



### REMEMBERING NINA COLASANTO

It has almost been one year since the accident that injured and ultimately took my daughter. I remember and cherish her daily, as do so many others. I miss her sharing with me. I miss her telling me about her day. I miss her questions. I miss trying to understand how those ripped black jeans didn't fall apart in the wash. I would say it was time for a new pair only to be told that they were just right. Nina was so full of life, always easy to smile, and always willing to try new things. There are countless things that Nina did to impact others; her willingness to listen, to support, to spread the love and word of God and to love unconditionally. She was eclecticism, glory and beauty personified.

How did Nina impact my life? My daughter was my best-friend, my confidant, my sounding board. A lot of times you hear children say that they want to be like their parents. My daughter was

intelligent, out-going, and one of the most loving, beautiful souls I have ever known. How did she impact my life? I can only hope one day to touch as many lives as she has. I can only strive to be as open and faithful as she was. It's hard to describe the bond we had. Nina was and is a part of my soul.

I was asked to answer a few questions about Nina, answering them made me smile. What was her favorite color? That's hard to answer, she liked almost all of them. She loved to bake and was good at it. She could sing, in fact she could rap which always made me smile when her head started bobbing. She could debate and do it well. She was funny. What do I think she most valued in life? Experience – she wanted to try anything and everything.

Nina was unique in that she could walk into a room and leave with friends. Out-going, honest, and real. She was real in her love, her feelings and her faith. Very missed, very cherished and forever in my heart.

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### HEART BEATS OF HOPE VISION 2020

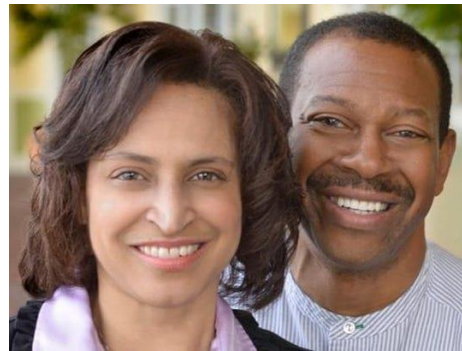
I have mixed emotions when I look back on 2019. It was a year of incredible growth for me personally and collectively for our church. As your pastor, I was tried and challenged by many of the events that took place within our church family. More than ever before, I learned to “rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). Our church mourned as we lost some dear friends and family, but we also celebrated as we watched the church grow and more men and women come into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

As I sat a few days ago contemplating 2019 and considering what God has in store for our church family in 2020, I found myself praising God for the privilege to serve alongside such a wonderful church and leadership team here at Hope. Then I began to ask the question, “What’s next?” I was led to Romans 12 verses 9-13 where I compiled a short list of goals to help guide the vision for Hope Fellowship Church in this new year. I began thinking about it in the terms of a “20/20 Vision” for our church. This caused me to ask more questions like, “What is the church we see?” and “What kind of church does

God want us to be?” This passage of scripture provides a good template to individually examine our hearts and together become the church God wants us to be.

2020 VISION FROM ROMANS 12:9-13:  
*Hope Fellowship Church aims to represent God’s Kingdom:*

1. In Love-Genuinely
2. In Relationships-Lovingly
3. In Honor-Competing
4. In Zeal-Diligently
5. In Spirit-Fervently
6. In Hope-Rejoicing
7. In Affliction-Patiently
8. In Prayer-Constantly
9. In Need-Sharing
10. In Hospitality-Pursuing



### SHULERS RETURN FOR JANUARY MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Clarence and Brenda Shuler of *Building Lasting Relationships* will be speaking at the Marriage Conference at Hope on Saturday, January 18, 2020. It’s a free event, open to all couples as well as single adults who are interested in sound, Biblical tools for marriage relationship. We hope to fill every seat; we welcome everyone. Dr. Shuler explains how he first came to Hope in the following interview:

### ***How did you first become connected with Hope Fellowship?***

I became connected with Hope through Mark Holombo. Mark heard me speak at an *Iron Sharpens Iron* Leadership event outside of the Boston area with Dennis Rainey. Men from ninety-one churches attended this event.

After I spoke, Mark approached me and asked if I would ever come to New Hampshire to speak. I said, “Yes.” Six months later, Brenda and I conducted our first marriage seminar for Hope. (January 2014) And preached on Sunday. God seemed to bond Brenda’s and my heart to the members of Hope Fellowship and Hope’s with ours.

### ***How many marriage conferences have you done at Hope?***

This will be our third marriage seminar with Hope Fellowship. (2014 and 2016)

### ***What can couples expect to take away from this upcoming Conference?***

Couples can expect to have a fun, interactive and for some, life-changing experience. Attendees will receive biblical and time-tested relationship tools to help their marriages or relationships as couples and individuals. Regardless of whether a couple is attending for a tune-up or if their marriage is in crisis, they will discover this relationship seminar beneficial.

### ***Who should come?***

This conference is for those dating, engaged, and married. Even if you have been married for fifty years, you can always learn something new. Singles (never been married and divorcees), who may not even be in a relationship, but may want to be in a relationship someday should also attend. RSVP at [hfcnh.com](http://hfcnh.com)

