

# The Forcey Focus

Forcey Bible Church Newsletter

November 2014

## A Story of Witness

**M**ost people who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ are not waiting for an ignorant Christian to start a conversation so they can overwhelm the poor believer with challenges and arguments they have been storing up. Instead, most people haven't had a single spiritual thought in years. They just need to come into contact with someone who truly loves them and loves Jesus and is not afraid to show it. After all, understanding of the gospel and the faith to receive Jesus don't come about by our knowledge and great persuasive skill, but as a gift from God by His Spirit.

Here is a recent story from a sister in Christ at Forcey who would *never* consider herself a theologian or apologist - just someone who loves Jesus and people, and chooses to be faithful.

"An estimator came this morning to give a price to cover some trim with vinyl. Earlier that morning, I had heard a message on the radio reminding me that God gives us new opportunities each day and God wants us to look for them and to use them. So I set my mind on looking for a door to witness to this guy. Otherwise I may have said little, and may have forgotten to pray for boldness.

"After dropping a few hints with no response and then receiving his estimate, I decided to ask him outright if he was a believer in Jesus Christ. He said "Sure." But when I asked him on what he based his salvation, I got something I had not anticipated - a strange answer about too many people focusing on themselves and not "the greater good." Turns out, this man is a devoted member of the Unification Church. So we had a twenty minute conversation with a very twisted interpretation of the Scriptures that I found somewhat disarming and difficult to follow. I was rusty on what they be-

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lieve; however, I did my best to represent the truth of the centrality of Christ in the Scriptures from Genesis throughout and on the necessity to trust in Him alone for our eternal redemption. His emphasis was on man's responsibility to be moral and to "love." I told him we could not obey God from the heart apart from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

"Though I felt inadequate and became a little nervous, I am so thankful for Pastor Phil's persistence, our Home Group's influence and in particular, Paul Adam's faithful example of witnessing - all of which have helped me to desire to be more obedient and to allow the Lord to take me out of my comfort zone and continue to strive to become a faithful disciple. It is not easy to go up against false doctrine, but the Holy Spirit has promised to help us in our weakness and to bring glory to the Father.

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

~ Pastor Phil Powers

## Soul Winning at FORCEY

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” (1 Cor. 3:7). There are times in witnessing for Christ that the soul winner meets one whose heart is ready for harvesting. A recent experience during hospital visitation illustrates this point.

As the Forcey member completed his rounds for the day, he entered a darkened room where the patient was asleep. He quietly crossed the room and laid a couple of gospel tracts on the tray next to the patient's bed, noticing that he had a Bible on his nightstand. As he started to leave, the patient (named Eddie) awakened, calling to the Forcey member not to leave, saying that he had been waiting for him. Surprised by this statement, he returned to the patient's bedside. As they began to converse, the Forcey member asked him if he was certain that he was going to go to Heaven some day. Eddie was not sure, but expressed great interest in knowing the way to Heaven. The Forcey member then explained to him the gospel message of salvation by grace. Eddie listened carefully and, when given the opportunity, eagerly called upon the Lord Jesus to save him.

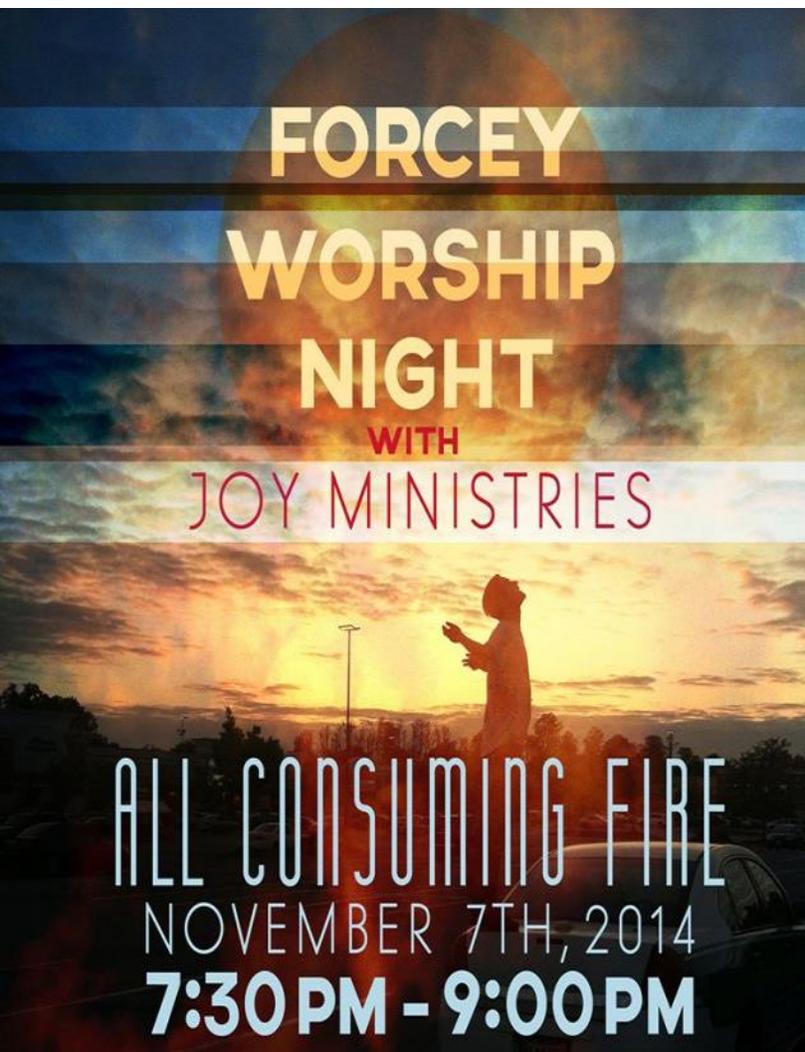
This encounter shows how the Holy Spirit is at work drawing men to Christ. Eddie had been reading his Bible, and the Holy Spirit used the Word to prepare his heart to receive the Savior. Others had planted and watered, but God gave the increase through the Forcey member's witness that day.

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team



# Upcoming Events

# Mark Your Calendar



Join us for a night at Forcey of  
**Worship,  
Music, Praise,  
Prayer and Fellowship**  
as we partner with our friends  
from JOY Ministries!

It will be a night of community to  
focus on the Wonder and Glory of  
our **All Consuming God!**

This event is for **EVERYONE**,  
so lets invite **EVERYONE!**

*Hosted by Crossroads*

We've been waiting for months  
to get the green light for this  
and it's finally here!

Join us for a reception for our  
former Minister of Arts &  
Contemporary Worship,  
**ART KENNEDY!**

*A luncheon is scheduled for  
November 9 following second service  
in the Fellowship Hall.*





**Food Packing Event  
Sunday, December 7th  
2p.m. - 4p.m.**

**Food, Fun, & Favor**

We want to change the world with you! All around the globe, hunger and malnutrition claims lives and cripples communities. The United Nations reports that childhood hunger is responsible for the deaths of 6.5 million children under the age of five each year. While famine and natural disasters account for much of this suffering, the greatest cause of widespread hunger is human violence.

**Forcey Bible Church in Partnership with Living Stones Church  
Our Food Packing Event - Global Aid Network**

Please consider joining us as we partner with Living Stones Church & Global Aid Network to pack 40,000 meals for Liberia and Sierra Leone where the Ebola Virus has caused great devastation. This event requires 200 people each producing over 200 meals at .25 cents per meal. Imagine feeding 200 hurting and hungry people and helping to open their hearts to hope. This can be done at a cost of \$50 and 2 hours of your time, or \$25 and 1 hour of your time.

The event will take place at Fire Station 6 - 8521 Corridor Rd. in Savage, MD. 20763 on December 7th. Although the event will run from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Forcey's time slot is from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Click here to sign up at [GAIN Food Packing Event](#). Contact Pastor Lonnie Harris, [lonnie-harris@forcey.org](mailto:lonnie-harris@forcey.org).

## Forcey Christian School Invites You to an Open House

**Thursday, November 20, 2014**

**Thursday, December 11, 2014 or Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**For Families of Prospective New Students**

**All Open Houses begin at 7:30 pm.**

**Come discover what the Forcey Christian School advantage can mean to your family. Interact with staff members over light refreshments, listen to testimonies from students, take a tour, and get your questions answered.**

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**Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## 19th Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale

**November 22, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



Forcey Christian School will host its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale. There is a gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

Crafters are offering beautiful handmade craft and holiday items for you to purchase. Crafts will be available such as -- home décor, floral arrangements, designer jewelry, hand-crafted greeting and photo note cards, paintings, ceramic designs, doll clothes, kitchen and pantry items, toys, pottery, holiday ornaments and much more.

The Bake Sale is not to be missed! Delicious, tempting, tasty baked goods will be available for purchase. Lunch will be served from 11-2 p.m.

Questions? Contact Metta Wagner, Craft Show Coordinator, [forceycraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:forceycraftshow@gmail.com) or 301-570-4670.

**The Craft Show promises to be a wonderful day of fantastic**



**Perspectives**  
on the World Christian Movement™

## Experience "Perspectives" at Forcey - A Unique Class with Global Impact For Christ

Next spring Forcey will be hosting Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, a discipleship and educational ministry of the US Center for World Mission. Perspectives has influenced the lives of over 100,000 alumni worldwide. Now is your chance to become one of them! The course has 15 inspirational and motivational lessons, taught by a different instructor each week expert in cross cultural ministry. In the course you will be exposed to powerful insights and biblical principles, and you will find yourself in awe of the magnitude of God's work around the world. The weekly readings and assignments will help you dive deeply into the unfolding story of God's purpose for His people.

The Forcey Perspectives Class will meet every Sunday evening from 5:30-8:30 pm from early January through early May. The cost is \$290 for certificate, and \$575 for credit. There are discounts available for early registration and for couples. For more details about Perspectives, or to register online, go to the website [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org).

If you have any questions please contact the class coordinator Mark Heazlit at [markheazlit@gmail.com](mailto:markheazlit@gmail.com).



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# Calendar of Ministry Activities

# November 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			High School Teens Small Groups (7-9 p.m.) Pioneers, Stockade & Treeclimbers (7-8:30 p.m.) Prayer Group (7:30-9 p.m.)	Battalion (7-9 p.m.) Praise Band Rehearsal (7-9 p.m.)	Karate (7-9:30 p.m.)	Ladies Prayer Group (7-8 a.m.) Body & Soul Aerobics (8:30 - 9:45 a.m.)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Middle School Teens (6-8 p.m.)		SAM's Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.) Soul Winners Club (6:30-9 p.m.) ESL Classes (7-9 p.m.) Choir Rehearsal (7-8:30 p.m.)	High School Teens Small Groups (7-9 p.m.) Jubilee Rehearsal (7-9 p.m.) Pioneers, Stockade & Treeclimbers (7-8:30 p.m.) Prayer Group (7:30-9 p.m.)	Battalion (7-9 p.m.) Praise Band Rehearsal (7-9 p.m.)	Karate (7-9:30 p.m.) Worship Night (7:30-9 p.m.)	Ladies Prayer Group (7-8 a.m.) Body & Soul Aerobics (8:30 - 9:45 a.m.)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TEENS RETREAT		Soul Winners Club (6:30-9 p.m.) ESL Classes (7-9 p.m.) Choir Rehearsal (7-8:30 p.m.)	Thanksgiving Service (7-8:30 p.m.)	Thanksgiving Day (building closed)	Karate (7-9:30 p.m.)	
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Middle School Teens (6-8 p.m.)						