

Timeline of Events:

Building the Domestic Abuse Ministry at FBC Youngsville NC:

June 26th 2019

- Initial Meeting with Lead Pastor
 - Shared my heart/vision for starting a Bible Study/Support Group and a DA Ministry

Jan 9th 2020

- Meeting with the new Women's Ministry Leader
 - Shared my personal testimony and vision for DA Ministry and DA Bible Study
- 3 Months for Women's Ministry Leader to review the material and get approval from the Lead Pastor to move ahead with the ministry proposal

April 16th, 23rd and 30th 2020

- 6 Hours spent drafting a proposal for a DA Ministry and Women's Bible Study to present to the Pastors

May 7th 2020

- 2 Hour Proposal Meeting with Lead Pastor, Executive Pastor, Care and Counseling Pastor and Head of Counseling Ministry
- Unanimous decision to move forward with the vision under the leadership of the Care and Counseling Pastor, and the Women's Ministry Leader
 - 1st Step – Set up a DA Launch Team which eventually became the DA Care Team
 - 2nd Step – Meeting with The Village Church to discuss their DA Ministry

June 4th to July 28th 2020

- DA Launch Team has 6 Meetings with 3 objectives
 - To create a FBC Statement on DA.
 - To create pathways for women to safely seek resources and advocates.
 - To create a response to DV for both the oppressed and the oppressor.
- DA Launch Team meets monthly to deal with any issues that arise from the Hope for the Hurting Groups, Counseling Sessions and DA Ministry.

July 6th 2020

- Creation of the DA Care Coordinator position, which is filled by one of our DA Launch Team Members

July 30th 2020

- Finalized DA Policy is submitted to and unanimously accepted by the FBC Elders

August 30th 2020

- Women's Ministry Teach Me Event
 - Hope for The Oppressed Talk
 - Official Launch of the FBC DA Ministry

September 9th 2020

- Hope for the Hurting Fall Bible Study Begins
 - 8 Ladies commit to 12 weeks working through Called To Peace Workbook with a leader (Katharine Ray) and co-leader (Susie Horner)
 - Safety Measures in place
 - Advertised separately from the other Women's Bible Studies via a separate link sent only to the women in the church and through fliers in the Ladies' Restrooms
 - Room used has external access through the rear of the church building
 - FBC Security team helps when needed

October 14th 2020

- Creation and Finalization of the DA Care and Response Guide

October 18th 2020

- DA Sunday
 - 2 minute video clip with testimony
 - Introduction of DA Care Team Members
 - Support from the pulpit for the DA Ministry with the purpose of
 - Showing FBC cares about Domestic Abuse
 - Letting victims know that they can reach out for help
 - Bringing awareness to the congregation
 - Tables with information and books in the lobby, manned by DA Care Team Members
 - DA Care and Response Guide presented to the congregation
 - Registration for the Advocacy Training Day

Nov 7th 2020

- Advocacy Interest Meeting/Training Day – 35 ladies in attendance
- 12 of the ladies submitted applications for Advocacy Training

Dec 2020/Jan 2021

- Advocacy Training applicants interviewed by Care and Counseling Pastor and Care Coordinator
- 4 of the applicants approved to begin training with Called To Peace Ministries Advocacy Program

January 13th 2021

- Hope for the Hurting Spring Bible Study Begins
- Hope for the Hurting Fall Group begins a 12 week unstructured support group
 - Under the leadership of one the ladies within the original group.
 - Bringing their total time together to 24 weeks.
- Long-Term Goal: To build a self-sustaining support group – Hope For the Hurting Ministry