



# Taking Measurements

**T**aking measurements is not only a good thing, it is absolutely necessary if you are planning to do something and do it right. Like they say, “measure twice, cut once.”

Nehemiah heard about the terrible condition of Jerusalem nearly 100 years after the return from exile. “Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”” (Neh 1:2-3). This is not right! And God told him to do something about it. He got permission to leave his job serving the king of Persia, to go to Jerusalem, and to supervise the rebuilding of the wall—to make Jerusalem a true city again.

And the first thing he did after arriving in Jerusalem was to take measurements. At night he rode around the entire perimeter of the city, making a survey. “Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”” (Neh 2:17).



Your spiritual growth is of central importance to the leadership of Forcey. Whether you’re just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you’re a long-time Christ-follower,

we want to do everything we can to help you on your spiritual journey. But we need to know the next steps God wants us to take and what He wants to do—so we need to take careful measurements.



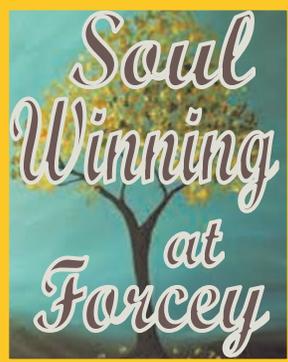
So I want you to know about a very special opportunity. We’re asking for your feedback on our church and your spiritual journey through a Spiritual Life Survey you can access on the internet, <http://www.revealnow.com/slsurvey?vid=6611>. The survey will **begin February 9** and will remain open for two weeks.

**There are four things you need to know about this survey:**

- It’s comprehensive and thought-provoking
- You should set aside 35-40 minutes to take it
- It’s completely anonymous so you can be open and honest with your feedback
- It’s *extremely* important. The findings from this survey will shape our decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to serve you better.

We want to hear from ALL of you. Please take the survey and encourage all of your friends who call our church their church home to participate as well. Thanks!

*~Pastor Phil Powers, Senior Pastor*



“And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it” (Mk 4:20a).

Soul winners should be alert to read the “body language” of those to whom they witness. Often certain actions or mannerisms indicate that the Holy Spirit is preparing their heart to receive the seed of the gospel. A recent encounter by a Forcey member while witnessing at a local hospital serves to illustrate this point.

*As the Forcey member entered the room of a young patient named Marcus, he found him watching the NFC championship game on TV. Thinking that this game would prevent any serious conversation concerning the gospel, he offered to leave some tracts that could be read later. Marcus, however, proceeded to inquire about a discipleship book that the Forcey member was carrying. Sensing the working of the Holy Spirit, the Forcey member then asked Marcus if he was sure that he was going to go to Heaven. When he admitted his uncertainty, the Forcey member began to present the gospel to him. Muting his TV, Marcus listened respectfully to the message of salvation. When the invitation was given, he bowed his head and called upon the Lord Jesus to save him.*

This witnessing opportunity demonstrates the importance of observing “body language.” In this case, the soul winner started to give the gospel only after his prospect expressed interest in a discipleship book. The Holy Spirit thus turned a potentially missed opportunity into one in which a young man received the free gift of eternal life.

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team

## FORCEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2013-2014

The registration period for children of Forcey Bible Church members will be held from February 6-12. During this time, FBC members may register/re-enroll children for 3 year old preschool (classes meet for half or full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and 4 year old preschool (options include a full day class [M-F], half day morning class [M/W/F], or half day afternoon class [M/W/F]). They may also re-enroll children for kindergarten and grades 1-8. Children who are not currently enrolled in the school may be placed on a waiting list for kindergarten and grades 1-8 and will be given first priority after currently enrolled children are given the opportunity to re-enroll from February 13-20.

Application forms are available on the table outside the school office, Room 163, and at our web site:  
[www.forceychristianschool.org](http://www.forceychristianschool.org).

For further information, please contact the school office at 301-622-2281.

# Baptism Class

**Acts 22:16**

**And now why do you wait?  
Rise and be baptized  
and wash away your sins,  
calling on his name.**

**Pastor Lonnie Harris will hold a  
Baptism Preparation Meeting  
on February 17  
in the church office conference room  
immediately after 2nd service.**

**Baptisms are scheduled for  
February 24.**

# Missions Conference - Part 1

**T**his year's mission conference is soon upon us, featuring two excellent Sunday speakers from our own mission family. The ministry of these two men share a common theme ... they are reaching out to successful, upper-middle class politicians and businessmen. Many of us overlook this group of people, perhaps thinking of Matt 19:24 - "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Yet Jesus quickly reminds us in v. 26, that "with God all things are

possible." With this in mind, our theme for the conference is "Open My Eyes." And of course, as God opens our eyes to needs and opportunities, may he also open our hearts. We need to open our eyes to all the people around us that we somehow never see, or worse dismiss, thinking it would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle!

As we prepare our hearts for this year's event, perhaps we can "open our eyes" to something even more important. While the conference ac-

knowledges the efforts of our full-time missionaries, we need to remember that Jesus, in His great commission, expects us all to be missionaries (Matt 28:18-20). Now, you might be saying to yourself I'm not called to be a missionary; and you would be correct. Missions is not a calling, it is a command. So, as you prepare your hearts for this year's conference, pray that God will "open your eyes," to fulfill His commandment.

## Missions Conference - Open My Eyes March 10 - 17, 2013

# Health & Safety Class

If you work with anyone under the age of 18, at Forcey, you must attend our HEALTH & SAFETY CLASS. Our next scheduled meeting is :

**Sun., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.**

The meeting will be held in room 150. This includes Sunday School workers, helpers, small group leaders, MDO workers, MOPS workers, and club (boys and girls) workers. Remember, you only need to attend once!

**Questions?? Contact Kelly Marroquin at the church, x805.**

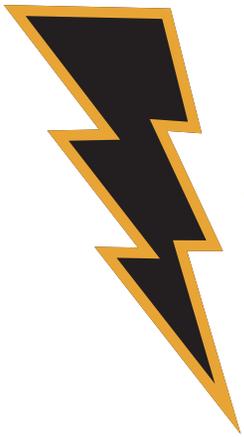
# FORCEY TEENS

## ALL-NIGHTER

February 15-16

2013

Open to all students 6 - 12 grade.



Meet @ Forcey at 8:00 p.m.  
and return to Forcey at 7:00 a.m.

\$30/person includes  
**EVERYTHING**

\*\* **SPECIAL** \*\*

If this is your first time attending a Forcey Teens event,  
you can come for only \$15!

Forcey Teens - For every visitor you bring, you will receive \$5 off your \$30 admission!

Check the TEENS BOARD in the hallway for sign-up details OR go online under the TEENS heading  
OR send an email to [lauren-powers@forcey.org](mailto:lauren-powers@forcey.org)



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Mini-Golf, Batting Cages,  
Basketball,  
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Soccer, Inflatables,  
Awesome Food, Fun  
Carnival Games, and  
even a Mechanical  
Bull!!

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