

About the Founders

Joe Fornear

Founder and Executive Director

Joe is a Stage IV metastatic melanoma cancer survivor. In May of 2003, doctors said he had just days to live. Cancer had spread to 13 different sites, including several major organs - lung, kidney, stomach and pancreas. Joe experienced a miraculous healing and wants to share the lessons he learned at the brink of death. Lessons on surrender; prayer; faith; weakness; and God's desire to demonstrate compassion in a crisis. Joe is an ordained minister and has a Masters of Theology (ThM) degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He founded and pastored a church in Dallas for 18 years. Joe has written a book on his journey called, ***My Stronghold***, which is available on our website.



Terri Fornear

Founding Partner and Assistant Director

Terri is passionate to share powerful lessons on prayer and faith which she gleaned as she walked beside Joe through his cancer. She, along with their children, Jesse and Amy, who were teenagers at the time, supported Joe throughout his trial, and are awed by the Lord's healing power. Terri counsels caretakers, and over the last 30 years, she has led numerous support groups for women. Terri has a B.S. degree in Individual and Family Studies. She is also a certified Language Therapist and has worked with children with learning differences for 18 years.

We offer our services free to cancer patients. Please don't hesitate to call for prayer or refer us. We want to help!

You can help us reach cancer patients with a donation. Stronghold Ministry is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

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*When you're losing
your grip, remember
He has a stronghold
on you.*

I will sing praises to You;
For God is **my stronghold**,
the God who shows me
lovingkindness.
Psalm 59:17 (NASB©)

The Vision & Mission of Stronghold Ministry

Stronghold Ministry was founded by Joe and Terri Fornear to provide much needed *spiritual* support and comfort to cancer patients, caretakers and others in major life crisis. We reach out through the internet, books, support groups, training seminars, retreats, conferences, workshops and ultimately, a retreat home.

The Internet

Support Counseling



www.mystronghold.org

- Online support and blog for cancer patients and caretakers.
- Regular email devotionals (*In His Grip*). Articles on coping with cancer; weakness; prayer; healing.
- Monthly newsletter, *Exchanger*, includes patient testimonies and the Prayer Wall, a list of patients we serve and pray for.
- Facebook —search for Joe Fornear

~~~~~ International Ministry

We've had counseling and ministry contacts with patients and caretakers from all over the world, including thirteen countries and 45 states.

Support Groups

Small groups provide comfort, understanding and deep spiritual encouragement. We teach:

- How to embrace our weakness
- How to surrender to God
- How to fight cancer or any crisis mentally, physically and spiritually
- How to tap God's transforming power
- How to pray in a crisis
- How to find physical and emotional healing



Seminars and Training

Partnering with churches to train staff and lay leaders:

- How to visit someone in the hospital
- How to deal with chronic pain
- How to pray for the sick
- How to counsel individuals, married couples and families in crisis

Speaking Engagements

We love to tell the story of what the Lord did for us through His healing and sustaining power. Contact us if you would like Joe and/or Terri Fornear to speak to your group.



"THE ABIDING PLACE" Retreat Home Vision

- A resting place for prayer and care—for families to get away during their battle. Similar to the Ronald McDonald House concept, a place for out of town patients to find spiritual comfort during their treatment in Dallas.

