
WELCOME TO OUR HOPE PROJECT'S

Tuesday Newsletter

We're so glad you're here!

What we are about.....

HOPE

This weekly newsletter aims to bring hope and joy to your daily life by sharing my family's journey through unexpected challenges. We firmly believe that a positive outlook, faith, and the right circle of friends will help you tackle any obstacle with resilience and a smile. In the next edition, I will candidly share my recent experiences dealing with a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.



Meet the Parker Family

From left to right- my wife, hero, and best friend, Trina. My oldest daughter and copywriter, Grace. My youngest daughter and social media coordinator, Anna. I (Nick), the owner, content creator, and editor.

Meet the Founder...

NICK PARKER

Nick is a native of Knoxville, TN and has been Married to

his wife Trina for 30 plus years. They have two adult daughters, Grace and Anna. (You'll meet them in future editions).

Nick is a Marine Veteran, received a B.S. Degree from ETSU, served the State of Tennessee in the Drug Investigation Division at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and as an insurance agent with The Farm Bureau for over 20 years before medically retiring in 2023. Nick serves his church as an elder where he has attended for 17 years.



In recent years, Nick has faced significant health challenges and underwent extensive medical treatments, leading to a remarkable recovery. Nick will discuss how his life changed after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN

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Facing Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis with Hope

It was the last Friday in July of 2014. I was loading my vehicle to leave Nashville, where I attended an annual work conference, for a trout fishing trip on the Little Red River in Arkansas, "the call" came. It was my neurologist, the one I sought treatment for soreness in my right shoulder and a slight shaking in my right hand. She said, "I have some news. Could you come to my office today?" After explaining my fishing plans for the week, she relented and delivered the news that would begin a great interruption in my life, "Mr. Parker, you have early-onset Parkinson's Disease".

As the other fisherman rendezvoused and we embarked on the six-hour drive to Arkansas, my mind raced with the gravity of the neurologist's diagnosis. I wasn't about to throw a wet blanket on my friends' trips with this news, especially since my wife and daughters did not yet know. After the longest six-hour ride of my life, happily distracted by good friends, Kyle Nolen, John Sims and Josh Webber, we arrived at our cabin on the Little Red River. Somehow, now I know why, I drew the master-suite to myself and buckled my chin strap for a long night of wrestling with the "Why". **To be continued....**

Coming Next Week

Facing Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis with Hope (Part 2)

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