



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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# GREETINGS

*Dear Oasis Family,*

We give God thanks each day for you and the year of 2018 has demonstrated why we are so appreciative of your dedicated service here at Oasis of Hope Ministries. No matter what the task (Leadership Conference, Faith Conference, Community Day, etc.) we knew that we could count on you to help out in a HUGE way.

There was no complaining as we moved tables and chairs or made provision for our young children or transported worshippers, we all served in a Spirit of Excellence. For these reasons, you make our job as leaders so much easier and we are proud and thankful to oversee Oasis of Hope Ministries with God as our Guide.

We accomplished great things in 2018 (purchasing the land to expand the ministry, new family members added, Mime Ministry, Church Administration on a new level, Praise Team added new members, all teaching classes, Morning Worship and Wednesday night Bible Study attended with awesome participation). The Tuesday morning 10:00 a.m. Prayer touched so many lives and it seemed that the power of God was even stronger during those times.



We will always serve in the capacity to remind you: (1) Who you are in Christ Jesus, (2) What is your responsibility in your character and (3) Help you to realize your covenant benefits. It is an assignment that we do not take lightly or for granted and we are proud to serve as leaders at Oasis of Hope Ministries with a world-class team of believers.

*Apostle Alvin and Pastor Catherine Sledge*

# MINISTRIES WITH PURPOSE

## BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night Bible Study from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. was attended weekly by students desiring to know more about God's word. The classes were interactive and the teaching team prepared handouts, assigned Bible research and demonstrated how the word could be applied in our daily lives. The group was given refreshments during some of the sessions.



## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & SINGLES' VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Children, Youth and Singles' Valentine's Ministry was held on Friday, February 2, 2018. The theme was "Look at What Manner of Love God Has Given Us". Thirty-two attended the event which was planned to inspire fellowship, enjoy a delicious meal, games, dancing, crafts/activities and God's word. Prizes were awarded. This event is sponsored by the couples of Oasis of Hope Ministries.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Men's Christian Education and Women's Christian Education classes were attended faithfully each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. The men studied The Blessing by Kenneth Copeland and the women studied God's Will For You by Gloria Copeland. Teachers were creative in their teaching style and students participated in assignments, role play and displayed a dedicated passion for studying God's Word.

## CHRISTMAS AT OASIS

Each 1st Sunday in December is dedicated to "Christmas at Oasis". This is a special time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and to show appreciation to our Oasis family. During the 2018 celebration, we were blessed with Praise and Worship, Mime Ministry, God's spoken word, a group picture, a delicious meal, Make It/Take It Christmas crafts, Christmas treat bag and gift. We always thank God for bringing this amazing team of believers together to worship and serve Him.





## **COUPLES' VALENTINE MINISTRY**

On Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. the Couples' Valentine Ministry celebrated at Ribeyes in Henderson, NC. This ministry helps couples feel special for Valentine's Day. Eight couples attended and enjoyed music by Larry Yancey and Maurice Williams served as the DJ for the event. Each spouse presented a gift and shared words of love to the spouse. Paul Stinnett of Green Glo Daycare donated a paid meal for a couple. We danced, laughed, cried and enjoyed Godly fellowship. Spouse – ology was lots of fun and we all learned to pay closer attention to our spouse. The special puzzles were fun to put together because the couples had to work together. The dinner was delicious and the service at Ribeyes was excellent. Special thanks to Casha Sledge and Janelle Inman for giving of their time and service. We give God the glory for the blessed and wonderful time that was experienced.

## **EDUCATION MINISTRY**

The Education Ministry provides support and encouragement to students of all ages at Oasis of Hope Ministries. We enjoy celebrating the accomplishments of students and lifelong learners in the ministry.

## **FAITH CONFERENCE 2018**

Faith Conference 2018 was held May 30th, May 31st and June 1, 2018. The conference theme was "Fighting The Good Fight of Faith". Speakers were Pastor Gracie Perry of Greater Works Ministry and Elder James Williams of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. Oasis of Hope Praise Team and Psalmists Devni Joseph and Angelina Kearney-Dunlap provided anointed music.



## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

The Intercessors meet each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30. We stand in the gap for the leaders, the ministry, the needs of the people and surrounding areas. We faithfully pray for the body of Christ. We also have a prayer class on the 2nd and 5th Sunday of each month. We are using as a study guide entitled "Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer" by Dr. Myles Monroe. We will continue to pray until we see manifestation.

## **KING'S KIDS**

Our youngest worshippers at Oasis are the King's Kids. We make sure their needs are met spiritually with age-appropriate lessons and lots of hands-on activities. Thematic units are used to teach the children and during 2018 we learned about The Fruit of the Spirit and The 23rd Psalm. Sessions are held Sunday mornings and each Wednesday night. We have a dedicated team of teachers and Instructional Assistants working with the children and refreshments are served during each session. We give special thanks to parents/guardians for faithfully bringing the children to church.



## **MILITARY MINISTRY**

*John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend.*

The military ministry consists of military veterans from all branches of service. Our mission is to assist veteran and military members of the church with prayer and education of military benefits, information and resources. The ministry also engages with veterans in the communities in which we serve. During the month of November we hosted a special Veterans Day service to honor all military veterans.



## **OUTREACH & EVANGELISM MINISTRY**

*Mark 16:15*

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

In 2018, the Outreach Ministry conducted house visits in the Davis Street area of Vance County on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays for 6 months in the year. We prayed with several community members for encouragement and 6 individuals received the gift of salvation.

## **PARTNER LETTERS**

Encouraging and uplifting Partner Letters were mailed to 386 partners during 2018. Our focus in the letters is always the word of God because we know that "Faith Comes by Hearing."

## **RECYCLING MINISTRY**

The Recycling Ministry was introduced by Dr. Braxton Henderson in 2018. As a ministry our goal is to do all that we can to make Earth like Heaven, which includes being sustainable and environmentally friendly in all of our practices.

## **RUN WARRENTON 5K**

Pastor Catherine Sledge and Freeler Williams participated in the Run Warrenton 5K Race, Run, Walk, Scoot April 28, 2018. Proceeds of the race supported Achilles International.

## **SAFETY MINISTRY**

The mission of the Safety Ministry is to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance at Oasis of Hope Ministries. We strive to keep everyone informed of any hazards and ensure that Oasis of Hope Ministries is a safe environment to praise and worship God.

## USHER MINISTRY

Ushers performed duties at morning worship services and special events. Junior Ushers (ages 8+) were introduced in 2018. There are five Junior Ushers and six Adult Ushers.



## VICTORIUS IDENTIFIED PREDESTINED MINISTRY

The VIP ministry is for youth ages 10-23. Our main goal in 2018 was to minister directly to our youth by studying the Bible consistently. We endeavored to engage the youth of Oasis of Hope Ministries in growth as an individual, growth as a Christian and to care for the needs of the community and church.



As reported in our vision report at the beginning of 2018: We endeavor to prepare and train young people so that they will grow up to be Godly men and women of integrity with a strong relationship with God. We want to rightly divide the word so that the youth not only hear the word, but understand it, connect with the word and be able to apply the word to their daily lives. To allow God to use and develop their talents in the Church, community and world in whatever capacity God sees fit.

Our Themes for 2018 were preparing ourselves to be instruments and representatives for God no matter where we are; to serve God better and to get to know ourselves and Jesus better; and learning to stand for God even against opposition.

Our goals for 2018 were:

1. To expand the VIP Bible Study from once a month to twice a month.
2. To revamp the VIP's participation in Church.
3. To participate together in one activity per year.
4. To meet at least 4 times a year or as needed to plan events and activities.



## Goals accomplished in 2018:

1. The VIP Bible Study was expanded to twice a month—meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
2. We studied Daniel chapters 1-7 and Acts chapters 1-5.
3. The youth have given their service in many areas of the church in 2018. As a group they are now responsible for the morning service on 4th Sunday. Some of the VIP's assist with children's church on Sunday and Wednesday. The VIP's also assist with Community Day.
4. Most of our VIP's have distinguished themselves academically.
5. The VIP's participated in and enjoyed our trip to Dave and Busters.
6. One of our VIP's started a new Mime ministry within the church.
7. Most of our VIP's participated in the educational opportunities offered by other ministries within Oasis of Hope Ministries and activities within the community.
8. The VIP team in 2018 met when needed to plan and discuss the progress of the ministry.



We look forward to what God is going to inspire us to do in 2019.

## **WOMEN OF PURPOSE & MEN OF HONOR**

The Women of Purpose and the Men of Honor served in all aspects of the ministry to ensure that we operated in a Spirit of Excellence. We all worked as a team to make sure all ministries planned were carried out through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Each person put their hand to the plow and worked as unto the Lord. This made our ministry task easier because we could always count on one another to help with the load.



# Community Day 2018

The 9th Annual Community Day presented by Oasis of Hope Ministries and Turning Point CDC was a huge success! Ellis Wyms, Super Bowl champion and Founder of Athletes For Computer Science was our special guest. Our sponsors and partners were: Walmart of Henderson Community Grant; Walmart of Oxford; Food Lion of Norlina, N. Garnett St. and Raleigh Rd.; For Your Occasion Rental; Dollar General; Henderson Fruit & Produce; WARR 1520; Brain Freeze, WIZS 1450, and Vance Granville Community College. Community Resource providers were Vance County Fire Dept, Microsoft of Southpoint Mall, Vance County Mobile Farmer's Market, UNC Kidney Center, Vance County Social Services, Warren County Cooperative Extension, Smart Start, Safe Kids, Adolescent Parenting Program, Ronald McDonald House of Durham and Wake, Chick-Fil-A, and Cutz by Cuz. Games and entertainment included singing, dancing, bounce house, face-painting, and more.



**168**  
**BACKPACKS**

filled with school supplies were distributed to families at Community Day.

**23**  
**HAIRCUTS**

were provided to kids and adults by volunteer barbers, Raheem Cousins and Braxton Henderson.

**12**  
**STUDENTS**

participated in Microsoft's Minecraft Hour of Code workshop

**13**  
**CITIES**

represented from Houston, TX to Warrenton, Henderson, Louisburg, Raleigh, Oxford, and Kittrell, NC

**265**  
**ATTENDEES**

joined us between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm for the Yard Sale and Community Day activities

**13**  
**PROVIDERS**

from the community shared health and educational resources with participants



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## Possess the Land Celebration!







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OF HOPE MINISTRIES

## **Women's Ministry Outreach to WestCare**

The Women of Purpose donated the following items to the girls at WestCare on Sunday, September 9th.



**20**

handmade bag  
lip balm  
finger polish  
shampoo  
conditioner  
cotton ball/q-tip set  
adult coloring book  
hand sanitizer  
sanitary pad  
hair tie

**15**

body wash  
lotion

**27**

deodorant

**48**

bar of soap

**23**

toothbrush

**5**

feminine  
cleansing cloth

**3**

body spray

**1**

sheet set



**Thank you TEAM OASIS!**



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*2018 Year in Review*

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OASIS OF HOPE MINISTRIES







*Greetings!*

Turning Point CDC partners with Oasis of Hope Ministries to empower the communities of Warren, Vance, Granville, and Franklin counties. We believe that rural communities can thrive and flourish and we are excited about the role that we play as a 501c3 nonprofit organization in making our communities a thriving place for adults, children and youth, and families to live, work, play, and worship.

In July 2018, I relocated back to North Carolina and began in the role of Executive Director for Turning Point CDC. I am honored to serve my community in this capacity and to measure the impact that we, as a team and community, will accomplish.

As an organization we strive to be a bridge builder for our communities. We work with community and national partners to ensure that our communities have access to high-quality resources. We focus our work in four pillars and have made great progress in building relationships and programs to support our community and vision of a thriving rural community. We currently partner with the following entities in a variety of capacities: Oasis of Hope Ministries, Warren County Schools, Vance County Economic Development Commission, Athletes For Computer Science, Microsoft, The Conservation Fund- Resourceful Communities, Walmart Community Foundation, Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start and Safe Kids, Granville Vance Public Health, Vance County Fire Dept & Vance County EMS, Green Rural Redevelopment Organization/Mobile Farmers Market, Vance Granville Community College, Philanthropy, LLC and the Henderson Downtown Development Commission.

A few of our accomplishments thus far include partnering with Athletes For Computer Science to teach 120 elementary students coding to all four elementary schools in Warren County School district. We are very proud to be nonprofit partners with Microsoft, which provides volunteers as needed and hosts educational events at the store and in our rural community. We are excited about relaunching Champions of Hope in the Spring of 2019 as we have developed a partnership with Vance Granville Community College to include employability and soft-skills training. We are always excited to co-host the annual Community Day in August. The 2018 event had over 260 in attendance. During this event we distributed over 150 backpacks, over 300 free hotdog meals, and over 25 free haircuts. We have a variety of community vendors participate in the event including health screenings, educational activities, local entertainment, games, etc. We are also proud to be home to 9 scholarship and grant funds that support higher education and community development.

I hope that you enjoy this report and are encouraged by the work that we are achieving on behalf our communities. Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement!

In service,

*Chalis S. Henderson*



**We believe rural communities can thrive & flourish.**

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Turning Point CDC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the communities of Vance, Warren, Franklin and Granville counties in rural North Carolina. The mission of Turning Point Community Development Corporation is to serve as a catalyst for the continued development, transformation, and empowerment of communities in Vance, Granville, Warren, and Franklin counties of North Carolina through the provision of leadership and programs in the areas of education, health and wellness, economic development, and community engagement.

## Our Four Pillars

### Community Enhancement Through Service

Our mission is to build volunteer experiences which mobilize and inspire community leaders and members to develop a stronger community.

### Economic Development

Our mission is to develop and sustain programs which equip individuals with skills to navigate corporate and organizational environments, and to become successful entrepreneurs and business leaders.

### Educational Advancement

Our mission is to forge collaborative partnerships with families, school districts, community organizations, and higher education institutions to advance student learning through educational programs.

### Health & Wellness

Our mission is to develop and host regular events and seminars geared towards holistic health and wellness for community members.

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## SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT FUNDS

### **Bryan L. Davis Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship fund honors the late Bryan L. Davis and supports college students who are experiencing challenging circumstances.

### **Chalis S. Henderson Scholarship Fund**

The mission of the Chalis Sledge Henderson Scholarship Foundation is to ensure that the educational needs of students in our community are met by serving as a resource for students who are actively involved in greater communities and striving for academic excellence. In 2018, an award of \$1000 was given to Ron Davis, entering freshman at UNC Chapel Hill. The fund is also currently supporting Alexis Jordan, a junior at UNC Chapel Hill. Both students are graduates of Warren County High School.

### **First Gen Fund**

The First Gen Fund is unique because it is more than just financial support. This fund comes with a network of support from professionals who were also the first in their family to attend college. Scholars will be connected to professionals that understand the fears, the emotional, cultural and financial challenges, and the pressure that first generation college students face. By connecting generations of shared experience together we are creating a stronger, intentional support system for students.

### **Human Rights Social Justice Fund**

The fund will finance a portion of the legal fees for People of Color who experience blatant acts of physical and/or emotional abuse, hatred and injustice in the city of Pittsburgh, PA.

### **I AM the Light Scholarship Fund**

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." As a former High School dropout, God used education as a light for Emiola Jay Oriola, founder of this scholarship fund. The mission of the "I AM the light of the world scholarship" is to provide marginalized youth with the opportunity to learn at the next level by removing barriers that stop them from seeing God's image of them. This scholarship is also an entity of My Father's Business, International, an organization with a mission to engage culture, create culture, and transform culture for the Glory of God.

### **Ozzie & Me Scholarship Fund**

The mission is to inspire young mothers to overcome the stigmas and obstacles of young motherhood and reach their academic goals. In 2018, an award of \$1000 was presented to Ra'naa Billingsly, a student-mother at Duquesne University.

### **The Thirsty Mind Scholarship Fund**

The mission of The Thirsty Mind Scholarship Foundation is to promote the importance of education, self-awareness, and financial literacy for young African-American women that will positively assist in them making informed decisions to thrive academically and socially in their communities.

### **William C. & Susan A. Delaney Scholarship Fund**

Our mission is to provide financial support to African-American students seeking post-secondary educational opportunities enabling them to gain both knowledge and skills which will enable them to achieve their professional goals and allow them to become productive leaders and successful men and women in their communities.

### **Wouldn't It Be Cool If... Grant**

The mission of this grant is to provide teachers with the resources to answer the question, "Wouldn't It Be Cool If...?" Our goal is to support teachers in obtaining the resources necessary to implement projects that will support student learning through project-based learning.



JUNE 10, 2018

## South Warren Elementary School & Microsoft at Streets at Southpoint

*On June 10, 2018 4th grade students from South Warren Elementary School in Warrenton, NC participated in Minecraft Hour of Code at the Microsoft store at the Streets at Southpoint Mall. This field trip was organized by Turning Point CDC in partnership with Athletes For Computer Science.*





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## Creating Success Learning Labs

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