

SOUTH GEORGIA HOUSE OF HOPE

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"Belonging to the Father"

By Haleigh Howland

Galatians 4:6-7 "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son in your hearts, crying out "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

In this passage, Paul tells us that God sent His son to give us His spirit, in order to call him Abba Father, literally "Daddy God." God Himself wants us to know we are His children and He would do anything to hear us say those words. We know that by sending His son Jesus to die for us, we are able to have that relationship.

Recently, my baby girl has started babbling "da-da" and WOW does this light up our hearts!! As parents, we never get tired of hearing those small, yet monumental words. Every new step of growth is incredibly rewarding for us. In those instances, I am reminded of how even much more so our heavenly Daddy must love watching His children grow. He loves hearing us say "da-da" over and over again until we can finally get the words "daddy" out. He's proud of our process and no matter how small it may seem in our eyes, it matters to Him. Our Father in heaven has invited us into this beautiful relationship as sons and daughters, to call out to Him no matter what is on our hearts.

What security we have in that! While Jesus was on the cross, He cried out to His heavenly Father. To me, that shows God loves being known as our Father. Even in our tough moments, He longs to be that Father that pushes us through our process. Be encouraged that no matter what your process looks like right now, you have a BIG loving heavenly Daddy who is walking with you hand-in-hand. Take comfort that He is always cheering you on, looking at you with eyes of love.

Junior Service League Serves at House of Hope



In August, the Junior Service League visited and served the ministry by helping with planting trees around the property, pulling weeds and trimming hedges. They also brought gifts including bed sheets and portable DVD players for the ladies. We are blessed to know these women and truly grateful for their support!

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Sunday, November 13th 2pm

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My name is Kimberly and I turn twenty-nine years old this month. I was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, where I enjoyed growing up in a large family as I am the youngest of five children. There was something going on at all times and life was pretty chaotic as you can imagine. A traumatic event took place in my life when I was thirteen years old that left me looking for love and acceptance in all the wrong places. My home that I once felt secure and safe became an empty and desolate place and for the first time I experienced loneliness. I entered high school feeling very insecure and unstable. I immediately got involved with the social scene and became very rebellious. I became dependent on alcohol, smoking cigarettes, men, and other people. In 2005, I graduated high school and I moved to Myrtle

Beach, SC. This would be the beginning of a major downward spiral in my life. I could not get away from the party life. I began experiencing heavier drugs and the world began to consume me. I believed the lie that I would always feel alone and so I did everything I could to prevent that feeling of abandonment again. I dove into an 8.5 year codependent relationship that eventually turned into a period of engagement that eventually fell apart. I became very self-reliant and I was determined to make something of myself. I strived to prove myself to my family. I had nice things, great jobs, all the world had to offer, yet I was still so dissatisfied. I was raised in the church yet I found myself in a jail cell more than once. My life grew out of control as the guilt and shame of my lifestyle grew stronger. When the world got tough, I would run to the church. When things did not go the way I had planned in the church, I turned back to the world. I hurt myself, my family, and I kept turning my back on the one who loved me the most, Jesus. I have never been married nor have any children while this vicious cycle went on for ten years. I finally came to a place in my life where all I could do was look up. As I came to a place of surrender a close family friend told me about The House of Hope. I am so grateful to share that after thirteen long, hard, humbling months this process has been one of the most amazing years of my life. My relationship with the Lord has been restored and he has completely transformed me. Through this journey, he has given me this scripture below to stand on. I will continue to hold onto it to remind me of all He has done, where He has brought me from, and where He is taking me. I give Him all the praise and all the glory!

“I waited patiently for the Lord and He turned to me and heard my cry for help. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God, many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:1-3

Welcome to the Board of Directors *Cathy Biles Parker!*

Cathy was raised in Valdosta, and both she and her husband Carl are graduates of Lowndes High School. She is the wife of Carl Parker, former NFL player and current Lanier County High School football coach. They have raised four children, all at the ball fields. In 2007, while living in Jacksonville, Florida, Cathy saw an opportunity for her family to give back as they spear-headed an effort to help a struggling community 4,000 miles away in Barrow, Alaska. On August 17, 2007, the Parker family and supporters watched the Barrow Whalers play their season opening game on a new blue and gold field located beside the Arctic Ocean. Cathy received national media coverage for her efforts and has been featured on ESPN's "Outside the Lines." She has also been the recipient of NBC Nightly News' "Difference Maker of the Week" and ABC Nightline's "Person of the Week." A major motion picture is currently underway about this true story of generosity and perseverance titled TOUCHDOWN ON THE TUNDRA.



She is currently VP of Development/Marketing for Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta and Founder of Athletes to Champions Inc., a non-profit organization which ministers to youth through athletics. Cathy loves encouraging athletes and their families and is in the process of publishing a book, PRAYING FOR MORE THAN A WIN, which deals with the challenges of raising athletes.



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- Sponsor a lady.
- Volunteer/Intern
- Donate gently used items to Restored Treasures our Upscale Thrift Store.

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“A long-term residential program for women overcoming drug addiction, alcoholism and abuse.”