On May 5th, we will join with many believers across America for a National Day of Prayer. We will have a special time of prayer in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. In preparation for that day, I am sharing with you an excerpt from *With One Cry: A Renewed Challenge to Pray for America*, by Dr. David Butts, Chairman, National Prayer Committee.

“What is it we are asking for as we pray for revival? Ultimately, it is for the people of God to begin to experience the presence of Christ in a fresh new way. All other results flow from that. Changed lives in the Church as well as transformation in a culture come not from human effort, but the power of God made manifest in the lives of His people.

“This isn’t about praying for a better life or that things would go smoothly for us. It is about God and His purposes being accomplished. The acknowledged leader of the First Great Awakening, Jonathan Edwards, was fired by his congregation in the midst of the revival. On a much larger scale, as the Third Great Awakening was taking place in the United States, the nation was dividing into North and South and war then tore the nation into pieces.

“Some look to another great awakening in this nation as the solution to all of our problems. That would be wonderful but unlikely. It is more likely to take place in the midst of great difficulties and even persecution. If it is widespread and lasting, it may well slow or delay the judgment of God against our sinful nation.

“More importantly, another great awakening can empower the Church to finish the task of world evangelization. All past revivals have had tremendous evangelistic outreach, and I believe the one to come will as well. In addition, the repentance and humility that will be occurring in the Body of Christ will be a key element in preparing the Bride for the Bridegroom. Revival in the Church can bring a restoration of New Testament purity, passion, and holiness.

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At Forcey, we celebrate our diversity; we rejoice that God has brought us all together from various ethnicities to worship Him as brothers and sisters in Christ. In case you weren't aware of just how diverse we are...

On the first Sunday of our missions celebration, we took an inventory of nationalities represented by those who are currently involved at Forcey, and included a few guests who were attending our services on that particular day - more than 40 countries were represented. THAT'S 17.2% of all the countries in the world!

We know that our list on that day was by no means exhaustive, but it did represent a typical Sunday of worship with the Forcey family.

Here are the countries we listed: Austria, Barbados, Bermuda, Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Fiji, Honduras, Haiti, Hungary, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Peru, Argentina, and Venezuela.

As Jonathan Ford mentioned on his Facebook post - **HOW COOL IS THAT?!**
So now that our church family has been re-introduced to the world next door, it’s time for us to put our faith into action, walk in obedience, and reach our neighbors here and there for Christ. Please read below to see some practical "next step" items that you can get involved in right away.

Here are two classes that will begin on May 8th in Room 227 and run for 6-8 weeks:

- **6 ways to Reach God’s World** - 6-week class to be offered to help you take your missions engagement to the next level. (offered during the 9:15 a.m. worship service)

- **Ministry to Muslims** - join a group to go through the DVD series mentioned by our guest speaker Daniel Abraham. (offered during the 11 a.m. worship service)

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**Mission Possible 2016**

**Leaders:** Zane Dempsie and Pam Merritt

**Team Members:** Cameron Adams, Sarah Balaba, Garrett Bradley, Christian Conway, Misrak Demessew, Kathryn Eller, Max Keen, Jonathan Kraus, Katherine Mackie, Nathaniel Thompson

Pray for our Mission Possible team and their schedule.

**June 20-24**

Sketchboard training, Langley Park children’s ministry

**June 26-July 2**

JAARS mission exposure & training camp – Waxhaw, NC

**July 4-8**

Local evangelism in Silver Spring & Baltimore

**July 10-16**

Staten Island ReachGlobal & international ministry

**OAC – New York**

**July 17-23**

Blair County, PA children’s, college, and adult evangelism ministries

**July 25-29**

Evangelism – Ocean City, MD

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**Haiti Team**

**June 21-July 6**

The Haiti Team will be working in three locations with several different ministries. Their work will include evangelism, women’s ministries, VBS, and relief work in:

- Valbrune in South Haiti
- A small village near Jacmel
- Gressler with ReachGlobal
The missions conference ended with a delightful luncheon for the ladies of Forcey. After enjoying a lovely variety of salads and cheesecakes, the ladies were treated to a special panel discussion on the topic of sharing with your neighbors. Questions were answered such as: What has worked as a “door opener” to people in your physical neighborhood? When interacting with “religious” people, do you address their beliefs or only share Jesus/Scripture?

Great thanks to Sharon Owens, Joy Johnston, Harriet Smith, Marcia Arnold, Norma Silvera and Amy Haftel who shared their experiences, great wisdom and love to all. We were encouraged with their ideas to purposefully look for opportunities to get to know our neighbors, love each of them and when appropriate share the Bible and Jesus.
“How do we pray for revival? Certainly Psalm 85:4-7 gives us a clear picture and we would do well to use this in our own prayers.

‘Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.’

“One of my personal favorites in revival praying is found in Isaiah 63-64. It is a long passage of Scripture that speaks of Israel’s realization that they were missing the presence of God. They remember days in the past when that was not the case and cry out for God to come back to them. Taking this Old Testament passage and bringing it into New Testament realities is a powerful way of praying for revival. You will find yourself praying with Isaiah, ‘Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!’”

~ Pastor Phil Powers, Lead Pastor

The Christian is to persevere in the sowing of the seed of the gospel. Often several attempts must be made before the soul winner gains a hearing from a prospect. A recent experience by the Forcey visitation team illustrates this point.

Over the past month, the Forcey visitation team twice attempted to see a young woman who had visited the church. In both instances, it appeared that there were people at home, but no one came to the door. After the second visit, the Forcey team left a voice message expressing a desire to meet with her. The next day she returned the call and agreed to an appointment the following week. When the Forcey team arrived the next week, she welcomed them enthusiastically. After a brief time of getting acquainted, the Forcey team asked about her assurance of going to heaven. Her response indicated that she did not understand the gospel. As the Forcey members explained the message of salvation by grace, she listened very attentively. When asked if she wanted to receive the Lord Jesus as her Savior, she responded affirmatively. With heads bowed, this young woman called upon the Lord Jesus to forgive her sins and to save her soul.

The Forcey team then reviewed with her the assurance of salvation in Christ and provided follow-up materials. When the Forcey team started to leave, she expressed her gratitude to them for coming to her home, saying “You don’t know how much this means to me.”

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team
The best kind of books are the ones where you get enjoyment as you read them, and discover that you actually learned an awful lot in the process. As we move on toward the summer months, may I suggest some fascinating books that you may want to pick up for your beach time, for your airline flights, or for just sitting on the deck feeding the mosquitoes? Let me offer something new, something old, and something different.

Last fall I met a man named Bob Goff. It was the highlight of my year! He is completely committed to following Jesus primarily by loving everybody, all the time. He is an international lawyer of note, a law professor who holds his office hours at Disneyland, and the West Coast Consul General for the nation of Uganda! Try putting “Bob Goff” into YouTube and watch this marvelous man in action. Then get his book. His bestseller Love Does is available in paperback just about everywhere, including all of the public library systems in our area. It’s the most inspirational book I’ve read in years. If you buy it and it doesn’t become a personal treasure, I’ll buy it from you!

Many of you have read Mere Christianity at some time in your life. If you have, read it again! And if you’ve never read it, you simply have to. This book may be the best Christian apologetic ever written, explaining the fundamental truths of our faith in the most gentle, disarming and profound manner. C.S. Lewis demonstrates that Christianity not only makes sense, but may be the only thing that makes sense. I read this book every five years just to keep his logic and his examples fresh in my rapidly aging mind. Because this material was originally a radio show, it’s written in short 5-page chapters that make it easy to read in small chunks. In paperback everywhere, in libraries everywhere – you may even be able to borrow a copy from the person sitting next to you in church!

Mark Miodownik is a British scientist who is fascinated by stuff – any kind of stuff. Our lifestyle is primarily a product of the things that mankind has learned to make. And we take all of it for granted. In the book Stuff Matters, the author shows how something as thin as a razor blade can do so much damage, and yet you can’t sharpen it. Why can’t you taste your silverware? How does concrete work? What makes paper so simple and so important? How can you melt sand and be able to see through it? I am not a scientist, I never did well at science, yet I have been totally fascinated by this book – a gift from my dad. After you read this, you will never think of chocolate in the same way!

I’m interested in your reaction to any of these books. And if you’ve got a book for me to read, I’m eager to hear about it.

~ Bob Wiltrout, Elder Board Chair
This summer FCS is offering two week-long robotics camps for elementary-aged students. **Rising 2nd-4th graders can take Lego Robotics**, where they will explore concepts in engineering and science as they build bots with parts they'll program to move. This tile-based, drag-and-drop programming is a great intro to programming and gives kids practice in troubleshooting, problem solving, and logical reasoning too!

**Rising 4th-6th graders can take Vex Robotics.** This camp focuses primarily on the engineering of remote-controlled robots as students engage in challenge-based learning to complete several different projects including a driveable robot that can lift and grab objects.

For more information or to register, email timanda-wertz@fcs.school.