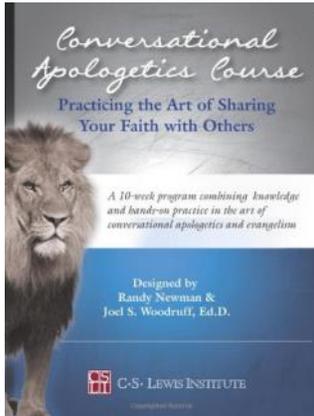


THE FORCEY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FORCEY BIBLE CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 2016

CONVERSATIONAL APOLOGETICS CLASS AT FORCEY!



This C.S. Lewis Institute's Conversational Apologetics Course takes some of the best practices in apologetics and evangelism and makes them **accessible to believers seeking to live out their faith in everyday life**. This 10-week course can be used by churches to train people to be apologists and evangelists within their sphere of influence. It is experiential and interactive in nature rather than focusing solely on the reception of information. This course provides people with opportunities to practice doing conversational apologetics so that they can begin to feel more confident and comfortable in discussing their faith in Jesus with others. Conversational Apologetics will also help followers of Jesus to rest ultimately in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who works through the believer as we share our faith with others.

ARE YOU IN OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY?

Soon we will be publishing a new church directory. It is very important that you validate your address, phone number and perhaps your email address in our database before we publish. You can do this in one of three ways:

1 Initial your entry in the directory print-out at the Welcome Center each Sunday morning for the month of September.



2 Call the church office during the normal work week (301-622-2200; M-F 8:30-4p.m.)



3 Or email the church office at forcey-office@forcey.org



Any of these options will allow you to either confirm the accuracy of your existing info or update it as necessary. This will also let us know that you would like to be included in the next directory. At the end of September, we will finalize the database and move ahead with publication.

We will be supplementing with the following books: *The Reason For God* by Tim Keller, *Questioning Evangelism* by Randy Newman and *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. There are no videos with this course as the small group activities are interactive and meant to simulate real-life situations so that people can practice sharing their faith in a fun, yet helpful way.

Time/Dates/Location:

- This Course will take between 10 and 20 weeks (depending on what pace seems right for the class)
- Orientation on Sept 18, and 1st lesson on September 25
- Meeting during 2nd hour on Sundays
- Forcey, Rm. 227 - 11:00 a.m.

More Information? Come to the orientation meeting on Sept 18 & then make a decision at that point as to whether this course is right for you. Or contact Lonnie Harris - lonnie-harris@forcey.org



Soul Winning

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

When someone is seeking to know the truth concerning eternity and eternal life, the Lord will surely direct that person across the path of an earnest soul winner. A recent experience by a Forcey member at a local carnival demonstrates this principle in action.

Shortly after the Forcey member arrived at the carnival booth to participate in personal evangelism, she engaged a young teenage girl named Megan in conversation. Megan shared that her mother was Jewish and her father a Gentile, and that her parents had given her the freedom to pursue whatever religious path she desired. She told the Forcey member that she wanted to know the truth about God. Sensing that this was indeed a divine appointment, the Forcey member explained to Megan the gospel of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As this young teen listened intently to the gospel message, she seemed to understand that Christ was indeed the only true and living way to eternal life. When the Forcey member gave the invitation, Megan eagerly and sincerely called upon the Lord Jesus for salvation.

After reviewing with Megan the assurance of her salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus, the Forcey member felt confident that this new convert understood that through Christ she now possessed the free gift of eternal life. As they parted company, the Forcey member rejoiced that God had indeed granted this young lady's desire to know the truth.

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team

Baptism

On September 18 after 2nd service, Pastor Mike Maslin will hold a baptism class in his office (room 103). Baptisms will be done Sunday, Sept 25 during both worship services. It's important that you attend the class prior. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Maslin, mike-maslin@forcey.org

Baby Dedication

On October 9 during Sunday worship services we will be having baby dedications. If you would like to have your child dedicated or have questions, contact Pastor Ron Jones, ron-jones@forcey.org.

Once again, our church steps up and responds to needs. Sisters in Symphony (SIS - Forcey's Women ministry) requested donations towards backpacks and school supplies for needy children and families. We received over \$2000 in donations! This funding was spent by SIS on backpacks and school supplies. THANK YOU FORCEY! THANK YOU GOD FOR ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS!

SIS ASSEMBLE EVENT:

Ladies came together for an evening of sorting and assembling school supplies in the backpacks along with booklets (in English and Spanish) that shared the gospel. We prayed deeply over each backpack asking Jesus to meet physical and financial needs, and also quench their spiritual hunger. A lovely light meal was provided by Bonnie Ballard and her crew. Thanks to Brenda Bradley, Terri Wertz, Lynn Illback, Diana Cortijo, Sara Idler, Stacy Springer, Vanessa Wright, Tracie Calloway, Sue Bladek, and Diane Wesche for all that they did to collect donations, order supplies, develop/print/distribute our fliers in the community and other acts of service.



BACKPACK GIVEAWAY:

For the 2nd year in a row, SIS worked with Open Air Campaigners (OAC) to hold a special After School Club at Langley Park. The gospel was shared along with other teaching by Tom Fox (OAC) and Jacob

Thompson. Snacks were provided to 96 children, adults and helpers! 65 Backpacks were distributed with school supplies, and lots of prayers. More children came out this year than our first year in 2015 when we distributed 42 backpacks. Thanks to Jane Warnick with help from Diana Cortijo, Brenda Bradley & kids and Diane Wesche for giving the message, organizing, transporting/distributing backpacks, providing snacks and loving the children and families.



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We also distributed supplies for 24 backpacks to the Mathieus again this year.



Please join us in continuing to pray that these families would read the tracts, ask why we provided the backpacks, and accept Jesus our Lord and King!

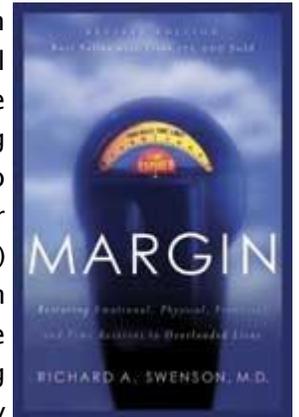
NEW MEN'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY!

Marginless living is the disease of the new millennium but margin is its cure. Dallas Willard encourages us to "...ruthlessly eliminate hurry from our lives". Richard Foster invites us to "celebrate" the spiritual disciplines. Francis of Assisi directed us toward a life of simplicity. But where will we find the **time** for all these worthy pursuits when we

struggle daily to find a path through the forest of demands that clamor for our attention? Pastors, teachers and Christian writers encourage us to consider God's bigger purposes for our lives, to make time for important relationships, to spend time in the Word and in prayer, but how? Dr. Richard Swenson's book Margin will be the subject of the Forcey Men's Adult Bible Fellowship class study this Fall. Swenson helps to cut this "time crunch" down to size and to make time for the kind of thoughts and activities that draw us

closer to the life God has for us. This is not simply time management but rather help finding the "space" to insert "better" and more worthy things into our Christian walk.

Our study begins on September 11 and will conclude in December. There is a brief weekly reading assignment (yep, you'll have to find the "margin" in your calendar to do that reading) and an in-depth discussion each Sunday. Books will be available from the teaching team in both of our Sunday classes for \$11. We meet in room 324 during both Sunday services (9:15 & 11). All men are welcome to join in our study and weekly discussion. Contact Chris White for further information, whiteread@aol.com.



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 meet your needs. 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. September 8 will be our next meeting after Labor Day.

Our Host Home will be Nancy Meyerdirk, 2005 Hopefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905.

We will be continuing to use the study series, Twelve Women of the Bible Study Guide: Life changing Stories for Women Today. We will pick up at Session 10, Martha: Finding Our Identity in Jesus. The cost will be \$9.00 to purchase a Study Guide if you wish to purchase one.

Please contact Glenda Jones jones.glenda0@gmail.com or Metta Wagner mettantony@comcast.net for more information about the group or if you wish to order a Study Guide.

MISSIONS NEWS



Andrew and Hannah Beach are leaving the mission field after serving with GAIN. Here is a note from them:

"Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all you ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5)

Over the past few months we have felt God leading us in a new direction and now God has made that direction clear...Leaving GAIN is bittersweet as we have had the opportunity over the past four years to serve international ministries and families face to face. We have seen the Lord provide for our every need through our faithful ministry team. We have experienced God's goodness in more than 27 countries and seen countless people come to know the eternal hope of a relationship with Christ through this ministry. Please join with us in celebrating what God has done the past four years.

Our hope and prayer is that God has encouraged you over the past four years, as you have seen him at work around the world through you. This season of international missions has shaped our family and will continue to be a part of our lives and our children's lives. Please pray for us as we go into this next chapter, pray that God will direct our steps, open opportunities for ministry in Andrew's new workplace, and that He will continue to draw us closer to Him every day, refining us as we serve with our lives. We cannot express how thankful we are that you sacrificially partnered with us in the Lord's work these past four years and hope that you know how much God has blessed your faithfulness for the furthering of His kingdom.

Here's a letter from Forcey Missionary Carol Schlorff, in Poland. Carol developed a relationship with this family when her church started a food distribution program two years ago:

Dear Praying Partners,

Yesterday I went to visit a family that I had met through the food distribution program at church. We sent their two oldest children to Christian camp last summer. I went to visit them yesterday because I wanted to give their three children some books. But it turns out that about a month ago the State took the children away from their parents! The reason? They live in public housing, and some lady with power came and decided that it's not good conditions for children to be raised in because of drunken neighbors. So when they move to a different apartment they'll get the children back. But it's not as if they live in public housing by choice. Both parents work hard at a mall near me for very little money (I've run into them there several times). They would love to live somewhere else if they could afford it. You can imagine their despair. I was talking to the wife, "Marta," as the husband was sleeping after working all night. In the course of the conversation we started talking about God. And by the end of our talk she prayed to receive the Lord! Could you please pray for them? That the Lord will intervene and show His power so that they can get their children back. For Marta's spiritual growth, and for the salvation of the whole family.

I'll close by one little word of encouragement. The son had to be sent home early from last year's camp, but nonetheless the camp changed him a lot for the better. Marta said that the changes in him have continued even until now, over a year later. God is definitely working in this family. Could you please pray for them during this time of crisis?

To God be the glory!
Carol


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“God’s understanding has no limits!” He understands EVERYTHING. Nothing surprises Him. Nothing gets past Him. No wall can be pulled over His eyes. He has His eye on the sparrow and He has His eye on us. He cares for each and every one of us with a *limitless* love. He gives us *limitless* grace, and He is the source of *limitless* hope.

Ladies are invited to join the fall session of Body & Soul Fitness, *Limitless*. Classes meet Saturday mornings 8:30-9:45 in the gym beginning September 10. Register online at www.bodyandsoul.org.

If you need motivation to ramp up your fitness or inspiration to ramp up your faith, you will be encouraged when you join us! For more information contact Jennifer White, rjslwhite@msn.com.

It's that time again for the ANNUAL MOPS MARKET FUNDRAISER!

September 17 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Forcey Bible Church Parking Lot



This is a great time to showcase your business or hobby or have your own yard sale! Sign up as a vendor and/or donate yard sale items (items to be dropped off at the church September 16).

- **Regular Vendor Fee: \$30**
- **Personal Yard Sale Fee: \$15**
- **Option to rent a table and two chairs: \$10**

All fees help offset childcare fees and support program costs for Forcey MOPS!

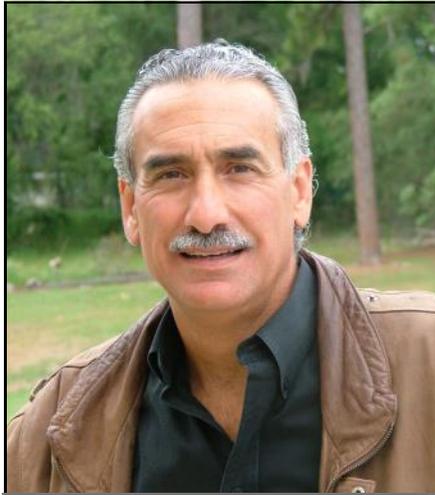
If you have any questions, contact Shannon Little at forceymops@gmail.com.



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2016 MEN'S RETREAT "Dangerous Freedom"

We're celebrating our 26th year of retreats in 2016! This year our special guest speaker is Dr. Pete Alwinson from Man in the Mirror Ministries in Orlando Florida. The retreat, entitled *Dangerous Freedom*, is November 11-13. The retreat is an event for men of every age and a great time for fathers and sons to spend quality time together! Every year we have a large group of men so space is limited and motel rooms will book quickly so register soon!



Dr. Pete Alwinson
Man in the Mirror Ministries

Cost of the retreat is \$140 for the weekend (motel room with private bath, 6 manly meals and unlimited man sized snacks). However, we're offering an 18% discount (\$115) only for registrations paid in full during the month of August. [Register online](#) or at the Men's Ministry table during Sunday morning.



MEN'S WORK DAY

The Men's ministry is holding a Church Work Day on **Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm**. We have a whole list of tasks to make our church and grounds cleaner, safer and more inviting. We have the tools - you bring the manpower. There is something which every man can do to help! It is not only a great time to serve your Church but also to fellowship with brothers in Christ. Come for an hour, two hours or until 12:30. There will be a **steak cookout** for all participants at 12:00. Arrive by 10:00 a.m. and receive a free voucher for the cookout. Stop by the Men's Ministry table to sign up (we need to know how many steaks to cook) or contact Bob Palmer at palmerpod4@gmail.com.

