



THE FORCEY FOCUS

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HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL

On many occasions, over the last forty years of our marriage, my wife and I have been encouraged and refocused in life with thoughts expressed by anonymous Puritan fellow believers in Christ. I assumed many of my brothers and sisters in Christ today were familiar with words like these; but when Jonathan Ford recently read one of these devotionals, many asked, "Where did that come from? That was wonderful!" So I would like to share with you a soul's expression of worship to our Lord from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*.

In a song by Steven Curtis Chapman ("Together"), the lyrics poignantly describe our marriage:

We've climbed up mountains higher than
Were ever in our hopes and plans
We've held onto each other's hands
Watched miracles unfold together
And we've crawled on our hands and
knees
Through valleys cold and dark and deep
Sometimes not even sure if we could
make it out alive together
And if it wasn't for God's mercy and His
grace
There's no way we would be standing in
this place
But because He has been faithful
Every step along the way
Here we are together, together

And I am reminded of this portion of a Puritan prayer that helped me refocus on God's mercy and grace during a time when birth of a child, death of a mother, rebellion of a sibling and parent, uncertainty of tomorrow all came together to make us crawl on hands and knees through valleys cold and dark and deep.

O God, the Eternal All, help me to know
that all things are shadows, but thou art
substance,
all things are quicksand, but thou art
mountain,
all things are shifting, but thou art anchor,
all things are ignorance, but thou art wisdom.
If my life is to be a crucible amid burning heat,
so be it,
but do thou sit at the furnace mouth
to watch the ore that nothing be lost.

~ Pastor Phil Powers



Soul Winning

"However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness." (Rom 4:5).

Recently while visiting patients at a local hospital, a Forcey member met Dominique, a young woman who was trusting in her good works to get her into heaven. Her error is a common one and had to be dealt with thoroughly from the Scriptures in order for her to understand her need of salvation.

As the Forcey member entered Domonique's room, she greeted him warmly. After a brief time of getting acquainted, the Forcey member asked her if she was 100% certain that she was going to go to heaven. She replied that she was confident about going to Heaven because of her good deeds. Convinced by this statement that Dominique was not saved, the Forcey member then proceeded to explain to her the gospel of Christ. She listened very respectfully to the message of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus. The Forcey member showed Dominique from the Scriptures that good works cannot bring salvation, because those good works cannot remove sin or bestow righteousness. When he completed the gospel presentation, the Forcey member asked her if she wanted to be saved. With an open and willing heart, Dominique called upon the Lord Jesus to forgive her sins and to save her soul. After reviewing with her from the Scriptures the assurance of her salvation in Christ, the Forcey member departed, rejoicing in God's goodness in drawing this young patient to Christ.

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team

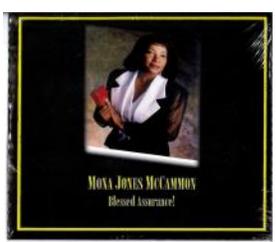


SUPPORT MISSIONS THRU MUSIC!

Two CDs featuring Forcey members are available, with 100% proceeds going towards missions.



Such a God by Suzanne Loucky, featuring several Forcey members. Proceeds go to two of Suzanne's outreaches in Vienna, Austria.



Blessed Assurance! by Mona Jones McCammon. Proceeds go to the ministry of Julius and Rachel Murgor in Kenya.

For more information or to obtain either of these CDs, contact Mona McCammon at mjonesmccammon@aol.com or 410-997-2136



PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS TEAMS

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, and Katherine Mackie

Pray for our Mission Possible team and their schedule.

JUNE 20-24

Sketchboard training, & Langley Park children's ministry

JUNE 27-JULY 1

East coast ministry

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

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



BACKPACK / SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

You can make a difference!

You are invited to show and share the love of Christ to school-aged children in need. Many children do not have the supplies necessary to start the school year. We believe every child deserves to go to school prepared to learn! Our hope is that the children will see the love of God in us as we help them and will want to learn more about that love.

Sisters in Symphony (SIS - Forcey's Women ministry) would like to provide school backpacks to kids in our community - backpacks filled with the basic school supplies needed for a successful start to the new school year. We can send those backpacks with prayers and a booklet that shares the gospel. Our goal is to be able to bless over 75 kids, and you're invited to help to make that happen.

"The backpack giveaway made a huge impact! We have never had so many kids coming on a consistent basis after that outreach."

~ Paul Adams, leader of the Langley Park After School Club

Last year Forcey & SIS contributed 42 backpacks to the Langley Park After School Club and 30 backpacks to the Mathieu's at the Anacostia Bible Church. The women had a fabulous time assembling the backpacks and praying over each backpack.

Our donations and school supply collection drive begins June 12 and will continue until July 5. (No backpacks, please)

The backpacks will be distributed to children in need to:

- Langley Park After School Club (Paul Adams' ministry)
- Anacostia Gospel Chapel / Camp Dynamite (Mathieu's ministry)

**WAYS TO
GET
INVOLVED
& HELP!**

Donate school supplies (list to be provided in June). Supplies may be dropped off in the foyer at the designated box from June 12 to July 5. (Please do NOT donate backpacks.)

Donate money for backpack and/or school supplies. We would prefer monetary donations as it allows us to buy in bulk at lower prices and provide better uniformity between backpacks. We will still use all supplies donated with great appreciation if you would prefer that way to provide. Donations may be made online or at the SIS table in the lobby (on Sunday mornings). Every dollar will be appreciated - but as a guide every \$25 will provide a backpack filled with supplies for a student in need.

Ladies: Mark your calendars for a fun and blessed time! Attend the backpack assemble & prayer session on July 29 at 7p.m. at Forcey.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

MEN'S SUMMER CLASS!!

NEW!

Are you tired of the status quo Christian life? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? Are you looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion? If you answered "yes", then our upcoming study of Good to Great in God's Eyes just may be for you. Great Christians live out their faith with purpose. Using Scripture, personal stories, and examples from Christians who left an indelible mark on the world, Pastor Chip Ingram offers clear steps to becoming great in the things that matter most.

Beginning June 26th and continuing through this summer, the Men's class will take up the 10 practices that Pastor Ingram discusses - one per week - and help you put these all-important ideas to work in your spiritual life. With families' "crazy" summer schedules in mind, we'll be using a "no-homework" approach for this study showing a video about that day's topic at the start of the class and following with a 40- to 50- minute discussion period. Also, since people are often gone for periods of time over the summer, each topic will be modular...that means you don't have to have been to the previous classes to understand that day's topic. So come whenever and as

often as you can!!

You can "take the summer off" from a lot of things but don't let your deepening spiritual development be one of them. **Join us every Sunday at either the first hour or the second hour class (9:15 a.m. and 11a.m., respectively) in Room 324** for challenging and growth-producing discussion in the fellowship of Forcey men.

SUNDAY ABF CLASSES JUNE-AUGUST

9:15 A.M.

MERGE - RM. 150
ROMANS - RM. 224
LADIES BIBLE - RM. 226
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - RM. 324
CROSSROADS - RM. 325/327
THE BRIDGE - RM. 326



11:00 A.M.

MINOR PROPHETS - RM. 150
LADIES BIBLE - RM. 158
THRU THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - RM. 224
TIMELINE TO ETERNITY - RM. 226
ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE - RM. 228
THE BOOK OF ACTS - RM. 229
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - RM. 324
REVELATION - RM. 325



FORCEY DAY CAMP

CAMP DATES

June 27-August 12
(7-weeks)

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Extended Care Hours: 7:30 – 9:00 AM ; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Ages: Kindergarten – 6th grade (must have completed these grades in June, 2016)

Activities: Swimming twice a week, weekly field trips, age-relevant games and crafts, daily Bible lessons, daily snack; (pack own lunch). Each week has distinct program features. *Examples of field trips include water park, bowling, roller skating, the zoo, Bounce U, and more!*

For more information or to register, visit forceydaycamp.org

ROBOTICS Camp

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 trouble-shooting, 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.

CAMP DATES

Lego Robotics
July 11-15

VEX IQ Robotics
August 1-5

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