



THE FORCEY FOCUS

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PASTOR'S CORNER

ALL IS WELL

September begins a new Sunday Series called *All Is Well*—a look at selected Psalms. The Psalms are songs, many express confident shouts of joy or deep cries for help—sometimes both prayer-songs woven together in the same way that confusion and faith often blend in the same melody.

Throughout time, believers have expressed their prayers, cries and songs in similar ways as the Psalms. Though they are not inspired Scripture, they are Spirit-directed testimonies to the sufficiency, fame and glory of our God. And I believe our Father is pleased.

Here is a prayer-song written by a daughter shortly after the sudden death of a mother, still in the middle-years of life.

**God told me, "I'm sovereign. I do all things well."
My mind said, "Yes Lord." But still the tears fell.**

**God tells me, "She's with Me in the place I've prepared."
My mind replies, "Yes Lord, but couldn't she have been spared?"**

**God tells me, "Count it joy, and be thankful today!"
My mind answers, "Yes Lord, I'm trying to pray."**

**God tells me, "My grace is sufficient for you."
My heart responds, "Yes Lord, I know that is true."**

**You've held me before when I wanted to faint.
You'll hold me again, O Lord, please don't wait.**

**I thank You she's with You and that You are real.
I need You, Father God, to comfort and heal.**

**I know that You're sovereign and know what is best.
Thank you, Father God, for our family You've blessed.**

Listen to the Psalms; let your heart sing them. And I urge you to let your own soul speak the words of a prayer-song your life has been writing. Put them down on paper and bring delight to our Father.

~ Pastor Phil Powers

EVANGELISM MINISTRY



"Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." (Ps 126:6). When sowing the seed of the gospel, that seed can sometimes take root in unexpected ways that brings great joy to the soul winner. Recently, a Forcey member experienced just such joy while visiting patients at a local hospital.

As the Forcey member began his rounds, he encountered Derrell, a middle-aged patient in the "A" bed by the door. After a brief time of getting acquainted, the Forcey member asked Derrell if he was 100% sure that he was going to go to Heaven some day. He responded that it was more like 50/50. As the Forcey member presented the gospel, Derrell listened carefully to the message of salvation by

grace. When asked if he would like to pray to receive Christ as his Savior, Derrell said yes. At this point, the patient in the "B" bed asked if he could pray too. Since the curtain was drawn between the two beds, the Forcey member had yet to see this patient, named Jeff, who had been listening to the conversation and wanted to receive Christ also. The Forcey member rejoiced in his heart at this turn of events and, with their heads bowed, both men called upon the Lord Jesus to save them.

This account demonstrates the power of the gospel message and the importance of sowing widely the seed of the gospel. One patient, overhearing the message spoken to another, saw his need and both men sought salvation through the Savior.

Soul Winning

~ **Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team**



HOME GROUPS

JOIN A HOME GROUP TODAY!

We spend time discovering the Word, caring for one another like family, and loving our neighbors the way Jesus intended. It's a place where relative strangers become best friends.

Whether you are interested in joining or leading a group, contact Ron Jones, ron-jones@forcey.org or visit www.forcey.org/home-groups for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



This fall, Forcey is beginning an exciting new ministry for children and their families on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.!

This ministry is presented for Pre-K through 6th grades, with childcare provided, so that the whole family can participate.

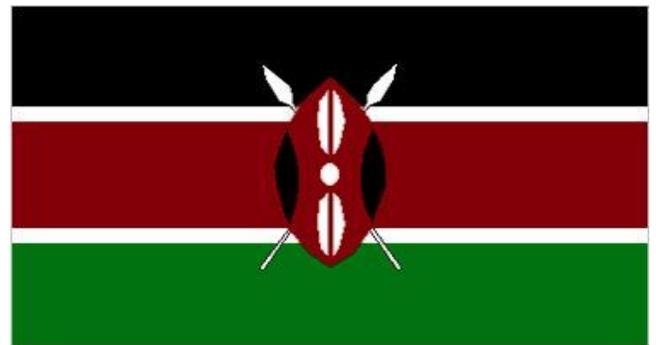
Join us September 13 for our first meeting.

Visit www.forcey.org/teamkid for more information, including volunteer opportunities.

FORCEY ON THE MOVE - MISSION UPDATES

THANK YOU FROM THE KENYA TEAM!

The team visited the Pokot people of Kenya and saw first-hand the ministry established by Forcey missionaries Julius and Rachel Murgor. The team ministered to children, women, spiritual leaders through evangelism, training, and discipleship. You were part of this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, financial gifts, and shoes! The shoe drive raised over \$1200 dollars.



Click on the picture to watch a video report, narrated by Pastor Lonnie Harris, on the Kenya trip.

FORCEY ON THE MOVE - MISSION UPDATES

Forcey Bible Church is impacting the world for Christ!

Here are a couple examples of support being provided to believers in sensitive areas through our missions conference project fund.



We were able to provide a scholarship for a Youth for Christ International (YFCI) staff member from Asia to attend the YFCI General Assembly in Miami, Florida September 14-19. This man works in a place where he cannot raise his own funds for ministry (and we can't print his location). Pray for this gathering of the global national leadership from 120+ nations as they meet for fellowship, training, and encouragement. Forcey missionary Steven Schultheis is responsible for planning and logistics for the large group meetings.

Here is a note from Steven and the team of YFCI:

"Thank you so much church for all you do for Youth for Christ International. We are so grateful for your gift to help missionaries come to General Assembly. Just another way that you are helping to spread the gospel around the world. God Bless."

Here is a recent message from another Forcey missionary who serves in a ministry that includes support to the persecuted church in many areas with limited access. Part of the missions conference project fund went toward the cost of training for pastors:

"Greetings from Singapore where I am wrapping up the course on Inductive Bible study presented to about 100 pastors from ten Asian countries. And thanks for contributing to that project. It has been phenomenal, and the glory goes to our Lord. In His Grace Alone, H.S."

Mark your calendar for Forcey Missions Weekend in October.

One of the highlights will be our Christmas in October luncheon on Sunday, October 8.

The luncheon will feature several missionaries involved in ministry overseas and will include a send-off for a couple serving in Asia.

Stay tuned for details.....



FORCEY MOPS

save
these
dates!

Forcey MOPS will be hosting the
**21st Annual Forcey Craft Show
and Bake Sale**

**Saturday, November 4
9 – 3 p.m.**

**Tell your family and friends and
make plans to join us!**

**Seeking Crafter and Vendors
to participate in the sale!**

**To register and for more information,
go to [Forcey Craft Show](#).**



TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Forcey Parking Lot

save
these
dates!

**We need everyone's participation to make it a
wonderful treat for our church and community.**

**Bring your car, pop open the trunk and help
pass out candy to the kids.**

We also need candy and donations!

**We will have popcorn, Gospel messages, candy
and lots of fun serving God and our neighbors!**

Questions?

Feel free to contact [Kristy Sievers](#)

Click on the candy for the sign-up link!



MEN'S ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Who are the "poor in spirit"? How can the "meek inherit the earth"? We know that humility is one of the foundational virtues of the Christian life, but how do we learn humility and experience the blessings associated with it? How do we humble ourselves and learn through experience that humility itself is a blessing? Author Jerry Bridges takes us on a journey through the Beatitudes in his book *The Blessing of Humility*. Through this book's ten short chapters, Bridges expounds on Jesus' teaching on humility in the Sermon on the Mount in an easily accessible style. Come join other like-minded men who are striving to humble themselves and to listen to the Lord's message to us about this extremely important subject.

**NEW
STUDY!**

TYNDALE

the BLESSING of HUMILITY

Our study begins on September 17, 2017 and will run for ten class sessions. Books will be available from the teaching team at both of our Sunday classes. There are two like sessions each Sunday (both studying the same material) – 1st hour, 9:15-10:30 a.m., and 2nd hour, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We meet in room 324 at both time slots, and all men are welcome to join in our study and weekly discussion. Please come and bring a friend.

LADIES BODY & SOUL - FALL 2017 SESSION



"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10b

This fall session of Body & Soul, ***Finding Joy***, we are going to focus on how to find joy in this journey called life, singing and shouting in praise, as we experience the power of true joy, even in the midst of obstacles that threaten to steal our joy.

Our session verse is Nehemiah 8:10b, which says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." What a perfect verse for us as we seek better health and greater strength! No matter how strong or weak we may feel, the joy of the Lord is our true strength, and this strength is eternal.

Ladies are invited to join the fall session of Body & Soul Fitness, ***Finding Joy***.

Classes meet Saturday mornings 8:30-9:45 in the gym beginning September 9. 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 email Jennifer White, rjlswhite@msn.com.