Farmers and the Addisons. It's not. All the glory for this goes to God. Only the privilege to be a part of this belongs to us. Credit goes to the wonderful members and attendees of the New Hope Ministries. We have all been a part of this plan together. The people of New Hope will tell you that the focus of our church is not on legacy plans, but on making sure Jesus is the highest object of affection in our ministry. Our focus is the Great Commission and Great Commandment. We are a family. And if you want to get our church excited, just give us the opportunity to add people to our family. We love it! Finally, we are excited about the future. We believe that having a vision and plan for the future of the church is vital to the continuation of the churches impact in our world.



# 15 YEAR UPDATE

2014 - 2018

According to an Enrichment Journal from the Assemblies of God, about 80% of church plants fail within the first five years. This is an amazing statistic when you look at it through the lens of celebrating our 15 year anniversary. When I look over the last 10 years, I sit back in amazement of what God has done.

We publish this Church History Book to remind ourselves of where we've come from. It also gives us the opportunity to teach the next generation about our roots and lineage. In the Old Testament, they would take stones and build an alter as a memorial when God did something miraculous in their midst. I see this Church History Book as the same thing. It's our opportunity to share some stories and testify of the goodness of God.

When I wrote the first addition four years ago, there was no promise we would be writing this 15 year update. From our humble beginnings in renting a church with 75 charter members, to today in which we have over 500 people who call New Hope Ministries their home church, we are blessed! We have several different outreaches, ministries, and a tremendous staff. It is amazing how far the Lord has brought us.

Since our 11 Year Anniversary book we have seen an increase in technology. Now, via the internet, we can stream our services all over the world. According to our streaming statistics on Facebook, thousands view our services every week from around the globe. As I am writing this, Jacob Moore is working on an app for your phone that will take our church communication to the

next level. Through all of this, the amount of impact and influence our church has gained in our community is remarkable. As the pastor, I understand the responsibilities this brings. I also



believe our church members understand the responsibilities as well. No longer are we a church plant trying to make sure things are covered for the next service, but rather, we are now in a time of having multiple services, ministries, and outreaches as we try to be effective in everything we do. It's truly incredible how far the Lord has brought us in 15 years.

This Church History Book wasn't written to brag and be prideful but to testify of how good God has been to us. The constant theme of this book is, and always will be, Jesus! When I think back over the last four years, there have been many victories, many mountaintops, but also some valleys and defeats. I've stood over caskets and preached funerals when privately I was dying on the inside. I loved them, and it's been tough at times. On the other hand, people have flourished and celebrated God's healing and victories. There have been miraculous healings from cancer and other infirmities. Marriages that were hanging on by a thread began to thrive again. Families that were torn apart, the Lord put them back together.

We've had our share of heartaches. There have been people I thought would be with us forever, but God changed their season and they've moved on to their destiny. At the same time, God has sent people into our ministry and they are flourishing. T.D. Jakes once said, "You can't always reap. Sometimes you have to sow." There have been times we've had to release people into their destiny, and God has sent those He wants here at New Hope.



No longer are we trying to make ends meet just to pay the bills. Now, God has blessed our church, people, their businesses, and careers, so that we can meet needs both globally and locally. We've given more to missions in the past five years than the first ten years combined. We support missionaries, widows, shut-ins, the poor and the needy. Everyone you read about in Matthew 25, we try to have a ministry touch point for. It is astonishing how the Lord has expanded this ministry. It is also incredible how we went from being a local church ministering to the needs of a few broken people, to being an international church who gets the message of Jesus to people both globally and locally. It is a testament of where God has brought us.



With this Church History Book, we are taking the opportunity to look in the rearview mirror.

Make no mistake, our full attention and devotion is on the windshield and we are fully focused on where God is taking us. My resolve has never been greater to win a generation for Christ. We are now moving into a place of pastoring a community. New Hope serves as a moral compass, beacon of light, a help, and a hope in our community. If the last four years are any indication of the next four years, I am excited about what God is going to do in the future. It is nothing short of a miracle when you think about the reach we have now. I know the best part of our story has yet to be written. I get excited about the people I haven't met yet, the families who have not went through our connect classes, and the souls that are in the harvest. It's our obligation to go into the highways and hedges to compel them to come in. I want to thank God for all the people who have helped us get to where we are. I love the people I get to share life with. I am thankful we get to accomplish this great vision the Lord as set forth for New Hope together.



As you read through this book and flip through the pages of what God has done, hopefully it inspires you. Rehearse this history with your children and remind them of where we came from. In the back of this book will be a section called "Great Cloud of Witnesses" with the pictures and names of those who didn't get to make it here with us. Their investment into this ministry should never be forgotten. Hopefully, this history will help tell their story as well. When my kids and others get to read our church history and read about how they helped us, our prayer is that it will inspire them. I hope it makes them want to do something that makes the history books. Hopefully, in five years, we are writing from a place of humility, gratitude and thanksgiving. This book, even though it's history, is a celebration of what God has done. To not only celebrate Jesus, but to celebrate the people who have worked passionately and given their time, talent, and tithe to get us where we are today. It's with immense pride that I have the opportunity to write this Church History Book. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing it!

# EXPANSIONS, RENOVATIONS, & NEW ADDITIONS



## THE PURCHASE OF RHEMA HALL

What is now Rhema Hall started out in the 1950's as a filling station. Barbourville Highway was the road used before 25E was constructed. There was a lot of traffic coming through this area, so there was a need for gas stations. What is now Rhema Hall Room 2, was the original filling station. The convenience store was added on later. Many of our members who attended Lynn Camp High School remember walking there to get a snack.

In 2013, our church heard about a company who was trying to auction off properties. It was a part of the bankrupt estate of Somerset Oil. Through our research process, we

found out the building would never sell because it had an EPA tag on it. The EPA tag stated that the ground was contaminated due to old gas tanks that were in the ground. The cost to remove the tanks, replace the contaminated dirt and concrete was immense. A company in Lexington was managing this property, and they specialized in working with contaminated properties.



In the meantime, a member of our church, Gary Steenbergen, had just started his doctorate degree and had asked me to be on his advisory committee for his dissertation. As the Lord would work it out, the president of that company was also on the same dissertation committee. He and Gary had been lifelong friends. I asked him if we could have a meeting with his friend to share our vision for the building. We met at Outback in Richmond and had a "chocolate thunder from down under." I told him, "In this life or the next, that property belonged to us!" His company was gracious enough to file for the grant to have the contaminated materials removed. Within weeks, they were able to have the property cleaned up from the contamination.



We were then able to make a deal with the landowner and pay cash for the property. We had a small amount of money left over to renovate the building. However, we were about \$10,000 short of completing the project. It was at that time one of our councilmen, Gerald Mullins, who had been battling MS for many years, passed away. He had left some money to the church and it was exactly the amount we needed to finish the renovation. This was an awesome example of God's faithfulness to His church!



Today, the building is used for our middle school ministry. Currently, we have over 40 middle school-aged students that call Rhema Hall home on Wednesday nights. The building is also used for Sunday school classes, Ladies Bible Studies, serving food for funerals, birthday parties, and celebrations. Overall, it's wonderful facility for our members and community to use.



## EXPANSION/FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENOVATION



The first true expansion we made was around 2011, when we expanded to a 9:00 a.m. service. We were running so many people that we could not fit everyone into one morning service. It wasn't long until we began to grow again. This growth caused problems with parking. We simply did not have ample parking to handle the crowds. Therefore, we took the front part of the church property and had a graveled parking lot put in. The reason we went for gravel was at that time, we thought the city sewer coming down to us would have to connect through that parking lot. We were able to pay cash for the installation of this parking lot.

We began to see more growth in 2014. Due to the growth we were having, we had to have our Easter services in the FLC so we could accommodate the crowd. Soon after those services, we had a water line break and it flooded the main church building. We then had to use the Family Life Center again while we were getting the sanctuary back into a usable state. It was during this time we realized we could renovate the Family Life Center and turn it into a sanctuary. In 2015, we began the renovation.

We had all the money we needed to renovate the building. We were paying cash as we went. As we were finishing the renovation project, it ended up costing more than we had anticipated. We were going to be about \$20,000 short of the funds we needed. During that time, as God would have it, one of our members, Elaine Emmons, had received an inheritance she didn't even know she was getting. Elaine called me and said, "Pastor, there has been a miracle." The first thing she wanted to do with the money was

tithe on it. Her tithe of \$20,000 was exactly what we needed to finish the building renovation!

The sad part of this story is Elaine never got to step foot inside of the newly renovated building. She became critically ill right after giving the money and never left the hospital. Elaine was such a precious woman. The first and last time she came into our newly renovated sanctuary was for her funeral.



## PURCHASE OF LYNN CAMP PROPERTY

In 2016, the opportunity came our way to purchase the Old Lynn Camp School property. Our goal was not to stay in the Family Life Center, but to use it as a temporary fix to accommodate the crowds. We wanted to buy land and build somewhere in Corbin. We looked at other plots of land to buy, but as God would have it, Ted and Margie Hampton owned the Lynn Camp property and gave us an incredible deal to purchase it. There are 10 acres on that property, and it's our vision to build a 60,000 square foot facility with a sanctuary, educational wing, fellowship hall, fully functional kitchen, gymnasium, and walking track.

Moving to the Family Life Center has allowed us to continue to raise money and pay off debt, so we can move to the new property.



## OZZY'S PLAY PLACE

Joey and Kelly Jo Falkowski were married in 2012. They became pregnant with their firstborn son, Ozzy, in July of 2013. The Falkowski's were 22 weeks into the pregnancy when they found out Ozzy had a rare heart condition. Ozzy was born on Feb 26, 2014. Because of his condition, they had to stay in the hospital in Lexington for an additional five days. Upon coming home with him, they had to take him immediately back to the hospital with heart complications. From there, Ozzy was sent to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville KY. His initial diagnosis was

Coarctation of the Aorta. A month later, he was diagnosed with AV Canal Defect, ASD and VSD. After having had 17 procedures and 10 surgeries, on June 19, 2014, Ozzy went home to be with the Lord. A year later, their little girl, Olsyn, was born. Olsyn also was diagnosed with a coarctation of the aorta just like Ozzy. She had to stay in Kosair Children's Hospital for seven days, but during this time the Lord brought a total healing to her body!



One of the things that was remarkable throughout Ozzy's story was how our community came together to pray for this baby. There were people from all over the world who were praying for Ozzy. Every time he had a procedure, Kelly would text or call. Then, we would activate

the prayer chain. It was amazing how he would pull through each procedure. Therefore, everyone started calling him "Superman". Kelly had a logo fashioned with the superman symbol and Ozzy's name on it. T-shirts were made, wristbands were worn, and even baseball teams played in his honor. It was amazing how the community of Corbin, KY came together and prayed for Ozzy.

The church had already been talking about installing a playground. After Ozzy went to Heaven, my wife April felt like the playground should be in his honor. We wanted to memorialize Ozzy's



memory and his fighting spirit by building a playground for the children in our church and community. He was a hero in our eyes, and we wanted his story to be shared with generations to come.



In the 10 years I have been in Corbin, KY, I haven't witnessed another single person who rallied our community together the way Ozzy did. He was only a few months old, but he had an incredible resilience and toughness about him. It was inspiring how every time the doctors



thought he wouldn't make it, he kept pulling through. This was the inspiration behind having something visible to help remember him and his fighting spirit. Today, when we walk out on the playground, there is an incredible story to be told. Typically, when the weather is good, there is not a day that



goes by that there are not families and children playing on the playground. It's a beautiful place that is so inspiring. Ozzy's Play Place is one of the better things we have done at New Hope.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

One of our goals at New Hope is to have all our church family actively participating in ministry. We find the evidence of this in John 12:2-3. In this narrative we find Martha working, Lazarus witnessing and Mary worshiping. We feel that Working for God, Witnessing for God, and Worshiping God is His design for His children. Please review the ministries listed on the next few pages. Pray and ask the Lord if God is calling you to serve in one of these areas. If you are not sure, we can administer a gifts assessment to help us match you with the right ministry outlet. Moreover, we can allow you to "date" a ministry to make sure it's the right fit for you. I can't say this is an exhaustive list because ministry happens in so many ways in our church. However, this will be a great starting point to get you involved.



### Operation Christmas Child (OCC):

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. It is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. OCC uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Our OCC ministry meets throughout the year to prepare these special boxes. This year, they have started doing craft nights each month. Billie Goldsberry and a team of volunteers head this ministry.



### Buy A Tree-Change A Life (BATCAL):

Buy A Tree Change A Life is a ministry meant to help children both globally and locally. Each year, we sell Christmas trees to raise money to combat human trafficking. We begin our sell of

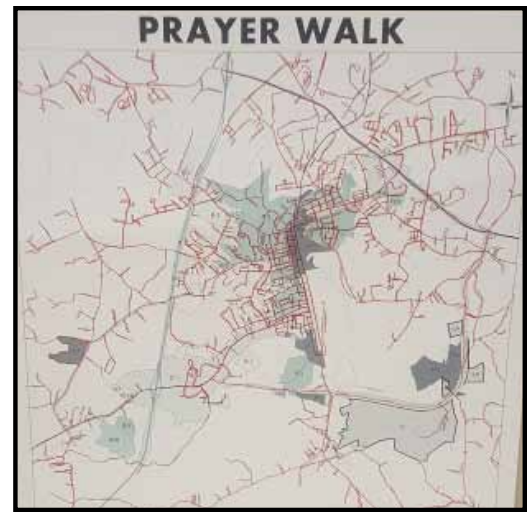


real Christmas trees on Black Friday of each year. Ted Barrineau and a host of volunteers lead this ministry.



### **Prayer Walk:**

For the second year in a row we are prayer walking the city of Corbin. Volunteers walk each street in our community to pray God's promise of salvation, God's protection, and God's prosperity. Pastor Mike Addison and Paul Brock head this ministry.



### **Ladies Prayer Meeting/Bible Studies/Ladies Ministries/War Room 24/7:**

The ladies of New Hope Ministries meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to pray over our church and other special requests. Pastor Paula Farmer brings a teaching lesson and leads the ladies in a time of thanksgiving, prayer, and petition to the Lord. This is a special time for the ladies of our church to join in prayer over our church, its members, and our community.



Each spring and fall, my wife April leads a different Bible study where approximately 50 ladies not only from our church, but also our community, come together to fellowship while fostering disciples in the Lord.

Anna Breeding leads our Ladies Ministries. Our ladies excel in fellowship and in ministries of helps. Unique events include lady's conferences, lady's retreats, secret sister and fund-raising.

In May of 2016 God directed Debbie Campbell to begin a ministry in which our ladies could submit prayer requests privately. With over 88 ladies in this group, someone can respond to let them know they are not alone! This prayer line is available 24/7. Many needs have turned into miracles! This ministry is a blessing to all the ladies who participate. This 24/7 prayer line has been used as prayer weapon during times of need for many in dire situations.



### **Man-Up:**

Chris Breeding and Matthew Grimes led the Man-Up Ministry. The vision of the Men's Ministry at New Hope is to honor God in all that they do. The Men's Ministry of New Hope exists to develop Biblically grounded men of faith who, lead their families in worship, explore the Word of God in study, reach out to men in the community with the Gospel and help hold other men accountable to God's standards. The men go on annual men's retreats, have men's breakfast and fellowships, and work on projects together on the church grounds.







### **Missions:**

We have given more money to missions in the past five years than the previous ten years combined. We believe there is a distinct blessing in giving to missions. We are proud that our missions program helps people both globally and locally. We place a special emphasis on missions projects that help children and the elderly.

### **Music Ministry and Choir:**

Angel Stevens leads the music ministry and Ted Barrineau conducts the choir. Our primary mission is to magnify and glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do. The mission of the music ministry is to facilitate the fulfillment of the overall mission and vision of this church. We want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song, encourage believers in their walk with Christ, lead the congregation in worship, and provide an avenue through which individuals may share their gifts and be an integral part of the worship. The Music Ministry spreads the Word of God through music experiences. Everything that is done will be done for the Glory of God.



### **Media Ministry:**

The purpose of the Media Ministry here at New Hope is to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a visually driven, ever changing world. Through the use of technology and media, the church uses digital and electronic media as a worship and outreach tool. This ministry not only provides the technical support required for our worship services, but also records various events, teachings and sermons, which are made available on our church app. Jacob Moore and Michael Carter lead this ministry.

### **Sister's Serving:**

This ministry was birthed through the vision of Debbie Campbell. It was set in motion in the spring of 2017. This ministry currently has four teams that are utilized when one of our members has been placed on home bound care due to sickness or injury. The teams rotate and help with either meals, visits, or donations to help during their time of need. The emphasis is not about food or donations, but showing love to each other during challenging times in life. They truly believe in being the hands and feet of Jesus and doing what He would do.



## Rock Student Ministries:

Our Rock Kidz (children’s church) ministry is each Sunday morning during our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services for children ages 12 and under. They meet in our Rock Kidz building and is led by Matt VanNorstran. We also have a nursery ministry that is offered at all 3 services for newborn thru 24 months. This ministry is headed by Robin Terrell. Our Kiddie Church, for ages 2-4 year olds, meets in the Rock Kidz Building each Sunday Morning at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Allsion Hutton and Heather Kersey led this ministry. AWANA meets each Wednesday in the Rock Kidz building for kids ages 12 and under. The Rock Middle School Ministry meets each Wednesday night at 7pm in Rhema Hall. The Rock Student Ministries, for our high school and college students, meet in the Rock building each Wednesday at 7 p.m.



## Girl’s Ministry:

The mission of the Girl’s Ministry is to teach, encourage, and equip young girls to become Disciples of Christ. To be disciplined young ladies of grace and virtue by having self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, joy, peace and patience. Leading them to make wise decisions and grow in their relationship with Christ. This ministry is led by Kasey Perkins, Robin Terrell and Allison Hutton.



## Boy’s Club:

Our Boy’s Club is a mentoring program for future men. This ministry is led by Matthew VanNorstran and Kevin Bruner. They provide Christ like character formation and servant leadership development for boys in a relational and fun environment. The mission of this club is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of boys to become lifelong servants of God.

## Hope Groups:

We are super excited to announce New Hope’s launch of small groups, or as we like to call them – Hope Groups! Our groups are vital to our mission as a community of believers. Our groups have three very simple goals: to grow individuals in their relationship with Jesus, in community with believers, and in influence with unbelievers. Our groups include Sunday school, interest, topical, location, gender, and age based groups that meet every day of the week. There is a group for you on a schedule that works with yours!

Here at New Hope, we believe that we need each other! That a Christ follower thrives in community with other believers. In fact, we believe that we were created to be in community, and that is the “why” of our groups. We can’t wait to see what God has in store for us...Together!

# MEET THE STAFF



## **Pastor Michael Addison**, LEAD PASTOR

Pastor Mike's greatest calling is being a husband and a father. He and his wife April have two kids, Peyton and Emma. When he's not with them, Pastor Mike is a gifted pastor, speaker, evangelist, leadership consultant, professor, and business administrator. Pastor Mike is an Ordained Bishop in the Church of God International. He earned his Bachelor's Degree and MBA from The University of the Cumberlands. Pastor Mike also works as the Vice President of the Appalachian Children's Home and is an Adjunct Professor at The University of the Cumberlands. His wife April has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Virginia and a Master's Degree and Rank 1 in Elementary Education through Northern Kentucky University. She has been a 2nd grade teacher for 18 years and is employed by Laurel County Schools. Peyton their son, is 16 years old, and will be a sophomore at Corbin High School. He plays travel baseball and plays both football and baseball for the Redhounds. Emma is a 14 year old freshman at Corbin High

School. She is on the worship team, plays the piano, sings for the Rock Praise Band, is on an all-star dance team, and is a competitive gymnast. Though they are all proud residents of the State of Kentucky, the Addison family bleeds ORANGE! Go Vols!!!



## **Pastor Paula Farmer**, SENIOR PASTOR

Pastor Paula has always known her ministry is for hurting churches. After evangelizing for 22 years, she and her husband Mike, planted New Hope Ministries with 74 members on July 11, 2003. The heart of the church was, and still is, rebuilding broken people. They have seen God transform lives now for 15 years along with tremendous growth. Pastor Paula has been in ministry 37 years. Ministry is life to her. She has one son Shannon and his wife Missy, a daughter Angel and her husband Chad. She also has five grandchildren Sam, Max, Cole, Anabella, and Benjamin who she loves to the moon and back. There is never a dull moment in her life. Pastor Mike is now in heaven where he has received his reward for his labors.



## **Donna Carter**, PASTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Lord led Donna and her husband James to New Hope in 2013 along with their son Michael Carter. She works as a volunteer in many ministries. She works side by side with April in leading Bible studies, volunteers in AWANA, in the media department, and is Pastor Mike's administrative assistant. Donna and James have been married since 1982 and have three children and five grandchildren.



## **Cheryl Gibson**, FINANCE OFFICER

Cheryl has lived in the area since 2000 and has been at New Hope Ministries since 2004. She is married to James, and they have one son, Kevin and daughter in law Carrie. They also have two grandchildren, Caitlin and Clara. Cheryl has held various positions at New Hope such as Sunday school teacher, Children's Church worker, and with VBS in different areas.



## **Angel Stevens**, WORSHIP LEADER

Angel is a charter member here at New Hope and has always been a part of our music department. This experience paved the way for her to be our worship leader in 2010. Angel has worked in the local school system for 12 years as a Mental Health Counselor. She earned her Master's Degree from Lincoln Memorial University in Human Services and Community Agencies. She has a supportive husband Chad and three precious children, Cole, Anabella, and Benjamin. Quick fact, she received a scholarship to LMU for choir. Little did she know she would be leading a choir into worship one day!



## **Dylan Thomas**, PIANO

Dylan and Elizabeth Thomas first met in 2010. It was their love and passion for ministry that brought them together. They both served together on their church praise team and were both actively involved in youth ministries. After dating for six years, they were married in 2016. Dylan attended The University of the Cumberlands for six years as he pursued a career in the Physician Assistant program. He is now a PA at Dayspring Family Health Center in Williamsburg, KY. After graduating high school, Elizabeth attended South East School of Cosmetology. She has been working as a hairstylist for 12 years now. Dylan and Elizabeth became active members of New Hope Ministries when they joined in 2012. Since that time, they have continued to help work and serve in our music department and youth ministries. Their passion for serving and making a difference is the drive behind most of what they do even in their free time.



## **Jacob Moore**, MIDDLE SCHOOL, SMALL GROUPS PASTOR AND MEDIA DIRECTOR

Jacob has a passion for working with students and small groups. The vision of New Hope is to be the biggest small church in town. With that being said, small groups play a critical role in that. Jacob works side by side with Pastor Mike to make sure that vision is accomplished. Jacob also works tirelessly with the middle schoolers and runs our media department. He is an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. He is a self-defined nerd, who always has a book in his hand and loves all things Star Wars. Jacob graduated from Refuge School of Ministry in Enterprise, Alabama in 2012, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Political Science and History in 2015, and received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from ECU as well in 2017. He and his wife, Alli Huff reside in Corbin, KY. Alli has a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of the Cumberlands and is a school teacher in Laurel County school system.



**Brandon and Sarah Harbin**, HIGH SCHOOL PASTORS  
Brandon and Sarah are charter members of New Hope and are currently the High School Pastors. They are totally committed to delivering the gospel to our students, so they experience the power of God for themselves. They have a beautiful little girl, Adeline. She is miss personality, and she always speaks to EVERYONE. Sarah sings on the praise team and leads The Rock Band (our high school ministry worship team). She works as a pediatric dental assistant and works great with kids and students. She loves meeting new people, being with family, and being a momma. Brandon is currently

attending Somerset Community College and is studying to be a Physical Therapy Assistant. He also works in the ER at Baptist Health Corbin and has a passion for people. He enjoys anything outdoors, making music, and spending quality time with his family.



**Matthew VanNorstan**, ROCK KIDZ PASTOR

Matthew Jacob VanNorstran is 27 years of age and has always resided in Corbin, Kentucky. After graduating from a homeschool curriculum, he completed the CAMS and MIP programs through the Church of God, earning his Exhorter's License and becoming an Ordained Minister. Matthew holds a Bachelor of Science in Bible & Theology from Lee University, has a certificate in Ministerial Studies from the COG Department of Education, and is working on a certificate in Biblical Studies through Crown College's Corbin School of the Bible. He is also beginning his graduate studies through the Pentecostal Theological Seminary to receive a Master of Arts for Theology in Biblical Studies. He currently co-operates the family business of Laurel Landscaping,

LLC. Matthew enjoys reading, writing, video games, and movies. He also enjoys being outdoors hiking or jeeping. He previously attended East Side COG where he served as the children's pastor. Matthew has been a member of New Hope since 2015 and serves as the Kids Rock pastor working in various kid's ministry roles.



**Jamie Hubbs**, CUSTODIAN

Anthony and Jamie Hubbs started attending New Hope in March of 2008. Anthony is a forklift driver at Northern Contours and one of the van drivers for New Hope's bus ministry. He has also helped in Awana, VBS and OCC. Jamie teaches 1st and 2nd grade Sunday school and Awana Cubbies. She also volunteers in VBS and OCC. They have three children, Amber, Cody and Brayden that love to be involved in their youth groups and attending church events. Cody loves art and being creative. Amber likes to read and visit new places. Brayden keeps them busy in sports. Their family enjoys spending time outdoors together.



**Shannon Farmer**, CHURCH SECURITY

Shannon and Missy Farmer Have been members of New Hope since March of 2005. They have two sons. Sam and Max. Shannon is head of the security here at New Hope, and Missy volunteers with the middle school on Wednesday nights. She also teaches special education at Corbin High School. Sam plays football and basketball for Corbin Middle School, and Max is on the Greyhounds Basketball Team and plays baseball and football as well. The Farmers love vacations on the beach, spending time with their families, and cheering on their boys!

# GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES



**JERRY BOGGS**



**BILL BRIGHT**



**ROBERT BRITTAIN**



**GRANT & GENEVA  
CORNETT**



**KIM COPLEY**



**EARL DAUGHERTY**



**FAYE DAUGHERTY**



**LOUISE ELLIS**



**BILL ELLISON**



**ELAINE EMMONS**



**OSCAR "OZZY"  
FALKOWSKI**



**EULIS FARMER**



**MIKE FARMER**



**SANDRA GRAMMER**



**DAN & THERESA  
(MAMMY) GRAY**



**IRENE HINKLE**

# GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES



**MARY  
HOLLINGSWORTH**



**DORTHY  
HOSKINS-CASSIDY**



**MARIE JONES**



**RAY JONES**



**GEORGE & AMA  
LITRAS**



**MAXINE MARTIN**



**LEWIS & JOY MILLS**



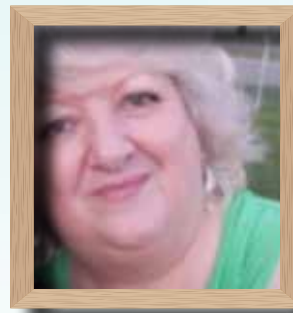
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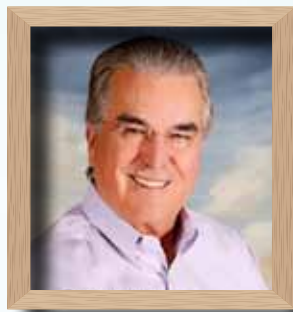
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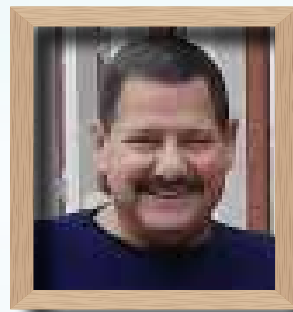
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