

The Forcey Focus

Forcey Bible Church Newsletter

May 2014

Delight In God

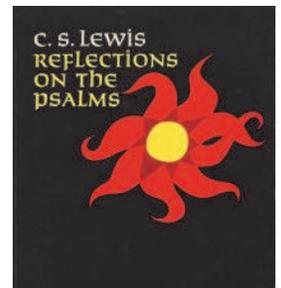
Over the centuries, many people have been comforted, encouraged or restored through the Psalms. But the Psalms have also been neglected by many who may see them as dusty old songs expressing sentiments that don't relate well to Gentiles lacking a connection to Jerusalem.

But that's where we would be wrong. Listen to what C.S. Lewis wrote:

"These poets knew far less reason than we for loving God. They did not know that He offered them eternal joy; still less that He would die to win it for them. Yet they express a longing for Him, for His mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians or to Christians in their best moments. They long to live all their days in the Temple so that they may constantly see 'the fair beauty of the Lord' (27:4). Their longing to go up to Jerusalem and 'appear before the presence of God' is like a physical thirst (42). From Jerusalem His presence flashes out 'in perfect beauty' (50:2). Lacking that encounter with Him, their souls are parched like a waterless countryside (63:2). They crave to be 'satisfied with the pleasures' of His house (65:4). Only there can they be at ease, like a bird in the nest (84:3). One day of those 'pleasures' is better than a lifetime spent elsewhere (10) . . .

"There (in the Psalms) . . . I find an experience fully

God-centered, asking of God no gift more urgently than His presence, the gift of Himself, joyous to the highest degree, and unmistakably real. What I see (so to speak) in the faces of these old poets tells me more about the God whom they and we adore." [C.S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*, Harcourt, Brace & Co.: New York, 1958, pp. 44-53]



Are you discouraged or afraid? Let the Psalms speak to you the very voice of God—"Do not be afraid, I am your God." Do you feel empty or blasé in your walk with Jesus? Let the Psalms draw you close to the heart of God.

*"As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?"*
Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

~ Dr. Phil Powers, Senior Pastor

Soul Winning at Forcey

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (I John 5:13). This verse assures us that we can know in this life that we have eternal life. This important truth is often a "key" that the Holy Spirit can use to open a prospect's heart to the gospel. During a recent hospital visit, a Forcey member met a man whose heart was opened by this simple "key."

As he visited from room to room, the Forcey member encountered an older patient named Patrick. After a brief introduction, he asked Patrick if he knew for certain that he was going to Heaven someday. Patrick replied in the negative. The Forcey member then asked Patrick if he could show him from the Bible how he could know for sure. He responded affirmatively and listened intently to the gospel message. In his gospel presentation, the Forcey member emphasized that salvation was independent of one's good works, but rather depended solely upon Christ's finished work at the cross. When Patrick saw that Christ was ready and able to save him right then and there, he gladly called upon the Lord Jesus to be his Savior (Rom 10:13).

As they reviewed together God's promise of salvation to those who trust in Christ, the Forcey member rejoiced that Patrick understood clearly the step of faith that he had just taken. Patrick now knows that he has eternal life, because he has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ (I John 5:13).

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

But let all who take
refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing
for joy.

Spread your
protection over them,
that those who
love your name may
rejoice in you.

~ Psalm 5:11 (NIV)



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Opportunities to
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audio *visual* Ministry

A/V ministry help needed: If you can use a PC or operate a home theater system, then you may be able to help serve as a member of the Forcey A/V ministry! This is a "bones and ligaments" ministry (Eph 4:16) – you usually don't see us, but we lift up the worship leaders each week so that you can see and hear the message in the sanctuary, the lobby, and the overflow room! Most volunteers work during one or two services a month, and are part of a 3-person team, so you can swap when you have another commitment. Do you have a desire to serve the Lord faithfully and with technical excellence, but don't know how to run A/V equipment? We provide all training, and you won't "solo" until you are ready!

We need help in the following positions:

PROJECTOR OPERATOR (2nd service): runs the PC(s), DVD, house and stage lights, and projector.

VIDEO DIRECTOR (1st and 2nd service): creates the live video mix for the overflow room and DVD master.

REMOTE CAMERA OPERATOR (1st and 2nd service): works with the video director.

CD/DVD RECORDIST (1st and 2nd service): soundboard mix; creates CD and DVD masters.

ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN (Tue evenings during choir practice): maintenance, repair, upgrades.

Other help is also needed for occasional work days (Saturday mornings 3-6x/year). Where has God gifted you?

Contact David Hull (301) 445-5334 or davidhull@verizon.net for more information.

First-hour volunteers can contact

John Itzel, john-itzel@forcey.org or

Alan Thompson, Alan.Thompson@torchlake.com.

Second-hour volunteers can contact

Ben Hart, benhart@aol.com or

Andre Johnson, andremobay@yahoo.com.

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Mission Possible CAS WASH

Fundraiser

May 10 & 31
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

in the Forcey parking lot

Show your support and spread the word!

It's All About The Kids!

Vacation Bible School

June 19-21, 2014

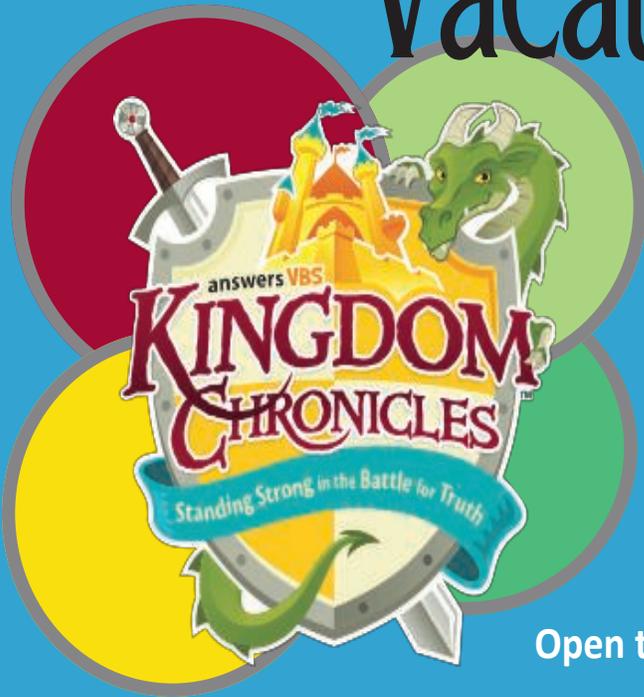
Thursday & Friday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Picnic for kids, their families and staff!

Register online May 4 - June 10

(click on the www.forcey.org VBS page)



Open to kids born before 9/1/09 thru completing 5th grade.

COST: \$5 if you pre-register, \$10 at the door.

Questions? Contact Sue Lee, vsdirector@forcey.org.

Get the kids registered for

Forcey Day Camp!



June 23rd - August 8th

Registration forms available on the Day Camp bulletin board
or at forceydaycamp.org.

Call 301-622-5987 or email forceydaycamp@forcey.org
with questions.

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