

# Be the Church

*A bimonthly newsletter from Restoring HOPE that shows how we MULTIPLY and EQUIP others to restore hope in their communities and friendships.*

A Bimonthly Newsletter

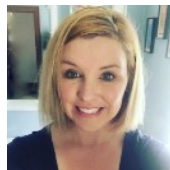
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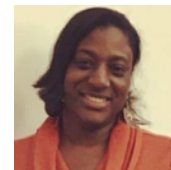
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## Upcoming events

**July - August - September**

**Consulting/Encouragement Trips to:**

- Bakersfield, CA  
July 1-10
- Capon Bridge, WV  
July 14  
August 10-11
- Clarksburg, OH  
July 18
- Zanesville, OH  
September 9-11

## Ambassador Corner

meet people that we support



This year we had to make some changes in our approach to health and ministry. Keep our extended team in your prayers as we continue to promote their amazing efforts across the globe.

## Message from our Executive Director

### Matt Bohman

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Matt has been serving churches and helping people understand the Bible since 1992. He oversees our Day to Day operation and our **Multiplying** (coaching/proactive) efforts that include 1) **consulting** churches toward biblical mission 2) developing teaching & training material 3) training relationship/ministry skills and teaching Bible/religion and 4) our Ambassadors of HOPE **resourcing** movement. He also oversees our **Showing** 2nd step **counseling** efforts.



*I am being kept busy this summer! My time with Celebrate Recovery has opened up an opportunity to do some training at the new 180 Center Inc, men's sober living home. So I will get to help do training and teaching at both places. Check out [180centerinc.com](http://180centerinc.com) for more info.*

*We welcome aboard Bryan Pumphrey to the Capon Bible Fellowship team. His proximity is already a tremendous help. His leadership to their Saturday night Engage group is bringing that pastoral touch in the midst of their search for the next Pastor. We also welcome Danny Simmons to the church staff team as the custodian and security guy. He has done a wonderful job so far!*

*We were able to secure the building with some new locks, and the plans for a Fall open house and using the facility more efficiently is coming together. The past setbacks are also being erased as we are able to sell some items (need a bow?) and receive some funds to replenish the lost furnishings. I am excited for this church!*

*I also am planning on visiting our West Coast ministry partners at the beginning of July. Hope to see my West*

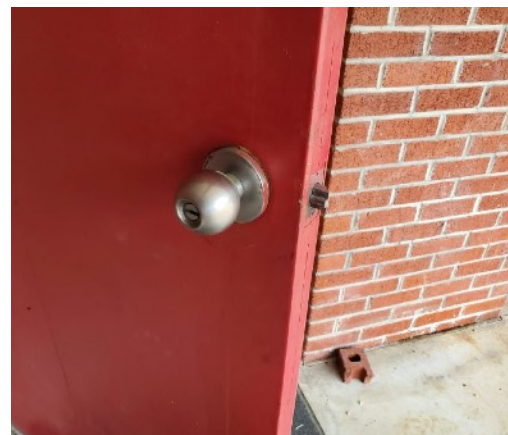
*Matt*

## Positions Available

### Advancement Team: Fundraiser

If raising money for a non profit is in your wheelhouse then we have a great position for you. We are seeking two experienced fundraisers and offer better commission rates than most.

Call Matt for details.





## Message from our Community Impact Director

### Jessica Bohman

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Jessica is our Executive Assistant and Community Impact Director. She has professionally worked serving people with Autism since 2000 and has over five years experience in C.A. as a service coordinator. She oversees our office needs and our 2nd step action efforts for Families Dealing with Special Needs/Autism. As a survivor of childhood abuse, she also oversees our 2nd step action **counseling** and encouragement for other Survivors of Abuse.



*And just like that, Summer is here!*

*Special thanks for all that helped me in my year long journey at Thrive, a women's leadership program. I graduated and loved the program and desire to do the next level.*

*We continue our partnership with the Pregnancy Care Center and helped stock up their diaper supplies.*

*Summer picnics and carnivals are in the planning stages and will be just around the corner. Please feel free to join us for any or all future events.*

*Jessica*

## Thrive graduating class of 2019



# Brendi's story of healing



## *How it began*

While dealing with a kidney stone in March of 2017, the doctors accidentally found a tumor on my spine from the x-rays of my bladder and kidney. The kidney stone got busted and it passed but three months later they found two more tumors on my hip. After that, they found another tumor on my hip and two more on my

spine. (That made six tumors for those keeping track.)

These tumors grew on top of the bone, not inside. Sitting, standing or laying had to all be

**“The doctors accidentally found a tumor on my spine”**

done in moderation because all those positions caused pain. My hips and pelvis began to shift because of the pressure

from the tumors. Bending more than two inches side to side or over would shoot a sharp pinching pain throughout my body. I hurt all the time. This would be my life for two years.

Come the Fall of 2018, my doctors still did not know if they were bone tumors or something else. I would go through one urologist and two oncologists before they decided to start chemotherapy. Realizing what was about to happen caused me to face my mortality. Dying was no longer a distant abstract thought but a fast approaching possibility. So, on December 3, 2018 I started my first chemo treatment. I was overwhelmed.

## *Six weeks into my chemotherapy*

On January 19, 2019 they discovered that five of the tumors were gone. This was fantastic news because I only did three of the six scheduled chemo treatments. The treatments were making me so sick that we had to stop them. The one tumor that remained sat on two spinal discs and was crushing





X-ray of the tumor on my spine.

The bad news was that they discovered a new tumor on the left front of my skull... The cancer was on my skull. I was still in pain, overwhelmed ... and I now had cancer on my skull and no idea why.

The doctors convened to discuss the best way to remove the tumor and rejuvenate the bone in my spine. The tumor on my skull was more tricky to attack as options were limited due to being near my brain. AND, they still had no idea what these tumors were or from where they were coming!

The doctors decided to schedule surgery on April 12 to remove the tumor on my spine and relieve my pain. Then they would deal with the skull tumor and possible treatments.

That approaching thought of dying and leaving my three boys without a mom became a probability. Would I make it to my baby's third birthday? The next couple of months would be the most challenging time of my life.

## *A week before the surgery*

On April 5, one week before my surgery, I was at a church service in which they laid hands on me and asked God to heal me. The moment that a woman laid her hands on my head, I felt a very hot sensation go through my body. It was so powerful that I almost fell backwards but my husband caught me. I was so full of the Holy Spirit that I didn't recognize that the pain had left till after the prayer. The woman that prayed over me said she saw God removing all the tumors and replacing them with his bones. My pain was gone! I was in shock, like

**"I now had cancer on my skull."**

maybe I was delusional. I bent over and touched my toes and felt no pain. At that moment I realized exactly what had happened....I was healed!!!

The next day I called the doctor to cancel my surgery. I said I believe in Jesus and Jesus healed me. The phone got quiet. The nurse said

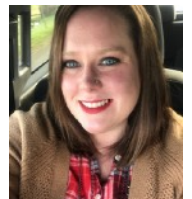
casually, that's wonderful ... but we are not cancelling the surgery. I asked for a re-scan before the surgery and was told, "no". I said, "what if there is nothing to remove?" She said, "well, we will just sew you back up."

**"I believe in Jesus and Jesus healed me."**

Wisely on April 12, the radiologist said he would like to do the scan to see what had changed.

He returned and said that the scan showed the tumors appeared inactive. Like they had healed over - like how cuts scab over. Even the tumor on my skull...

Hi, my name is Brendi Deitz and Jesus healed me on April 5, 2019



*Brendi with her husband, Brian, and three boys live in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Along with being a home school mom, she is a part of Restoring HOPE's Advancement Team and oversees the Buckhannon Community Impact operations.*



## Message from our Connections Coordinator & Chaplain

### Kristina E. Newland Sammy

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Kristina oversees all of our staff chaplain needs and relationally connects our Executive Team and Advisory Board to each other and the world. She also manages our Eastern branch office right outside NY City, New York and oversees all of our Community Impact efforts in that area. She Pastors @First Community church of the Nazarene leading worship, trains lay leaders, & much more.

Side-note: she is an amazing singer, student and has the best chalkboard handwriting EVER!



*Currently in a job transition. Well, the job that payed the best shut down. I have many plates spinning. Pray for me as I pray for you.*

*I do look forward to hearing from you and having you share your prayer needs. If I can help you wrestle through a problem feel free to connect with your Restoring HOPE Chaplain. Please remember to pray for our team and our ministry efforts as we help people restore hope to the hopeless.*

*Please feel free to contact me for any information.*

*Kristina*

## Our endorsed Global Impact equippers

### Dave Garda



Dave is a pastor & coach, with [Cadre](#), who has prayerfully come alongside 100's of churches in most every state, province & 23 plus countries since 1979.

### Rennie Garda



Rennie serves as a mentor, coach, trainer and volunteer encouragement specialist with [Cadre Ministries](#).

### Jack Bohman



Jack has been pastoring since 1975 and founded We HELP THEM which equips church leaders while being a care giver to the care givers in crisis.

## Our endorsed Community Impact Ambassadors of HOPE

### Richmond, Virginia



### Dan & Liz Baker

Dan & Liz have opened up their home to people for long term stays and meet needs around them. Their lifestyle example was the catalyst for starting Restoring HOPE.

### Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



### Kit & Joann Kindred

Kit & Joann have been caring for and training people all of their adult life. Now retired they have not stopped and continue to think out of the box ways to help people.

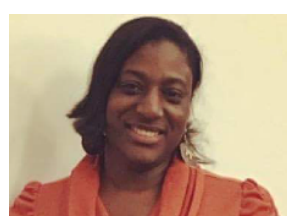
### Bakersfield, California



### Josh & Liz Ratliff

Josh & Liz had been having an impact on their city for several years before getting involved with rescuing women being trafficked up and down the West coast.

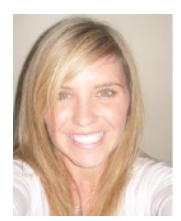
### White Plains, New York



### Kristina E. Newland Sammy

Kristina has been a long time supporter of Restoring HOPE and loves what we do in WV. She desires to impact her community through acts of kindness and Impact Events.

### Buckhannon, West Virginia



### Jessica Bohman

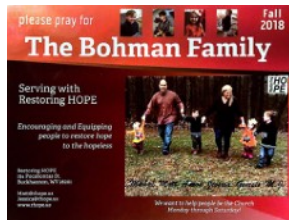
Jessica is also our Executive Assistant and has worked serving people with Autism since 2000. SEE page 3 for detailed information on how we impact the people in Buckhannon, WV..

# In Appreciation

*We would not be able to encourage, equip and help all the people that we do without your financial support. Our team relies upon tax deductible donations to meet our basic family needs and provide quality services across the globe.*

**We want to thank those that have given financial support to Restoring HOPE in 2019:**

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**Your partnership allows our Staff to pay our bills and feed our kids. It allows us to be with those that are hurting. It allows all of us to be a part of a bigger team that is feeding children in poverty, rescuing little girls from sex trafficking, rescuing drug addicts, and rescuing adult sex slaves from being trafficked against their will. *Together, we are bringing Heaven's will on Earth!***

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