



# Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

## The Exchanger

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The 700 Club aired a six minute interview with Joe and Terri Fornear about Joe's miracle healing of advanced melanoma.

Search for "Joe Fornear" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).



### **Healing Prayer Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dallas Bible Church  
15765 Hillcrest Road  
Dallas, TX 75248

We meet on Tuesday the 15th this month. Call 214-221-7007.

## Why I Support Stronghold

-by Scott Lane

In January of 2011, I accepted Joe and the Stronghold Ministry's Board of Directors' invitation to join the Board. Little did I know that my immediate family would so quickly benefit from the support of Stronghold Ministry.

Recently, my sister, Jill, was diagnosed with breast cancer. With a growing family of 4 children and a busy life her world came to a screeching halt as she began to face the realities of her "new normal."

Doctor visits, chemo treatments and the long faces of well-meaning friends are a constant reminder of the danger looming inside her body.

Her faith in God has been wonderfully strengthened by the gift package sent by Stronghold Ministry. Jill remarked in her Caring Bridge journal, "David (her husband) reads to me every night from *In His Grip*, a devotional written specifically for those in this battle. It's a great encouragement." This book is Joe and Terri Fornear's book on their journey.

Joe has a sensing nature. More to the point, God also gave him the natural ability to transfer himself into what other people are experiencing... you may call it compassion or empathy. It's a gift born of Joe's real life experience with cancer and facing death that makes Stronghold Ministry so effective.



*Scott and Candy Lane*

Shared experiences cause people to go beyond friendship to a new soulish level. I've seen how going to that level can open the otherwise closed heart to a relationship in Christ.

Terri Fornear has had a profound impact on the spiritual growth of my wife and daughter. Through times of struggle, Terri's ability to see into "the issue" quickly (and her stubborn persistence in God's Word) has opened much truth, freedom, and thus, healing into our family's life.

Almost every family you and I know has been stricken with cancer. I don't know of any other ministry that does what Joe and Terri do. They have become a fully functioning part of the body described in Matthew 25:36 and I'm thankful to support such a crucial purpose.

-Scott Lane



### **Stronghold Ministry's Healing Prayer Service**

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15765 Hillcrest Road Dallas, TX 75248  
This month, we meet on May 15th. Call 214-221-7007.

## Testimony Time

*This month we share the amazing stories of twin sisters, **Martha and Mary A.** They have simultaneously endured their own individual battles with cancer!*

*Martha writes:* Back in 2003, I first discovered melanoma on my lower leg. I had surgery and no other treatments. In 2010, I discovered a lump on my leg and was told by my doctor that it was nothing and just to watch it. I went to see my Dermatologist and he had me see a surgeon. I had surgery and was diagnosed with melanoma in a lymph node. So I had a third surgery.

I thought all was good and I was on the road to recovery, but God had a different plan. Last March, my twin sister, Mary, had a mammogram. She sent to have a MRI to check what was there—glad to have a proactive doctor. The MRI revealed cancer on the other side, not the side in question. Surgery was scheduled a week later. Then Mary's MRI radiologist recommended an oncologist to me, so I saw her a few weeks later, and I was scheduled for a PET scan. My PET scan showed more cancer in me.

Mary was going to do a radiation treatment that's called brachytherapy, but a blood clot prevented this treatment. She was scheduled for regular radiation. About that time, they did a test on her tumor to determine if chemo was necessary. If the count came back 18 or lower she would only do radiation. Her number was 36, which meant if she was not treated with chemo, there would be a better chance the cancer could come back. We feel that God had his hand in all of this.

For me, I had a choice of treatments... one called, Yervoy, which cost \$120,000. Another would put me in the hospital for 2 weeks with major side effects. The expensive drug hadn't been approved yet by insurance companies. It would take a few months for them to decide. Well, God knew what was better, and seemed to want me to do this drug instead.

About 5 days before I had to go into the hospital for the more difficult treatment, I got word that the \$120,000 drug was ok'd by my insurance. It had side affects, but not like the other treatment. This was a form of chemo that is designed not to kill good cells, but wipe out the bad. I started treatment the same week as my sister started her chemo. Are we alike or what?! I had four treatments over a period of 2 months, and had basically no side effects ... thank you, Lord!

My sister's chemo caused the normal hair loss but she also had very little side effects. We really feel God was watching over us. We had heard awful stories of chemo and for my sister that wasn't the case. She worked all the time and took off only for the treatment appointments. Now we are both done with treatments. I had my last PET scan in March and no tumor showing. My sister had an MRI a few weeks ago and everything looks great. God provided wonderful friends to help us during the times we had to get to various appointments.

We still don't exactly know why we went through this last year... but we know God had a plan that we were to go through this together. Maybe a hard lesson in faith.

Stronghold Ministry has been a great support to us. Since Joe had gone through the same type cancer, it was good to know someone who would understand exactly how I felt along with my sister. There were times when either my sister or I would need someone to talk with and Joe was there for that too. Lots of emailing of questions and just someone that could understand everything that we were both dealing with. The care packages were also so nice to receive. There was so many different things in there to make it easier to get through the day. Just having Joe on the other end really helped a lot. The prayers were also greatly appreciated!

*-Martha Adair*



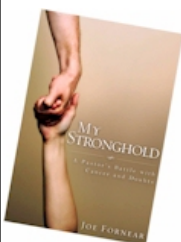
Mary (l) & Martha (r)

### My Stronghold

Visit our website for more on Joe Fornear's story and book about his cancer battle, *My Stronghold, A Pastor's Battle with Cancer and Doubts.*

[www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html](http://www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html)

If you're a cancer patient or caretaker, we'll send the book at no cost. Simply write and tell us your story.

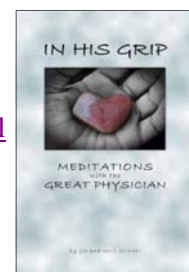


### In His Grip

Terri and Joe Fornear's new devotional with short encouraging lessons on their cancer battle, *In His Grip, Meditations with the Great Physician.*

[www.mystronghold.org/In\\_His\\_Grip.html](http://www.mystronghold.org/In_His_Grip.html)

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# Stronghold Prayer Wall



*Please join us in prayer for these warriors*

Stronghold is reaching out to these individuals who are fighting cancer, or are survivors, and a few have other serious illness. We believe in the centrality of prayer for healing and strength. Will you take a moment to pray?

Mike D	Lois	Carolyn	Rachel	Clark	Helga	Martha	Christi	Ruth	Mary Dell	Mark	Dean
Mr. W	Karen	Rusty	Steve	Don	Jim	Robert	Darlene L.	Briana	Nancy	Tricia	Greg
John	Jodie	Cindy	Kim	Joe	Mark	Florence	Jim	Christiana	Bobbie	Charlotte	Ruth
Bill	Susan	Brian	Carol	Sheryl	Lana	Diana	Mark	Corinne	Lucy	Kim	Brock
Jon N	Hudson	Sherry	Rob	Kenedy	Sheryl	Sam	Sarah	Pege	Cheree	Susan	Jill
Gloria	David	Darcelle	Andre	Amy	Barbara	Jeff	Steve	Samantha	Jay	Lisa	Michael
Claudia	Darlene	Jennifer	John David	Cindy	Mark	Mike	Ron	David	Larry	Priscilla	Gigi
Jeff	Lynda	Agnes	Linda	Pearl	Gail	Will	Lenna	Mrs. R	Rosella	Alice	Faye
Carolyn	Yvette	Fred	Dorcas	Dale	Peggy	Susan	Amy	Jennifer	Bob	George	Ida
Laura	Sean	Dave	Ivan	Phil	Bunny	Joe	Sandra	David	Ruth	Dawn	Marilyn
Mary Sue	Frank	Mary	Nancy	William	Beverly	James	Patricia	Agit	Anne	Sarah	Lorraine
Ed	Larry	Joanne	Jessica	Bill	Brenda	Gayle	Charles	Gene	Joe	Joy	Quentin
Milton	Lori	Marilynn	Emily	Meg	Laura	Elizabeth	Janet	Jim	Maurice	Ray	Judy
Sara	Katrina	Johnny	Bob	Tim	Deborah	Tommy	Grace	Saundra	Carmen	Mildred	Juan
Rex	Gregg	Pat	Quentin	Michael	David	David	Ester	Chris	Trisha	Stephanie	Ernest
Monette	Ruth	Mary	Donna	Vicky	Larry	John	Dina	Charlotte	Brandon	Kelby	Dawn
Joan	Sam	Charles	Christian	Harold	Julie	Peck	Chris	Debbie	Jamie	Mary C.	Luke
Brian	Pete	Bill	Kathy	John	Helga	Tim	Rick	Margaret	Darlene	Twila	Steve
Joanne	Gina	Karen	Toni	Joan	Lisa	JoAnne	Gino	Rockie	Deb	Robert	Phil
Kathy	Duke	Betty	Gloria	George	Adrienne	Glennine	Dave	Maxine	Ria	Brad	Cheryl
Sue	Don	Mr. H	Althea	Dewayne	Pat	Wendy	Andrea	Kate	Lorinda	Raymond	Tom
Garrett	Jack	Manuel	Cathy	Richard	Fran	Lucretia	Wendell	Kathleen	Carolyn	Linda	Mike
Kathy	John	Bob	Grace	Nicole	Bryan	Sherry	George	Jeffrey	Roderick	Cheryl	Lori
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Frank	Beverly	Kristine	Cathy	Terry Joe	Kevin	Nancy	Tommy	Dave	Dale	Karen	Bud
Randy	Darlene	Alfredo	Donna	Chuck	Eric	Ben	Robert	Kelly	Billie	Sharon	Rob
Sue	Cheryl	Virginia	Bonnie	Darcy	Bob	Robin	Eddie	Justin	Jim	Angelica	Bill
Mr. S	Karon	Linda	Debrah	Barbara	Judy	Suzanne	Karen	Hollie	Ray	Gina	Dan
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Priscilla	Rebecca	Inez	JL	Jackie	Harry	Mitch	Dennis	Linda	Jessica	Chuck	Maureen
Stephanie	Susan	Kate	Betty	Sylvia	Ed	Ann	John	Casey	Joe	Stacy	Tom
Lynne	Ms. M	Sara	Will	Brenda	Mickey	Gwen	David	Jeff	Michael	Clyde	Ed
Bubba	Bill	Ethan	Celine	Tina	Cheryl	Serenity	Harold	Kimberly	Robert	Randi	Susan
Althea	Sharon	Myrna	Donna	Leonard	Margaret	Henry	Don	Marty	Andrea	Steve	Jan
Robbin	Luke	Don	Phil	Jodi	Lori	David	Diane	Carmela	Norene	Micki	Michelle
Correy	Nancy	Will	Fred	Johnny	Bob	Tracy	William	Jan	Mark	James	Gillian
Angela	Holly	Ric	Anna	Itai	Susan	Bruce	Charlotte	Sherry	Sharon	Janet	Cheryl
Maryann	Diane	Randy	Ava	Ken	Gail	John	Angelica	Sandie	Max	Kelly	Marianne
Bill	Allison	Carlos	Evelyn	Chris	Susan	Marlene	Jenny	Emily	Jeannine	Betty	Tammy
Tina	Randy	Mike	Dave	Tommy	Lin	Ben	Benjamin	Nicole	James	Denise	Mr. L.
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Judy	Janet	Scott	Gipsy	Heidi	Angela	Jessica	Brian	Josiah	Sharon	Harry	Jim
Terri	Julie	Maria	Jo	Carol	Fern	Isabella	Richard	Rachel	James	Tom	Dean
Megan	Delora	Jack	Gino	Michael	Charles	Elaine	Melissa	Glen	Bo	Corina	Nicholas
Ruth	Kathy	Naomi	Becky	Debbie	Randy	Joanie	Eric	Keith	Rob	Karen	Jerry
Hank	Sherry	Matthew	Kellison	Beth	Tom	Liz	Jeff	Gale	Treva	Linda	David
Tony	Matt	Lori	Linda	Brenda	Kevin	Susan	Bill	Lynn	Phil	Paula	Betsy
Melody	Mike	Kristen	Joyce	Julie	Seth	Mary	Jane	Virginia	David	Marcia	Courtney
Susan	Mildred	John	Molly	Cheryl	Nina	Dick	Woody	Janet	Jeremy	Jamie	Lou
Joseph	Anne	Leonard	Dee Ann	Sara	Rosa	Diana	Kim	Sandy	Ruth Ann	Bobby	Brandi
Michael	Fred	Penny	John	Terri	Kevin	Lacey	Charles	Jose	Karen	Blair	Jared
Robert	Kaye	Betty	Maura	Lilly	Mickey	Adrian	Betty	Allie	Carol	Lucy	
Mike	Lois	Lisa	Leon	George	Nikki	Daniel	Patsy	Elaine	Phil	Betty	
Debra	Gracie	Mechas	Ann	Martha	Carletta	Angela	Nick	Robin	Danny	Phoebe	
Michael S.	Tom	Phyllis	Cynthia	Susan	Molly	Karen	Brendon	Pat	Sally	Judy	
Debbie	Johnnie	Mike	Dallas	Rita	Leslie	Robert	Sonja	Laura	Carl	Norman	
Barb	Linda	Hal	Wayne	Peter	Michel	Paula	Cecilia	Larry	Deborah	David	
Kent	Maurice	Frank	Kathy	Kay	Sheila	Cole	Renita	Stephanie	Denny Gay	Phyllis	
Ted	Gary	Evelyn	Taylor	Junie	John	Claudese	Michelle	Elaine	Jacque	Cynthia	
Andy	Pat	Mary	Keith	Bob	Stephen	Mary	Linda	Yolanda	Eloisa	Dawn	
Steve	Dylan	Tina	Jon	Carolyn	Cindy	Marci	Pam	Sarah	Andrea	Susan	

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