

# Hughes News—Family Update 2017



**Levi, Caleb, Kayla, Aliyah, Paul, Lucy, Gabriel , Jordan, Adeline, Daniel, and Gina Sherman**

## A Growing Tribe

We have not left ministry to become lumberjacks! When I bought an \$8 flannel shirt at Wal-Mart, the light went on in Lucy's eyes. So with the help of her daughter in laws and photographic talents of Daniel's wonderful girlfriend, she coordinated this year's family picture. With Gabriel and Jordan's Adeline, we now have three grandkids and #4 is a boy growing in Kayla's tummy!

One family highlight was Gabriel's ordination service this summer. Though he is a Beeson Divinity School grad and has been a local church pastor for seven years it was a huge honor that Gabriel wanted to be ordained under Kingdom Forerunners. We held a very sacred service in the First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, Alabama where Paul's Dad, the late Miles Preston Hughes, Jr. was the first ordained Methodist pastor to come out of that church. Gabriel is holding his granddad's Duke Divinity School thesis which was presented to him by Dad.

## Faith of Our Fathers



## Missing Mimi

Nothing fully prepares you for the death of a parent. Even one who was 94 and expecting to live another 10 years. My dear mother, Helen Prince Hughes Rice passed suddenly on Sept 14. Over the decades she had knitted 100's of Christmas stockings for family and friends. We thought she had hung it up, but there it was among her things—a fully knitted Christmas stocking for Adeline. I miss you so much, Mom.



## The Song That Never Ends

When our second son Caleb is not helping Kayla with the kids in their first home, or managing the largest audit for his accounting firm, he is constantly writing and recording his original music. Lucy and I feel so privileged to hear the most amazing songs never heard by the public. We are proud that Caleb's poetic and worshipping heart has an outlet from the world of accounting. One of his Christmas gifts will be to receive the piano Mimi had at her mountain home where she too spent countless hours singing to Jesus.





## JH Ranch and Native Honor

Our youngest son, Daniel, spent three months this summer working at JH Ranch, a Christian Camp in Northern California. It was a fabulous experience for him and the many high school kids who he impacted for Christ. Lucy and I were able to use free plane tickets and funds from our Native Honor ministry to go to the Wiconi Family Camp and Powwow in Oregon. Wiconi is a leading indigenous Native ministry in the US. Lucy is pictured with Norma Blacksmith who is a Lakota Sioux elder and evangelist on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Our ministry was able to help get her a new car for work there as well as support the work of other Native friends working across the nation. While in the Northwest, it was a HUGE blessing to visit Daniel at JH, which is owned and operated by friends here in Birmingham.

## Ignite UAB and the Civil Righteousness Initiative



## Being Civil *and* Righteous about Civil Rights

UAB's Hill Student Center Theater  
Friday 7pm, Feb 24, 2017



J.T. Thomas, a national prayer leader and Christian activist out of Ferguson/St. Louis, is the founder of [CivilRighteousness.org](http://CivilRighteousness.org)

This presentation on the nature of civil public discourse is followed by a panel discussion to respond to your questions



Sponsored by Ignite, a student led Christian fellowship at UAB

Lucy and I get to do campus ministry together with our son!! Daniel is a Junior at the U of Alabama—Birmingham and vice-president of Ignite, our student ministry. Above is a portion of the Monday Men's and Women's Bible studies. Thursday nights are our all campus meetings.

This year has seen the launch of the Civil Righteousness Initiative. The campus is a hotbed of cultural engagement and Alabama is often in the heart of the conversation because of our Civil Rights history. Ignite has been bold in our engagement of social issues by sponsoring three campus wide forums from a Gospel perspective. As Martin King was a leading voice for Civil Rights, our friend, JT Thomas from Ferguson, is a leading voice for Civil Righteousness. Check out [civilrighteousness.org](http://civilrighteousness.org).

**I believe Alabama is the birthplace of States Rights, Civil Rights, and Kingdom Righteousness in America.**





## Keep us in your prayers and giving for 2018

Lucy and I will be taking more than 2 dozen students to the OneThing Conference in Kansas City over Christmas Break and stay two more days for a Campus Awakening Summit. Daniel and I fly to InterVarsity's national offices in Madison, Wisconsin Jan 7-10 for meetings with multiple campus ministries planning the annual Collegiate Day of Prayer. It is a dream come true for me to be back in Madison where I have 25 years of memories as an IV staff, but this time with my youngest son who is also called to lift up Jesus among college students! My closest friend and former IV Board member, Al Mathis, will also go with us.

Lucy and I continue to lead the Birmingham Prayer Furnace, a mobile, night and day, city-wide house of prayer burning since 2006. We love hosting God's presence night and day every other month in venues like rehab centers, tent revivals, campuses, or businesses. Lucy's Progress Partners life coaching continues to have clients and her ministry to women includes speaking at Magnificent, a women's conference in March at Billy Graham's Cove in NC.

Our Ignite UAB and Alabama Campus Prayer Network is connecting more and more with dynamic leaders in NC for weekend conferences and summer training. Lucy and I have been asked to join the board of Ignite Movement to expand the culture of the Kingdom across campuses and cities of the Southeastern US.

Please consider a 2017 year end or 2018 monthly gift to keep us on the front lines of mentoring the next generation of world changers! Give online at [kingdomforerunners.com](http://kingdomforerunners.com). **We LOVE you so much!! Paul and Lucy**