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Journey Christian Church
 Apopka, FL launched 4/19/08



Venice Presbyterian's Buddy Break Team
 Venice, FL launched 5/3/08



Life Assembly
 Mt. Juliet, TN launched 5/16/08

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Wesley Memorial's Buddy Break Team
 Tampa, FL launched 6/14/08



North Arundel Church
 Glen Burnie, MD launched 8/9/08



First Baptist Church Orlando
 Orlando, FL launched 8/16/08

News from the home office

Exciting things are happening with **Buddy Break**! It's always a joy to celebrate what God is doing through your ministry with our **VIP** friends! We are grateful for the great team God has put together. As you may know, Patti has faithfully been serving with **Nathaniel's Hope** as a volunteer and staff member for over 6 years. Due to family issues, Patti is needing to retire from her staff position, but will continue to help out as she is able. She will be greatly missed.

We are happy to introduce to you Laurie Hancock. Laurie has served on church staff so understands your world. :) She is a delight and is here to serve you Monday thru Friday. Thank you for your grace as she learns about how we do things around here. You can reach her directly at LaurieH@NathanielsHope.org.

We are getting our tools done! :) Our on-line data base system is almost ready to go! It's currently in testing mode. Training will be available upon completion!

The down and dirty **Buddy** Training 101 is now available on DVD for your use. Please sign off on the agreement and we will get it to you right away.

Please be sure to send us "completed" paperwork. Follow up background check verification can be sent when you receive it.

We've found a great service to send automated calls for only 12 cents a call. Check out www.voiceshot.com

Need Buddies? We just trained Pine Castle Christian Academy's Varsity Football Team!!! Let us know if you would like them to help you. :)

Thank you for all you do! You are a blessing!!!
Your buddy,
Marie ;)

Break out room ideas

Venice Presbyterian uses a dress up room. The clothes have been donated by the women in the church!



Bubbles Bubbles Everywhere!!!

Life Assembly Church has a wonderful Bubble Room! No matter how big or small, bubbles are enjoyed by all!



Please send us your ideas, we'd love to share them with every one!

Craft Corner

Materials-
a triangle and circle of construction paper,
a circle of white paper or a paper doily and glue
optional: glitter glue, sequins or sparkles

Instructions-
Decorate the triangle with glitter glue, sequins, sparkles, or markers, fold doily in half and glue it together, glue doily to the back of the triangle, glue circle to the top of the triangle (see photo).



Kudos for a great job!

Hi there- I wanted to send you a "they went above and beyond the call of duty" note. **A big WHOOO to Dana Bates at Journey Church!** I had emailed a few weeks ago and I let Dana know that Tim wouldn't be able to make it this time due to the surgery. She called us today to check on him and let us know that, just in case he could make it, she had been saving his favorite buddy. Even though I don't think he's quite up to going, I thought that was very sweet of her to wait to assign the buddy until she reconfirmed with us. So, thanks for all you do, and know that your teams are doing a great job. Fondly, Kathi (Tim's Mom)



In my opinion, what distinguishes winners from losers is that winners concentrate at all times on what they can do, not on what they can't do. The Hayes sisters, three girls from one Orlando family define this for me.

Meghan, the oldest, is already 16. Born with Down syndrome, she is classified as "nonverbal," though she does talk. Molly, who just turned 13, classified as moderately autistic but, has the most incredible memory. Then, the one girl who absolutely lights my life, Maddie who is 11 who can sing like Mariah Carey and also autistic.

Matt, Diane and the girls made Journey their church home after hearing Tim and Marie Kuck preach and then attending our Buddy Break. It has been a blessing to get to spend time with them every Sunday!

John Schenkel
Buddy Break Coordinator



IN THE NEWS!

Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break

On the 700 Club!

Life Assembly in Mt. Juliet, TN was featured as Church of the Week on the 700 club, for their community outreach to VIP kids!

Congratulations! The Harold Tribune recently did a feature on **Venice Presbyterian Church** in Sarasota, FL. It was an awesome article about meeting special needs.

We have links to both of these on our web page www.NathanielHope.org





Important Dates for your Calendar



2nd Basic Leadership Training October 10, 3:00 pm to October 11, 3:00 pm

Buddy Break BLT will equip new churches to lead the Buddy Break ministry work. BLT will include the opportunity to observe Buddy Break LIVE and learn about the program hands-on while walking through the details of managing the program. The training environment will be interactive, practical and relaxed!

Let us know if you know of any churches that are interested in learning more about us.

1000 churches by 2020 is our goal!

Come visit the Nathaniel's Hope booth at:

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| Sept 20th | All Church Ministries Conference in Lakeland |
| Sept 20th | Z88.3 Little Ears Expo @ First Baptist Church Orlando |
| Sept 20th | SPARC Conference in Tampa |
| Oct 3rd & 4th | Joni & Friends "Through the Roof" Conference |
| Oct 4th | Down Syndrome Association CFL |
| Nov 15th | Walk Now for Autism @ Disney's Wide World of Sports |

Coordinator meetings

10/ 28/08 at 10am
Central Florida Coordinators Meeting
Calvary Assembly

10/ 30/08 at 5 pm
Phone In Coordinators Meeting (for all other locations)



Caroling for Kids

**Christmas Day
December 25, 2008**

Sign up early to be a part of a hospital group or a caravan to VIP families.
Let us know if your church can help.