

The Forcey Focus Newsletter

MAY 2015

Following Jesus - A Faith I'd Rather Confess Than Follow

It's so much easier to say "I believe in Jesus" than it is to actually follow in Jesus' steps and daily take up your cross. It is lived out just one moment at a time, in an unending string of decisions, words we speak or things we keep back, emotions we feel and thoughts we keep replaying. But a faith we only confess is superficial, and could even be false, if it is not also a faith that is lived.

Consider these words from Amy Carmichael:

Hast thou no scar?
No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?

Hast thou no wound?
Yet I was wounded by the archers; spent, leaned Me against a tree to die.

No wound? No scar?
Yet, as the Master shall the servant be, and pierced are the feet that follow Me.
But thine are whole; can he have followed far who hast no wound or scar?

After all, how easy did you think it would be to have true life in a dying world?

~ Phil Powers, Lead Pastor

Jewish Evangelism Seminar

On Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., guest speaker, Larry Dubin from Jews For Jesus, will facilitate a seminar on how to witness to the Jewish people.

You don't want to miss this opportunity!!

We are accommodating walk-ins but pre-registration is preferred. Online sign-up is available www.forcey.org/evangelism-seminar. There is a \$10.00 fee required for materials. Payment can be made online or the day of the seminar at check-in.

It's NOT Too Late To Register!

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Join us on Thursday from 7-8 pm
for a special concert of prayer
in the sanctuary

On the first Thursday in May, our nation pauses to observe a **National Day of Prayer**, and on that day, we as the church in America, have an opportunity to emphasize the importance of PRAYER as a testimony to who God is and what we believe about the truths of God's Word.

We would like to invite you and your family to join us in observing this year's National Day of Prayer! There will be an interactive concert of prayer this Thursday evening in the sanctuary led by Jonathan Ford and many other members of our church family.

Women's Ministry Survey

Let us know your experiences, skills and ways you might want to engage in women's ministries even in tiny ways.

Click on the picture to the right and complete the online version of the survey OR complete the paper survey available at the SIS table.

We would love to hear from you!



Sisters in Symphony Spring Retreat June 26-27 @ Forcey



What are you holding on to that keeps you from trusting God?

Come hear our guest speaker, our own Pat Itzel!



Cost - \$25 per person (includes the program, retreat folder, Saturday continental breakfast and lunch). Scholarships are available.

[Click to register online](#) or sign-up at the SIS table in the foyer.

Questions? Contact Velda Milner, vmilner@lenkin.com or Pam Merritt, pmerritt@maranatha.net.

Learn more about SIS online!

www.forcey.org/sisters-in-symphony-ministry

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Summer Activities for the Kids!

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 2015

Children born before 9/1/10 through 5th grade are welcome to attend.



Grab your secret decoder ring and put on your rearview mirror glasses because this summer, your kids are heading to the International Spy Academy where they'll train to become special agents for the one true God! This exciting new VBS program is filled with fun mysteries your kids will love and the Bible-based apologetics you trust to teach them truths they won't forget!

Questions about VBS?

Contact Sue Lee, vbsdirector@forcey.org or visit the VBS page, www.forcey.org/vbs-2015

VBS would love for you to volunteer!

We need adult and teen volunteers to fill in different roles. Please email our Recruitment Director, Brenda Bradley, p.bradley4@verizon.net.

Forcey Day Camp

**June 29 -
August 14, 2015**

Ages: Kindergarten - 6th grade (must have completed these grades in June, 2015)

Hours: 9:00 - 4:00 Before and After-care Hours: 7:30 - 9:00 AM ; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Registration forms and details available on www.forcey.org/forcey-day-camp

The kids will love the activities!

Swimming

Basketball

Field Trips

Bounce

Water Park

Bible Stories

Bowling

Roller Skating

Lots of Games!

FINDING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

*Young Adult
Retreat 2015*

June 12-14, 2015

Concord Retreat Center

with special guest speaker

Bernt King
pastor of worship &
outreach at Lancaster
Alliance Church

Register by June 7

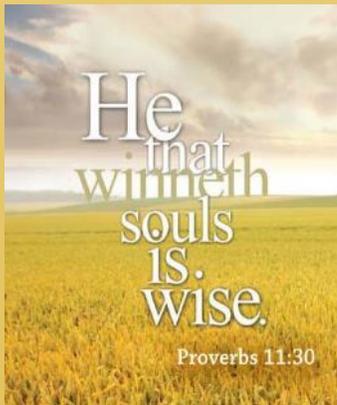
**Online registration available.
Scholarships offered.**

[Early Registration](#) (\$85) - May 3-10

[Regular Registration](#) (\$90) - May 11-24

[Late Registration](#) (\$100) - May 25-June 7

SOUL WINNING



“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10).

Recently two Forcey members visited at a local hospital a middle-aged patient named Loretta, along with her mother Estella and

stepfather Alex. After a brief period of introduction, the Forcey members asked Loretta and her two visitors if they were 100% certain that they would go to heaven. Their responses indicated that each one was depending on their good works to gain them eternal life. The Forcey members then began to present to them the gospel of Christ. All three seemed very open to the message of salvation through Christ, though Estella did not at first want to acknowledge her sinfulness before God. She felt that the Bible must be referring only to those who were very wicked and violent. The Forcey members then

explained to her, using the above text, that breaking God’s law at any one point brings that person under His wrath and judgment. Once Estella saw that she too was a guilty sinner, the Forcey members then explained God’s provision for sin through Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross. When the invitation was given, all three readily called upon the Lord Jesus to save them (Rom 10:13).

This encounter shows the importance of dealing thoroughly with the matter of sin in presenting the gospel. Once Estella understood her lost condition before God, it was a very simple step to lead her (along with Loretta and Alex) to receive the Savior of sinners. Praise the Lord!

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

**Interested in learning more about the Soul
Winning Evangelism Team?**

**Send an email to Ralph Zimmerman at
ralphzimmerman1@gmail.com**