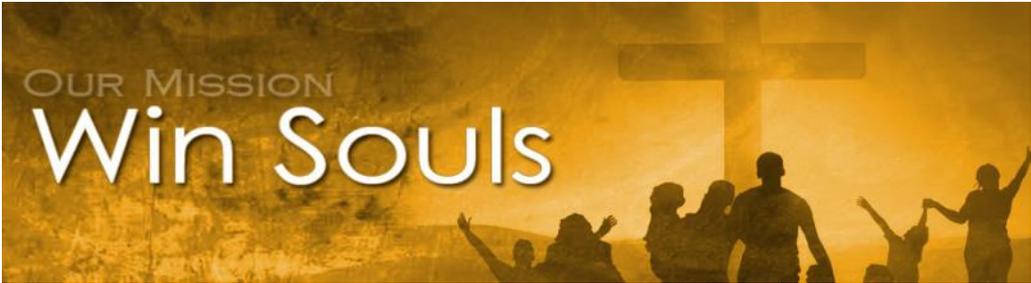


THE FORCEY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FORCEY BIBLE CHURCH - DECEMBER 2016



OUR MISSION
Win Souls

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near” (Isaiah 55:6).

During his weekly round of visits at a local hospital, a Forcey member met Damon, a young man that was visiting his father. Since the patient was sound asleep, the Forcey member asked the son about his father’s condition. When Damon expressed deep concern over his father’s prognosis, the Forcey member sensed that this young man’s heart had been softened by the Lord and that he might be open to the gospel. Damon listened very respectfully while the Forcey member explained to him from the Bible about the fact of sin,

the certainty of judgment, and the reality of Christ’s atoning death and bodily resurrection. When the Forcey member had finished the gospel presentation, he encouraged Damon to call on

the Lord for salvation right then. With evident sincerity of heart, he bowed his head and called upon the Lord Jesus to forgive his sins and to save his soul.

After receiving the Lord Jesus, Damon thanked the Forcey member for talking to him about Christ. Later, when he was leaving for the evening, he stopped the Forcey member in the hall to thank him once more for sharing the message of salvation with him. Certainly this burdened young man had indeed called upon the Lord “while He [was] near” (Isa 55:6b).

~ Ralph Zimmerman

“We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.” ~ Charles Stanley

Events For Your Calendar

December 9-10 - Forcey Christmas Production
“LIGHT” - 7:30p.m.

December 13 - Forcey Christian School Christmas Concert - 7p.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7p.m.

December 25 - Family Gathers Service (Families will come together during the Sunday Service in the

Sanctuary. No regular Sunday school classes for children or adults. Nursery will be available!)

December 31 - Itzel New Year’s Eve Concert - 6p.m.
([click for details](#))

January 29 - Water Baptisms during Sunday worship services (if you would like to know more about baptisms, contact the church office forcey-office@forcey.org)

Let's Celebrate Together!

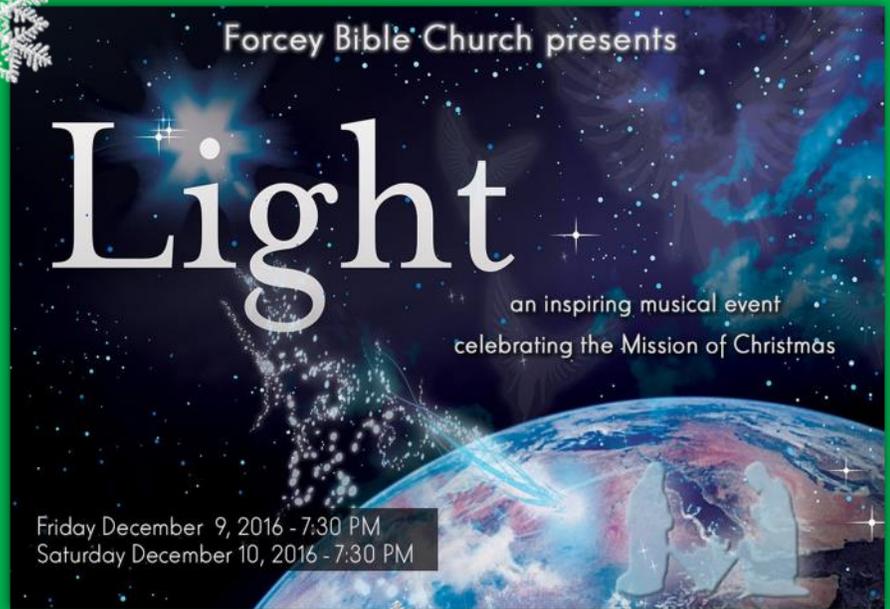
FBC Christmas Performance



On December 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Forcey Worship Arts Ministry will present "LIGHT".



Celebrate Christmas with us through music, drama, song and dance. Tickets are not required and this event will be enjoyable for the entire family! Be sure to invite others.



New Year's Eve Concert



It's a Forcey tradition! For many years our church has ushered out the old year and brought in the new year in a spirit of praise led by The Itzels. Once again this year, we will focus on the greatness of our God, and in one voice lift up his name in corporate worship on New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to a night of music and the gospel. A love offering will be taken for the Itzels' non-profit mission organization, Bill and Karen Itzel Ministries. CD's, including the new CD, "The Glorious Trial" will be available at the concert. We plan to be finished by 7:15 or so, giving you plenty of time to spend with family and friends afterward. Come early to get a good seat!

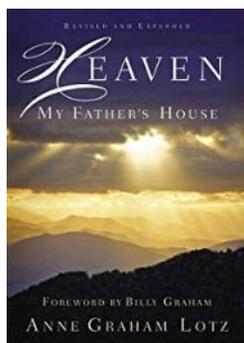
Are you growing spiritually?

Are you connecting with others in your walk?

Here are some opportunities at Forcey!

Busy Ladies Bible Study

Are you a lady looking for a Bible study with a group of ladies just like you "too busy"? Then the BUSY LADIES BIBLE STUDY may be just for you! This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at a pre-determined host home. The evenings are a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Our monthly meeting will be January thru June, 2017.



Journey to Jesus: Learning to Hear His Voice, an introduction to Bible study method, will be our January 5 study and we plan to study **Heaven: My Father's House**, for our February -June, 2017 meetings, by Anne Graham Lotz.

The January 5 host home will be at the home of Heidi Corcoran, 15108 Winstead Lane, Silver Spring, 20905. Contact Glenda Jones (jones.glenda0@gmail.com) or Metta Wagner (mettantony@comcast.net) for more information.

Women's Saturday Prayer Group

Ladies - feeling too busy to pray this hectic season?

Start your weekend with a time of prayer! All ladies are welcome to come and pray for family, church, nation and the world. We meet in the FCS library at 7a.m. Arriving late is fine, and we finish at exactly 8a.m..

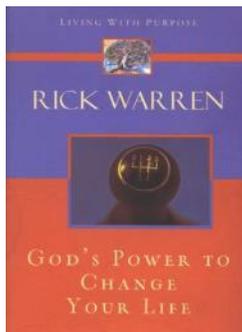
Questions? Contact Debbie Scesa with questions (jscesa@msn.com).

Have you ever wanted to change for the better, but

found that you lacked the power to do so? For

Men's Sunday Fellowship

example, have you ever wanted to become more patient, more loving, or more peaceful but didn't understand what your part is versus what God's part is in bringing about change in your life?



This winter we will be studying the book *God's Power to Change Your Life* by Rick Warren. Pastor Warren is the founder and senior pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA. He is

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probably best known for his books *The Purpose Driven Life* and *The Purpose Driven Church*. In his book *God's Power to Change Your Life*, Pastor Warren shares practical guidance for how to make specific changes in our lives through the application of God's Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Warren shares that God provides all the power, and all we have to do is "flip the switch to turn the power on." God uses His Word, His Spirit, and circumstances to change us. Our part is to choose what we think about, depend on His Spirit, and respond wisely to circumstances.

Our study begins on January 22, 2017 and will conclude in April. Books will be available from the teaching team at both of our Sunday classes for a price of \$5.00.

There are two-like sessions each Sunday in room 324 during both worship hours. ALL men are welcome to join in our study and weekly discussion.

Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.
(Timothy 3:16-17)

**Through the Bible in a Year
Sunday School Class
IS MOVING!**

We will now meet during
1st hour in room 228.

In January we will cover the first five books or Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

Questions? Contact Dave Hull,
davidhull@verizon.net

In-House Announcement

When the playground is actively in use by Forcey Christian School, Forcey 360, or Forcey Day Camp, it is off limits for general play by others. This is to ensure a consistent safety practice for all involved. Of course, beyond this, the playground is available for children under the supervision of a parent.



Thank you for your cooperation!!

apples of gold in a setting of silver



During this fall, young women (aka “Apples”) attended a 6 week series. The Apples of Gold meetings provided an opportunity for women of multiple generations to fellowship together, to learn practical skills for the care of their homes and families and be encouraged in their daily walk with the Lord from seasoned women of God.

All weeks were held in Cindi Hale’s lovely home. Each session began with a demonstration of a skill to use in the ladies’ home or a technique for preparing a dish. Apples learned cooking tips, wonderful recipes to be used at home, and ideas for showing hospitality for family and guests.



Each session also consisted of a served 4 course homemade meal, including delicious dishes such as Shrimp Risotto, Panko Crusted Salmon and Chicken

Alfredo. Demonstrations included knife use & care, cooking Risotto, and preparing a variety of dishes. The goal of providing the Apples a served meal was to provide a break from their busy days so they could focus on the bible study and learning, The young apples could also learn how these meals tasted to give them ideas to serve in their homes.

While meals were delicious; table settings lovely and fun – the real focus was leading women to follow

Jesus in their current or future homes with husbands and children. The discussion time around the meal and the lesson from our Apples of Gold book were led by the gracious, seasoned mentors. The lesson topics are: Kindness, Loving Your Husband, Loving Your



Children, Submission, Purity and Hospitality.

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Great blessings to:

- Ann Hunt, Glenda Jones and Mary Jane Barrow for sharing so much of their time, heart and wisdom in leading sessions
- Cindi Hale for sharing her home each week
- Cindi Hale, Linda Douglas, and Diane Wesche for cooking
- Ann Hunt, Cindi Hale, Linda Douglas, and Diane Wesche for leading a demonstration
- Lynette Palmer, Stacey McCarley, Pamela Merritt and Cindi Hale for serving



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