



# MORIAH MINISTRIES

## ... ANCHORED IN LOVE SERVING STUDENTS

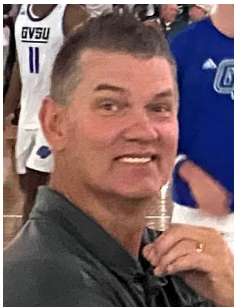
It has been an incredible Fall season. Moriah Ministries kicked off the academic year by welcoming students back to campus at the GV Back to School Fair. Amy, Tony and I greeted familiar faces who have been involved with Moriah and welcomed new faces to the campus. It was an exciting event attended by over 7,000 students.

Early Fall Moriah had the opportunity to do mission work right on the campus. We helped the new baseball coach Jordan Keur renovate the team's temporary locker room. Student athletes from softball and men's basketball volunteered their time to serve their fellow Lakers by painting, cleaning and hauling junk away so that the baseball team could have a comfortable space for the Fall. Working together with Doug Lipinski (Assistant AD), the space was transformed and very much appreciated by the coaches and players. The coaches were very impressed with the selfless act on behalf of the GV community. It built a deeper connection to each other and God.

God is moving on the campus of GV and we have witnessed His great work up close and personal as two baseball players have surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus. I have been busy serving our baseball and basketball programs at practices and games. In this capacity I have been able to display Jesus by both word and deed.

In addition to being present at these events we have launched our Thursday Night programming with a campfire and Chick Fil A! It is a great time of food, faith, film and friendship. In this ministry model we do life together like the early church by eating, praying, and exploring faith in film and friendship. We watched the Jesus Revolution and now are exploring Biblical themes within the context of the Chronicles of Narnia. It has been great to see how God is working in these settings.

As you know a ministry does not operate without the generous financial support of you, our supporters. I want to deeply thank you for your generous hearts. I continue to explore other financial avenues to increase revenue. This includes making efforts in identifying new grant opportunities and writing proposals. We appreciate your prayers in this endeavor as we continue to grow and learn. I want to thank Peg Pyper for all her efforts in this process. I am confident in the Lord's provision for Moriah as we look to the end of our fiscal year.



I leave you with this final thought. I am grateful everyday to walk in FAITH as I lead Moriah into 2024. It is an honor and privilege to see God work. The Bible tells us that "*Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.*" There is so much in my heart I hope for Moriah. I am learning to always live in *Faith over Fear* and watch students do the same. Please continue to pray for our team as we faithfully serve the Lord. Pray we will be wise and led by the Holy Spirit in all we do. Please Pray for Andy and Val as they retire from Moriah Ministries at the end of 2023. Pray God will give them peace and wisdom as they move forward into 2024.

Thank you again for your love, prayers and support.

For HIS Glory, **John Modderman, Executive Director**  
**GVSU Men's Basketball Chaplain**  
**GVSU Men's Baseball Chaplain**

### **Student Spotlight:** Hannah Hollister, Senior GVSU Softball

Moriah Ministries is very new to me this year and has completely changed my life in just a couple of months. They have welcomed me with open arms and are so accepting of where I am at in my religious journey. They not only take care of the student athletes at Grand Valley, but make it known that there is a place for everyone in their ministry, no matter their background or relationship with Christ.

I recently have been completing a bible study over the book, The Christian Athlete: Glorifying God in Sports with Amy Modderman, an advocate for Moriah Ministries. By doing this bible study with Amy, I not only have been able to separate my identity from my sport, but also have been able to learn how to glorify God in my sport while serving my teammates in the most godly way possible. Moriah Ministries not only challenges me to become a better Christian, but a better person all together.

For our softball season this year, we have very high expectations and expect nothing less than what we have expected in previous years, and that is to win a conference title, excel in the post season, and make our way to a national championship. We have a young team with so much talent and I know in these next couple of months before the season, we will rise to the challenge in the weight room and on the field.



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### 4. Call Us

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If you have additional questions, send us an email - [moriah.gvsu@gmail.com](mailto:moriah.gvsu@gmail.com) or give Peg Pyper a call (616) 217-7807.

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### Track and Field, Tony Bonacci, Chaplain

Tony has been working with students in track and field through Bible Study and volunteer coaching. He is having many first-time students at his gatherings on Sunday morning as well as many students attending a local church service. In addition, the questions within the group gatherings have gone deeper in faith building and understanding of Jesus propitiation of sin. Indoor track has their first meet on Dec 8th at The Kelly Center. Tony is looking forward to the season's official start.



### Women's Basketball & Softball, Amy Modderman, Chaplain

Amy is serving our softball team during the Fall ball season as well as attending women's basketball practices. She mentored Hannah Hollister who is featured in our Student Spotlight.

Women's basketball season has begun! They played some scrimmages and Amy and John were invited to the family potluck, which furthered relationships among new players and parents as well as current members and the coaching staff. Many team members and other students are currently attending our Thursday Night Ministry Sessions. Amy stated *"it is a joy to serve the students and watch them grow both spiritually and personally."* She also commented how much she enjoys the students and gathering around the large table once a week. It's like family time.

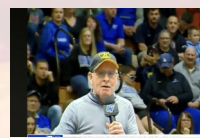
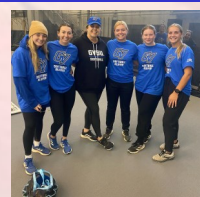
Amy has been instrumental serving GV football player Sam Simpson as he recovered from a torn ACL and surgery. She provided prayer, meal support and encouragement. Thank you to all who assisted Sam in his recovery with your prayers or cooking a meal for him. He greatly appreciated it.

Amy has focused on the gospel of John in her quiet time and it has been apparent that Jesus is the testimony to the students. When they witness Christ's likeness they are drawn to it, allowing for an organic acceptance of the gospel. Amy has requested prayer for continued relationship development, that Jesus will be all they see when they encounter her.



**November 28, 2023**—Moriah Ministries has a goal to raise \$50,000 in our GivingTuesday Campaign. Even just \$25.00 makes a powerful impact — so please join us in our mission to minister to the students of GVSU. Watch for emails and facebook posts over the next week and

throughout the day on GivingTuesday for more information as well as ways to give. Your generosity will make a significant difference and empower us to create positive change. If you have any questions please contact Peg Pyper at [peg.moriah@gmail.com](mailto:peg.moriah@gmail.com) or call 616.217.7807.



Ministry in pictures

<sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 5:16-18

... Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.