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*"Recognize and admit that you are emotionally attached to and depend upon your partner ... for nurturing, soothing, and protection"*  
Susan Johnson



## Graduation

It's about time. In fact it's about a lot of time. I went back to school in September of 2001 and for the first year I took perquisite classes at VVC and CSUSB in Psychology so I could be accepted at Fuller Seminary for their Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy program. Interestingly enough, I had applied for their PsyD program and was rejected because of a mistake on their part. That's another story, but the short of it is that the MFT program was where I needed to be and God worked it out that way. I started at Fuller in 2002 and graduated with my masters of MFT in 2004. Believing that I still had more to learn, I applied for and was accepted into the PhD in MFT at Loma Linda University. I attended classes there from 2004 to 2007. As part of the PhD requirements I did a 9 month clinical internship in San Bernardino 2007-2008. I have been working on my dissertation since 2008. Two and a half years later, my dissertation is finally being completed. Why did it take so long? Somewhere along the way I think I got burned out.

*So how would you like to come to my graduation?*

While I was doing the class work I was also accruing 3000 hours of clinical counseling to meet the California State requirements to become a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Last November I passed my first of two state Board exams. I still have to take the second exam – hopefully during this summer. By the way, if you want to go back to school, don't seek a clinical degree, it takes longer. So my graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Why on a Sunday, you may ask? Because LLU is a Seventh Day Adventist School, so they worship on Saturday and hold their graduations on Sunday.

*You're Invited!*

So how would you like to come to my graduation? You're invited. Since it isn't practical for everyone to go to LLU for the graduation we decided to bring the graduation ceremony to you via the internet. We will be live streaming the Graduation service in our Worship Center at 8am on that Sunday morning. This means you can have a front row seat here at New Hope. The graduation is scheduled to run from 8-10 am. This means there will not be a "worship service" at 8:15am. All though we will be taking an offering for those of you who attend the graduation service but can't make it to the 11:00am service. By the way, our own Rick Orosco will be preaching the 11:00am service.

Jean and I want to personally thank you for your support as I am completing my educational journey. There is no way

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# The Musical Ministries of... New Hope Praise

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To all who had a helping hand in our latest production of  
**Resting in The Shadow- Thank You!**



## **April 9th's Ministry Outreach**

Location: Eva Del Park in Victorville  
Homeless & Hungry were given  
20 Backpacks containing:

- 1 Freeze dried dinner
- 2 bottles of water
- Socks
- Underwear
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Hand Towels
- Wash Rag
- Sack Lunch w/ chips and fruit



In addition other items such as jackets, blankets and sleeping bags were given.  
We served 25+ people and served 50 cups of coffee! Thank you to those who  
gave to the outreach!!!!



**Kari Collins**  
Worship Pastor

Kari~



## Continuing Small Groups

Find a Group that is right for you

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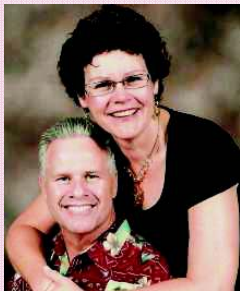
Start one of your own...

Just ask us how



| DAY   | TIME   | TOWN | Age/Group  |
|-------|--------|------|------------|
| Sun.  | 9:30am | AV   | Seniors    |
| Sun.  | 9:30am | AV   | 50+        |
| Sun.  | 9:30am | AV   | 45+        |
| Sun.  | 9:30am | AV   | 25+        |
| Mon.  | 9:30am | AV   | Women      |
| Mon.  | 5:30pm | AV   | YA/Couples |
| Mon.  | 7:00pm | AV   | Mixed      |
| Tue.  | 6:30pm | AV   | Women      |
| Tue.  | 7:00pm | AV   | Mixed      |
| Thur. | 7:00pm | AV   | Men        |
| Thur. | 7:00pm | AV   | Women      |
| Fri.  | 6:00pm | AV   | Women      |
| Fri.  | 6:00pm | AV   | Mixed      |

### *We want to thank you . . .*



*Jack and I want to thank you for years of support, encouragement, patience, and "rolling with the punches" while he completed a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Marriage Family Therapy from Loma Linda University.*

*Join us for dinner and cruising fun at*

*Aspen Clubhouse at Sun City (near Jess Ranch)  
10741 Lakeshore Drive, Apple Valley*



**Sunday June 12, 2011, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

***Please RSVP to the church office, or sign up in the church lobby.***

*(Your name needs to be on the guest list to enter the security gate at the clubhouse.)*

*This event is our gift to you for your kind and generous support through these years.*



## Student Ministries

### Rick & Delia Orosco

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## REPAIR YOUR TEENAGERS FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Making the transition to college (or the world of full-time work) is a major step not only for young people but also for their parents. It's what many people view as the "end" of their major parenting duties. But in fact, your kids need you now more than ever. As high school seniors start to grasp their move to adulthood, many feel compelled to re-engage their parents in meaningful ways—though they rarely admit it.

Parents can use this brief window of opportunity to strengthen their relationship with their teenagers and also to help their teenagers strengthen their relationship with God. Ideas for doing this include:

- Spend one-on-one time with your soon-to-be-graduate, possibly at a retreat-like setting. Make fun memories, share a meal, and engage in discussions about life beyond high school.
- Embrace the emerging adult lurking inside your teenager. Begin talking to him or her more as an "equal," sharing your own stories of stepping out into the real world.
- Connect your kids with thriving college-age adults. Seek your youth minister's help to provide positive examples and mentors.

### THE VIEW >>>

- Although estimates of faith abandonment by college students run as high as 94%, some researchers show otherwise. They say college attendance can actually *prevent* young people from losing their faith. According to one study, 86% of college students retain their religious affiliation. (University of Texas, Austin)
- Attendance at religious services decreases dramatically between the freshmen and junior years in college, yet older students consider themselves to be more "spiritual." (UCLA Higher Education Research Institute)

### TIPS >>>

Dare 2 Share founder Greg Stier suggests ways you can prepare to help kids "keep the faith" in college:

- Wake up! Be aware of the statistics, which show that up to 50% of evangelical college freshman forsake their faith by their senior year of college.
- Prepare! Make sure your teenagers know *what* they believe, *why* they believe, and *that* they believe. Train them to know and live the core truths of Christianity.
- Discuss! Sign your kids up for Soul Fuel at [www.dare2share.org](http://www.dare2share.org). These free training devotions deal with Christian basics in a powerful, relevant way. You can discuss them together each week.

Talk! Have conversations with your teenagers about the temptations that await them. If you suspect your kids won't be able to withstand the onslaught, consider sending them to a solid Christian college. The odds go way up for long-term commitment to Jesus in a thriving Christian setting.

**DISCUSSION >>>**

- What aspects of college life are you most excited about, and why? What aspects are you the most hesitant about, and why?
- What do you expect it will be like to be a Christian at your college? How easy or difficult do you think it will be to express—and grow—your faith?
- Do you think it will be safest to hang out with only Christians on campus? How can you witness to non-Christians without being influenced by them?
- How do you think your faith will help you face the challenges of college life? What steps can you take now to help keep your faith strong?

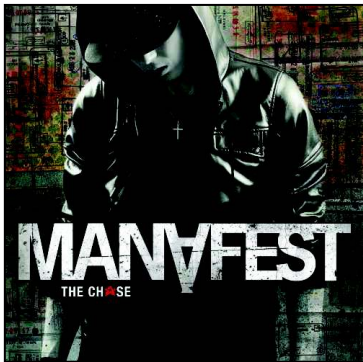
**BIBLE FOCUS >>>**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

*Jeremiah 29:11*

**MEDIA SPOTLIGHT >>>**

So, if you haven't heard of Chris Greenwood of Ontario yet, then you have simply missed out on one of the hottest rap/rockers around throughout the past few years. Better known as **Manafest**, the multiple award winning artist has three previously released albums under his belt, all of which are very good. *The Chase* is his fourth installment, and fans will wonder how it stacks up



to the rest.

The album opens with “No Plan B,” setting the tone for the entire record. Manafest delivers a great mix of unique production coupled with a great rap/rock sound laid over hopeful soul-searching lyrics. It's easy to catch the influence of Trevor McNeven (Thousand Foot Krutch) throughout the album, especially since he's vocally featured on a handful of tracks. There are many good songs, such as “Fire In The Kitchen,” “Bring The Ruckus,” “Avalanche,” and “Better Cause Of You,” tracks that all feature God-fearing lyrics about staying strong for Christ laced with some tight beats.

Check out his website: [www.manafest.ca](http://www.manafest.ca)

**CALENDAR >>>**

Sundays Morning Small Group 9:45am-10:45am  
Wednesday Nights (jr & sr high) 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Night at the movies! Soul Surfer! 7:05pm  
Cinemark Jess Ranch in AV

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Student FUN Night at New Hope! 6:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Hip Hop Skate Night! Holiday Skate World! 7:00pm-10:00pm \$8

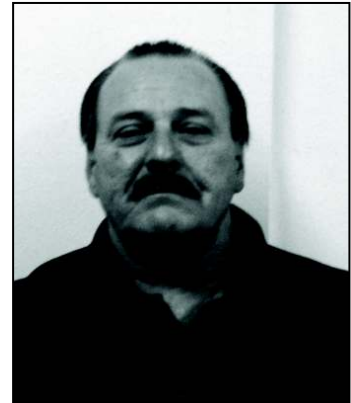




Welcome to our feature column where you are introduced to members of NHCC to get a chance to learn a little more about them. By Jean Bracy

## Meet . . . Carl Fitzgerald

Carl came to New Hope at the urging of his brother-in-law, Ben Benson. He had hit bottom again and had no where else to turn. During the service, Carl said he heard the message that was just for him and Ben helped him pray the prayer that gave his life to Jesus in October, 2005. We baptized Carl a few weeks later. He says that when he gave his life to Jesus he ended 38 years of drug addiction and has been clean since. He is also quick to tell you that since he gave his life to Jesus, he has no more worries about money (and he has little money), he feels free, and he accepts whatever comes.



Carl was a long haul truck driver until an accident in 2001 broke his neck and left him disabled. In addition, he suffers from other ailments that seriously limits some of his activities. But his enthusiasm for knowing Jesus just cannot be contained.

He is the father of three children – a daughter (7), a son (5), and an adult son who lives in Corona with his family and Carl's four grandchildren. He loves baseball and is a Dodgers fan. He coached and managed his son's baseball career from Little League through college. In both 1991 and 1992 his team won the Little League World Series!

Carl is a member of a small group that meets on Sunday morning and will join the men's Thursday night group soon. During the week he picks up around the yard of the fourplex apartment where he lives and spends time with his children. He reads his Bible every day with regular devotionals. He also loves to fish!

I asked Carl, what would you like New Hope to know about you, he replied clearly and enthusiastically: "I know I am dying, but I am calm and I am ready to meet God." Carl wants to remind everyone that his own life is living proof that God loves him! He remembers that after the accident (in 2001) a blood clot was found in his brain and he was told he would have five years to live. Now, the clot is gone! He also said he wants everyone to give God a chance. His says to have faith and God will help you. God will answer your prayers; maybe not right away, but He will answer. Read your Bible and pray! Spread the news to others, let others know what God had done for you.

An article like this barely does justice to those I interview, but it's meant to be a teaser, an opener to allow you to approach someone you might not know well and offer a warm greeting because now you know a little more. Be sure to greet him the next time you see him because he is part of our family at NHCC.



# Children's Ministry

## Vacation Bible School

### Volunteer Round-Up Coming SOON

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is our biggest evangelical outreach to young children in our community.

We need a **multitude of volunteers** to work in a variety of areas.... bible study teachers, crafts, snacks, decorations, parking and security, registration, recreation and games, music, choreography, live drama's, puppeteers, audio visual techs, tour guides...and more! Mark your calendars:

#### Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - **Volunteer Round Up**

6:30pm – 7:30pm Meet in the Fellowship Hall for this fun, informational meeting (There will have light snacks and refreshments provided) At this meeting you will receive all information and materials you need to get started. We will discuss the theme and take a look at some of the materials. Everyone will sign up for the team they are interested in working with. Each team will determine their own meeting schedule.

#### Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – **VBS Rally**

This will be a short informational meeting after 2<sup>nd</sup> service to make sure we are on track and give out any additional information or schedule changes.

#### Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Volunteer "Show and Tell"**

A fun evening of worship and prayer. Each team will be allotted 5 – 10 minutes to share (or show) what they will be teaching the kids.



#### June 24, 25 and 26 – **VBS 2011!**

Vacation Bible School at New Hope Community Church is like none other. It is a three-day intensive workshop focused on evangelism. It is a blessing to be a part of this and watch children grow closer to the Lord. It is a lot of work, but there is such a wonderful feeling of accomplishment at the end. I encourage you to GET INVOLVED and watch how God can grow and bless you as you minister to His children.

"Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." Luke 18:16 NLT

We will send out information to all of the students in Apple Valley Unified schools but remember, our best advertisement...is you. Make sure you invite young family members, grandkids and neighbors to this event where we will have fun - in the SON!



**Sandy Sooter**  
Children's  
Ministry

that I would have been able to achieve my degree without your love and prayer support. You have had a vital part in making my degree possible. So we are going to throw a party to celebrate your support and love on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Aspen Clubhouse at Sun City (near Jess Ranch, see p.3 for more information). This is important for Jean and me. Please, no gifts. This is our gift to you. There will be a catered meal and lots of fun and fellowship. I am hoping that you will be able to come and share our in our joy. Looking forward to seeing you next Sunday,

*Pastor Jack*



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|-------------------|------|
| Rick Orosco       | 5/1  |
| Tim Cordren       | 5/2  |
| Mona Joslin       | 5/4  |
| David Aguirre Jr. | 5/6  |
| Becky Caldwell    | 5/6  |
| Faye Carroll      | 5/15 |
| Terrelle Dotson   | 5/19 |
| Brandon Cowley    | 5/21 |
| Robert Arguelles  | 5/22 |
| Corry Dearing     | 5/23 |
| Gerald Harvey     | 5/26 |
| Stevie Gary       | 5/30 |

**Pastor Jack Bracy's GRADUATION CEREMONY** will be shown live-stream beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the **New Hope Worship Center** and will be shown in its entirety during the early worship service. Only the **11:00 Worship service** will be held on June 12.



### Grill & Chill



- ◆ Sunday, May 29th, 1:30pm-4:30pm
- ◆ Doris Davies Park in Victorville
- ◆ Picnic & Softball game



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