



It's hard not to notice the beautiful stained glass windows when we come together for worship at Forcey. Those windows have become associated with this place. In fact, the new logo of Forcey Bible Church contains a representation of that colorful glass.

blaze at the top also suggests the New Jerusalem, the golden city, where the ascended Christ is seated on the throne in glory. The blue background might be the infinite sky. The color blue symbolizes the love of God for all his creatures.”

- Charles Lawrence

Here is what the artist of those windows wrote about their design:

“The Forcey windows do stand out so clearly in my mind because they represent a body of my work which is purely abstract and to which I am deeply committed. The development of my abstract style was initially influenced by three New York abstract expressionist painters whose work I was exposed to during my studies in New York City in the early 1960s. Few commissions in my career have allowed me the level of freedom of expression that Forcey Church did.

“The following passage about the Forcey windows was written by the noted liturgical iconographer Helene Weis in 1973.

“The design for the choir window for the Forcey Memorial Church is an abstract design. The term abstraction in art usually denotes no reference to natural forms. Although abstraction is the antithesis of realism, it nevertheless has its roots in reality. It seeks to communicate the essence of an idea or feeling. As the people enter the church, perhaps each will have a different interpretation of the window. The orange and red forms seem to suggest flames. It is the flaming sun which keeps the earth alive. The burning bush where Moses saw God is used as a symbol of the presence of God. In the New Testament, tongues of fire indicated the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to guide the Church. Again, a continuing presence. The golden

And here is how I also see those windows capturing a sense of *our* identity. You will notice that our logo has the cross within the pieces of stained glass. Cathedrals often pictured biblical events with great detail in stained glass. It was a way of calling worshippers to think about what God has revealed of Himself and what He has done. As you look at the glowing images, you remember Jesus: “His entry was triumphant; His teachings miraculous; His last meal memorable; His death agonizing; His resurrection victorious.” But the broken pieces of glass should also remind us that because of our brokenness, Jesus became stained. It was our sin, our death that caused the infinitely holy God to do the unthinkable in love. From the pieces of our broken lives, Jesus makes us whole and beautiful again. Jesus was stained. And together we form a picture that dazzles even the eyes of angels—a glowing humanity brought together as many different broken pieces, filled and shining with the light of His glory for all creation to see for eternity—and to remember. We have become the “stained glass people of God” because Jesus was stained for us. The Father “predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves” (Eph 1:5-6).

So look at the windows—and remember: Jesus was stained for you, so that you can forever shine for Him.

- Pastor Phil Powers

# Soul Winning at Forcey

“**F**or we are labourers together with God” (I Cor 3:9). The Bible depicts soul winning as a team activity in which Christians work together with God to reap the harvest fields. This concept of teamwork sometimes manifests itself in the reaping of lost souls in a most unexpected manner. Recently a Forcey member experienced this concept at work while spreading the gospel at a local hospital.

While the Forcey member was conducting his Sunday afternoon visits, he ran into a nurse named Pearl whom his colleague had led to Christ a few years earlier. She at first said to the Forcey member that it was too bad that he could not visit with a certain patient, because that room was marked for contact isolation. With further reflection, she said that he could talk with the patient as long as he did not touch anything. Sensing the leading of the Holy Spirit, the Forcey member entered the room with the nurse following. She introduced him to the patient, named Joe, explaining that the Forcey member was going to talk to him about how to go to Heaven. Joe responded by saying that he wanted to go to Heaven, but that he was not sure that he was going there. With that introduction, it was easy for the Forcey member to begin presenting the gospel. Joe listened attentively and interacted constructively to the message of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus. He acknowledged his sinfulness, affirmed his belief that Christ died on the cross for his sins, and then called upon the risen Lord to save him (Rom 10:13).

The Forcey member then, after reviewing with Joe the assurance of salvation in Christ, left the room rejoicing that God had given eternal life to this open and needy patient. He also thanked the Lord for Pearl's role in Joe's salvation, reflecting that he might have bypassed Joe if not for her concern for his soul (I Cor 3:6).

- **Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team**

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## Christmas in October Breakfast

**Saturday, October 29, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

The Christmas in October Breakfast is an amazing opportunity to get to know some of our Forcey missionaries in a more "intimate setting".

Enjoy great food and fellowship with the Forcey family. There will also be a special children's program.

Bring a breakfast food to share. Sign-ups begins on Sun. Oct. 9 in the church foyer.

*A special offering will be taken to give our missionaries a Christmas gift from Forcey.*

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## Stewardship

**S** used to think that good stewardship meant giving something of yours to God so that He could use it for His glory. But after meditating on Psalm 50:9-12, I've come to realize that good stewardship begins with a mindset that says: everything belongs to the Lord already, nothing is mine, and it is therefore my duty and my privilege to manage rightly everything that is His with an understanding that I am going to have to give an account for it. This truth has implications for so many areas of my life, and I'm convicted when I consider that my house is the house of the living God, and my office is the office of the living God. My money belongs to the living God. My food belongs to the living God...

I look forward to watching how God weaves this truth into the very core of my being. My prayer is that in light of this truth, God will radically transform how I use my money; how I eat; how I practice hospitality, what I say, and how I spend myself on a daily basis. Visit [ChristMadeVisible.org](http://ChristMadeVisible.org) for more on this topic.

**Lonnie Harris, Associate Pastor of the Singles Ministry**





# GO FCS Falcons!

In September chapels, we launched our theme for the school year--"Shine!"--based on Matthew 5:14-16. We are working to rigorously apply the Word of God to our lives so that we will shine for Jesus wherever we go. Please pray for us as we strive to put God's Word into practice and shine brightly for Him.

Our annual **Race for Education is Thursday, October 6**. Not only does the race promote physical fitness as the students run laps at the school, it also raises much-needed funds for curriculum and technology. If you would like to participate, please sponsor one of our students or call the office (301-622-2281 x723) to make a pledge/donation.

*Rev. Zeke Wharton, FCS Administrator*

## Mark Your Calendar!!!

### Forcey Christian School is hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 and tempting baked goods will be available for purchase. Lunch will be served from 11 to 2.

Need further information? Contact Metta Wagner, Craft Show Coordinator, forceycraftshow@gmail.com or 301-570-4670.

There is a gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list!



## Bl♥♥d Donation Saves Lives

Donating blood is safe and a healthy thing to do. Not only do you get a free mini physical, including blood pressure check, heart rate, temperature and iron levels, but it's the fastest way to lose a pound! Most healthy people 17 years of age and older can donate blood. (16 years of age must present a consent form signed by a parent or guardian).

Some conditions and treatments **may** require temporary waits before you may donate.

Have fun with the **Word Find** as you identify those conditions and treatments. *Answers are on the next page.*

*For more information on blood donations, contact Joy Wright from the FBC Health Ministry.*

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♥ Blood Donation Answer Key ♥

Antibiotic, Piercing, Asthma, Pregnancy, Cancer, Seizure, Dental Care,  
Surgery, Hypertension, Tattoo, Immunization, Travel

**October  
Highlights**

Race For Education (FCS Event) - Oct. 6th

XEE Training - Oct. 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Genesis & the Authority of the Word of God

Oct. 9th & 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting - Oct. 23 rd @ 6:00 p.m.

Christmas in October - Oct. 29th @ 8:30 a.m.

Common Bond (Teen's Ministry) - Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. (weekly)

SAM Bible Study (1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. )

ESL - Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. (weekly)

Weekly Prayer Group - Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

SIS Prayer - Saturday @ 7:00 a.m. (weekly)

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