



Stronghold Ministry's The Exchanger

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Why I Help Stronghold Ministry

It is a privilege to serve on the Board of Stronghold Ministry. When Joe Fornear asked me to serve, the first words out of my mouth were "Yes, of course" and no questions asked. The opportunity to work with Joe and serve under a person of godly leadership is inspiring.

Cancer arrived in our family in 2008. My sister experienced breast cancer last summer and my father learned that lymphoma was the reason for discomfort in his abdomen last fall. Fortunately both are enjoying God's healing today but these experiences have taught me more about how much we need God and the encouragement and love from family and friends to get us through.



Bill Bludworth

When cancer arrived at the Fornear's doorstep several years ago, we walked with Joe during his journey and learned much about our dependence on God. "We are weak but He is strong".. as well as the fact that "... His grace is sufficient to meet all of our needs"... cancer, unemployment, etc. We also learned that He is still a God of miracles, through Joe's healing, yes, but also the fact that our faith is a miracle and one of the greatest gifts He gave.

Thank you for your interest in Stronghold Ministry. We are here to provide the gift of encouragement and hope.

-Bill Bludworth is Vice President of the Board of Stronghold Ministry. He works in sales and marketing.

Coming Events

- **Cancer Support Group** - Thursday evenings @ 7pm
-Fornear's home
9618 Queenswood Ln
Dallas, TX 75238
214-221-7007



- **Women's Tea** this month - "Walking with God Through Breast Cancer"

Stronghold Ministry's Women's Tea - February 27th

Walking with God Through Breast Cancer.

Join Chris Forbes as she shares her journey through breast cancer.

Place: Terri Fornear's home
9618 Queenswood Lane
Dallas, TX 75238

Date: Friday Afternoon
February 27th

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

RSVP: Terri Fornear @ 214-221-7007





Prayer Corner

As Stronghold reaches out to people with cancer we want to lift them up in prayer and would love for you to take a moment to help us intercede for these warriors. Do you believe in the power of prayer?

Patrick Mike D
 John N
 Donna Brisy
 Janice Bill
 Brenda
 Gloria Mike P
 Jeff
 Betty Claudia
 BEKAH Rich
 Carolyn Tom B

- Pray for healing
- Pray for the presence of Jesus to be real in each one's life.
- Pray that God's Kingdom be glorified in each life.

Introducing Chris Forbes - Women's Tea Speaker

This month at Stronghold Ministry's first quarterly Women's Tea, we are featuring Chris Forbes who has courageously battled breast cancer since December 2006. She is a mother of 3 sons, Ryan, 24; Nathan, 21; and Kyle, 16. She is married to Jeff Forbes and they reside in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas. Chris was 46 when she went for her annual check up and had a spot aspirated, and after a biopsy, cancer was found. She has gone through treatment and is now in remission. Chris will share how God showed Himself to her during this time. Please join us as we celebrate God's goodness, and also pray and care for those needing God's guidance and compassion as they deal with cancer.



Chris Forbes

Ministry Prayer Needs

- That the Lord leads us in this ministry daily and leads thirsty cancer patients to us.
- His Life would be the main gift given and received.
- A home for "The Abiding Place", a place for patients and caretakers to stay in temporary housing during treatments and for those impacted by cancer to gather for Christian support.



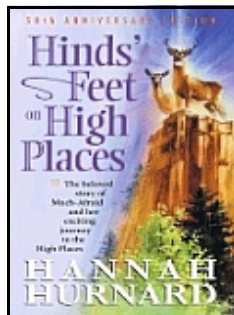
WW Website Makeover

Did you know Stronghold's website just received a facelift? The new design is courtesy of Jesse Fornear. We have added some new features, so you might want to check it out:

www.mystronghold.org

Want to Read a Good Book?

One of my favorite books is Hinds' Feet on High Places, by Hanna Hurnard. I have been reading it again lately with a student I tutor. It is an allegory of a crippled deer who desires to climb, jump and run in spite of all her weaknesses and obstacles. Her legs are crippled yet she still looks to herself to make her dream come true which instead causes discouragement, depression and finally hopelessness. She meets the Great Shepherd who promises to heal her legs. She welcomes the invitation until she realizes His path to healing is over steep cliffs, deep waters, dark nights and scary turns. She wants healed so badly and does not understand His ways. He gives her Suffering and Sorrow as her companions to help her to get to the high places she wants to go. Through all her journeys she has the best and most honest conversations with the Shepherd. She begins to see His love that casts out the fear in her heart..



I won't tell you the ending ... but I will say the book makes me want to know this Shepherd more and more. His presence seems to make any difficulty less important than hearing from Him and knowing His love that casts out my fears.

-Terri Fornear

