



# THE FORCEY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FORCEY BIBLE CHURCH - JULY 2015

## A Summer To Remember

Summer brings changes, and I know how hard it can be to keep a daily time with your Father when so many routines change. But that daily conversation and relationship-reconnection time are so very important. What marriage could ever survive—or be what it could be—if a husband or wife thought, “we talked plenty when we were dating . . . why work at it now?” In the same way, how foolish to rest on past closeness with your Lord and not keep close today.

In *The Silver Chair*, one of *The Chronicles of Narnia* written by C.S. Lewis, Aslan calls two children, Jill Pole and Eustace Scrubb, into Narnia to perform an important task—seeking to find a lost Prince. Because the children become separated soon after their arrival, Aslan presents the task to one of them, Jill. He gives Jill four signs by which he will guide the children in their quest, and has her repeat them until she knows them perfectly. Just before sending Jill on her way, Aslan exhorts her:

But, first, remember, remember, remember the signs. Say them to yourself when you wake in the morning and when you lie down at night, and when you wake in the middle of the night. And whatever strange things may happen to you, let nothing turn your mind from following the signs. And secondly, I give you a warning. Here on the mountain I have spoken to you clearly: I will not often do so down in Narnia... And the signs which you have learned here will not look at all as you expect them to look, when you meet them there. That is why it is so important to know them by heart and pay no attention to appearances. Remember the signs and believe the signs. Nothing else matters. [C.S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*, Harper Trophy, New York, pp. 25-26]

As Jill and Eustace proceed on the quest Aslan has given them, they forget several of the signs at the times they need to know them. Indeed, for each of the first three signs, they realize that they have missed the sign only after it is too late to take the desired action. As Eustace laments, "The second and

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## July Events Calendar

[For a complete list of calendar events at Forcey, visit the Forcey website.](#)

<b>July 1</b>	Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30 p.m.)
<b>July 3</b>	Karate (7 p.m.)
<b>July 5</b>	<a href="#">High School Teens Summer Cookout</a> (5 p.m.)
<b>July 7</b>	<a href="#">SAM Summer Bible Study</a> (10 a.m.) MOPS Summer Bible Study (10 a.m.)
<b>July 8</b>	Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30 p.m.)
<b>July 10</b>	Karate (7 p.m.)
<b>July 11</b>	SIS Saturday Prayer Group (7 a.m.)
<b>July 12</b>	Community Prayer Walk (6 p.m.) <i>(details about the walk on page 2)</i>
<b>July 14</b>	<a href="#">SAM Summer Bible Study</a> (10 a.m.) MOPS Summer Bible Study (10 a.m.)
<b>July 15</b>	Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30 p.m.)
<b>July 16</b>	<a href="#">Backpack School Supply Assembly</a> (7 p.m.)
<b>July 17</b>	Karate (7 p.m.)
<b>July 18</b>	SIS Saturday Prayer Group (7 a.m.)
<b>July 19</b>	Baptism Orientation Class (12:30 p.m.)
<b>July 21</b>	<a href="#">SAM Summer Bible Study</a> (10 a.m.) MOPS Summer Bible Study (10 a.m.)
<b>July 22</b>	Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30 p.m.)
<b>July 24</b>	Karate (7 p.m.)
<b>July 25</b>	SIS Saturday Prayer Group (7 a.m.)
<b>July 26</b>	Worship Service Baptisms <a href="#">Forcey Connects Luncheon</a>
<b>July 28</b>	<a href="#">SAM Summer Bible Study</a> (10 a.m.) MOPS Summer Bible Study (10 a.m.)
<b>July 29</b>	Wednesday Prayer Group (7:30 p.m.)

[Check out the Forcey YouTube Channel to view Sunday worship services and more!](#)





# COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK

On Sunday, July 12th at 6 p.m., we will venture out into the surrounding communities in groups of two's and three's and pray for our neighbors while walking through the streets. We'll pray for salvation of the lost, peace, healing, protection, hope, God's will to be done in these communities as it is in heaven, and other requests such as these. Please join us - we'll be convening in room 150 for a brief orientation, and then we'll head out at 6:15 p.m. for the prayer walk. For those who are a part of a home group, you are welcome to join us as a group, or to use our prayer guide to do the same thing in your own neighborhood.

# SOUL WINNING

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom 1:16).*

Recently a Forcey member talked with an elderly patient named John while ministering at a local hospital. As the Forcey member entered the patient's room, John greeted him warmly and seemed delighted that someone had stopped by to talk about the Lord. As they conversed, it became evident that John, though devoutly religious and

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third signs muffed," Jill says, "It's my fault... I-I'd given up repeating the signs every night." Eustace recognizes that ever since they had heard about a place where they could get out of the cold and have good lodgings, they had "been thinking about nothing else." [pp. 121-122]

Philip Ryken, President of Wheaton College, made the following observation about this story: "Whether C.S. Lewis meant it this way or not, to me this story has always illustrated the importance and challenge of Holy Scripture in the Christian life-of memorizing Bible verses, spending time in God's Word every day, and putting what it says into practice. To be faithful to her calling, Jill needed to go back every day to the will of Aslan (for of course he was the lion who sent her on the quest). Yet, as time went on, she was tempted to neglect the daily quiet time when she recited the four signs. And because of this neglect, she and her friends fell into disobedience and confusion, nearly to the point of death." [Philip Graham Ryken, "C.S. Lewis on Holy Scripture," *Knowing and Doing*, Spring 2014, C.S. Lewis Institute, p. 1]

Let this summer be a time when you continue to remember what our Father said, and when you know just what to do because just that day you heard His voice.

*~ Pastor Phil Powers*



active in his church, was trusting in his good works to gain entrance into heaven. Being not quite sure what to do at this point, the Forcey member decided to just present the simple gospel message using the "Romans Road" outline and trust the Holy Spirit to do His work in John's heart. To his surprise, John did not "push back" but listened eagerly to the message of salvation by grace alone, apart from any good works. When he gave the invitation for John to receive Christ, this elderly gentleman gladly called upon the Lord Jesus to save him. When the Forcey member reviewed with him the assurance of his salvation in Christ, John expressed confidence and thankfulness that, based on God's promise, he was now saved.

The above witnessing opportunity demonstrates the power of the Word of God. The Holy Spirit was able to use a simple gospel presentation to awaken a deeply religious man of his lost condition and his need of the Savior.

*~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

# MISSION IN ACTION

Forcey missionaries Michael and Cheryl Gayle are serving in Togo, West Africa with ABWE.

In addition to their medical ministry at the hospital they participate in outreach and church plant activities.

Here is an excerpt from a recent newsletter:

On Sunday May 24, the new church plant of Kpotame held their first baptism where 12 people got baptized! Including a man who is somewhere in his 80's. (No birth certificates back then!) It was a wonderful celebration at the river and back in the church. This is a church plant that was started about 2 years ago by Pastor Togbe, Pastor Jeremie, and a deacon Adoli. Dr. & Mrs. Eric Miller have been helping there, too. This Sunday also happened to be the Sunday where Pentecost is celebrated here in Togo. Pastor Togbe gave a wonderful sermon on the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's lives. After everything, Pastor Togbe also gave an invitation for anybody in the congregation who felt led to accept Christ. Four people came forward—the start already of a new baptism class! And they are now indwelt with the Holy Spirit! Now to just grow in Him. This is why we're here—to share the gospel, make disciples, baptize in His name, and then encourage obedience!



Many of you participated in our Action Pack projects, by donating items and by stuffing the Action Pack bags.

Below is thank you note from Voice of the Martyrs:

Dear Friends,

*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom. 10:14*



Thank you for your recent contributions of Refugee Outreach Packs. These packs will be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters as well as a very practical demonstration of God's love to those who need to hear the Word of God.

Our brothers and sisters will be using these packs to reach out to those around them who do not know Christ. We pray that by partnering with our brothers' and sisters' evangelism efforts, we will see a rich harvest of souls won into the kingdom. For this we covet your prayers, and we invite you to take part in future projects.

May God add His blessing to your labors of love. We count it a privilege to be co-laborers with you!

# MISSION IN ACTION

Continue to pray for our Mission Possible Teams, individuals, groups and families that are serving this summer.  
Be sure to follow the Mission Possible Teams on their great adventures through their blogs.

## EAST COAST TEAM

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### East Coast Team Members

Leader – Zane Dempsie  
Team - Ben Remich and Jacob Thompson

## SPAIN TEAM

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### Spain Team Members

Leaders – Paul and Carmaña Adams, Joan Fountain  
Team - Seneca Bradley, Erica Feagans, Bethany Ford, Lauren Hollidge, Matt Mallett, Nathan Palmer and Renee Trageser

## Additional Individuals, Groups & Families Serving This Summer

Jaelin Ballard – Internship  
June 14-July 31, ReachGlobal

Dave, MJ, Kristina, and Dona - India  
Late June thru early July

Emily True - Thailand  
June 22-July 31, with Univ. of MD  
Navigators

Mitchell Calloway – Uganda  
June 27-Aug. 13, Teen Missions  
International

Catherine Ajenifuja and daughters –  
Haiti  
July 1-8, Carolinas Outreach

Glenda Jones & Katie Espinoza  
July 29-August 3, YoungLives Camp

Adele Foerster  
August 2-7, Camp Dynamite

Jackson Ford – Cuba  
August 4-11, Touch the World

Bill, Karen, Shannon, and Ryan Itzel –  
Nicaragua  
Aug. 13-20, Messiah Project

Ben Scesa – Latvia  
August 14-23, Orphan Outreach

# Men's Ministry Work Day!

"It was fun!" was the comment that best describes the Men's Work Day, June 6. Over 40 people showed up, ranging in age from 6 to 65 (I'm guessing), dressed in the worst clothes they own, packing all manner of tools and equipment, bringing great attitudes and ready to work.

Most workers took on yard projects – pruning trees and bushes, edging along sidewalks, sweeping up debris from the parking lot, even scraping ivy off the brick walls. The property really got a facelift.

Others had the privilege of carrying literally tons of junk out of store rooms, the backstage area, the shed and the garage. Their efforts filled a dumpster and freed us of the growing piles of old unusable stuff (think your basement, attic or garage, times 50) so we can now see what we own, get to it, and put it back where it belongs after we use it.

For four hours of work we were rewarded with a steak lunch, grilled and served with the same great attitudes that started the day.

THANKS very much to all who participated, especially to Walter Fountain, Steve Marchetti, Mike Hollidge and Rick Mallett for their work organizing the day, providing drinks and preparing the lunch. It was so much fun, I'm sure we'll do it again. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the Fall.

