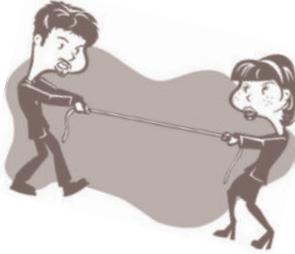




No More Tug-of-War



Many of us are always playing tug-of-war, but it's no game. Each partner tugs to have his or her needs met by their spouse. You can only reach equilibrium when each has tugged hard enough so that you are both relatively satisfied. But the problem is this: equilibrium is tenuous, because it can only be kept by maintaining tension. And many couples grow so tired of this kind of continual struggle that they give up.

But Jesus gave us His life to change us. On the second Sunday of July, I presented this challenge to each of us: from now until Labor Day, never ask to have your own personal needs met but only ask how I can meet the other person's needs. Whether it is your husband or wife, your parents or friend—instead of expecting the other person to pull his or her weight and to satisfy your needs according to the “roles” of this relationship, only ask yourself, “What does he/she need today, and how can I meet that need?” And I have shared with you some of the stories of what has happened.

Here are two more stories:

“When I put into practice your words regarding serving your spouse, we had less arguments. This, of course, made for a more peaceful home life. Praise the Lord!”

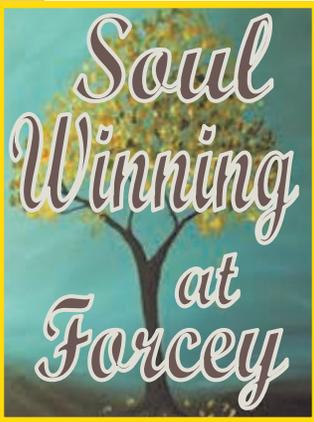
“I have had a long and difficult marriage with a dear husband I feel was wounded deeply with several personal losses which he directed toward me in anger and abuse. I have come to see and hear how God wants me to be TOTALLY committed to putting Him first, others first, and myself last. My husband now has severe hearing loss, vision problems and stage two kidney disease. But I have seen how a kind and patient response to my

husband has tempered his attitude and changed a grumpy old man into a mellowing and gentle spouse. I also have renewed hope and faith that I can extend measured help to my youngest son and his family with love, without feeling used, betrayed or disgusted. I have discovered even more precious and deep feelings of appreciation for my sister, with whom I thought I could not be closer. Thanks be to God, I am much more patient and understanding with the younger co-workers by remembering to pray for them and to listen more intently as they reveal much of what they fear and contend with on a daily basis.”

And the stories will go on and on as we continue long past Labor Day to stop the tug-of-war and choose to serve others with the heart of Jesus. We will be changed! Send me your stories!

~ *Phil Powers, Senior Pastor*

October 28th
Chili Throwdown
@ 5:30 p.m. 
Congregational
Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.



“In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good” (Eccl 11:6). In sowing the seed of the gospel, soul winners receive many rejections to their witness. However, if they persist in reaching out, they will find those who are open to the message of salvation.

During a recent visit to a local hospital, a Forcey member felt frustrated by the lack of response to the gospel message. However, as he continued to witness, he received an unexpected opportunity to present the plan of salvation to two female visitors. Upon entering the room, the Forcey member found that the patient was asleep. His first inclination was to leave some tracts and depart. However, he noticed that one of the visitors seemed interested in the message of the gospel leaflet. Seizing the opportunity, the Forcey member asked the two ladies about their assurance of going to Heaven someday. Since neither one had that assurance, he proceeded to present the gospel message to them. Both ladies listened intently to the message of Christ’s atoning death for their sins and His offer of a full and free salvation. With evident sincerity, both visitors called upon the Lord Jesus to save them. A review of the assurance of salvation revealed that both ladies understood that they now possessed eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As the Forcey member reflected on this visit later, he realized that his whole afternoon of frustration was now gone. His discussion with these ladies was a “textbook” case, in that they responded openly and freely to each question posed, comprehended and believed the gospel message, and eagerly called upon the name of the Lord. The Lord had indeed graciously prospered the sowing of His seed.

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

Missionary Candidates

We will be presenting two new missionary families at the Forcey Annual Congregational Meeting on October 28. The Missions Committee and the Board of Elders are recommending that we add these folks to our permanent missions family. You will be asked to confirm this decision with your vote. Questions? Contact Bob Wiltrout , bob-wiltrout@forcey.org.

David & Lindsay Batts



David grew up in Forcey, committing his life to Christ while in elementary school. Among other activities, David participated in Mission Possible. Lindsay accepted Christ at a young age but it wasn’t until college that she fully understood how to truly live life in relationship with God. David and Lindsay have been called to serve with CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) as Campus Field Staff at the University of Maryland. The staff members on the team at the University of Maryland are responsible for leading Bible Studies, discipling students within the movement, overseeing aspects of the ministry as a whole, and evangelizing non-believers on campus.

Zane & Laurie Dempsie



Zane and Laurie have been married for 19 years and have four children; Zana, 15; Ethan, 11; Zoran, 4; and Aria, 1. Zane grew up in a Christian home and professed his faith at a very young age. Zane worked in the social services field for nine years until God called him to a ministry of evangelism. In 2008 Zane was led to Open Air Campaigners. He is on staff with the Washington D.C./Baltimore branch office. Over the past three years he has preached the gospel on street corners, at college campuses, in community housing projects, in public schools, on the boardwalk, among other places. Zane has also been able to train many adults and teens in evangelism. He has led a Mission Possible team for Forcey Bible Church for the past two years and has been asked to lead a team again next year. “I am truly blessed that God called me to present the gospel through the ministry of open air preaching and pray I can continue in this work for many years to come.”



Kevin Calloway

grew up in a Christian home and attended church from an early age. After years of belonging to the Royal Ambassadors boys' program and then youth group, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 13. After graduating from college Kevin married his fine Christian wife Tracie. Together they became members of the local church, serving as leaders in many ministries, and Kevin served as an elder for ten years. He has been a husband for twenty-three years and a father of four sons, the oldest now seventeen. His sons have been involved in Christian Service Brigade (CSB), Youth Group, Mission Possible, and Day Camp. As an adult, Kevin has disciplesd numerous men. They have grown to become great leaders in their families and in their churches; some became elders and full-time pastors. Since coming to Forcey, Kevin has been involved with CSB serving as a leader for both Stockade and Battalion. He also serves in the 4-yr-old children's church, participates in the Adult Bible Fellowship classes and the men's ministry, and leads a Home Group. Kevin's compassion for people and desire to see spiritual growth in the church motivates him to be involved in the lives of its members.



Jae Lee

recognized the hand of God early on in his life. Through a number of miracles along the way he arrived in the United States, going through the public education system, and graduating from Drexel University where he came to know the Lord personally despite growing up in the Catholic church. From conversion on, the Lord has not abated in His determination to conform Jae into His likeness. With the gifts of teaching and exhortation he was compelled to encourage believers to press on toward their relationship with the Lord and used his journey as a testimony of faith to others. The Lord's calling in his life included Dallas Theological Seminary, Sue, his wife of 16 years, 6 children, and a number of churches where he served as either a full or part-time pastor in ministries to youths, college students, or adults of all ages. Jae currently serves as lieutenant for Stockade and Battalion. While working several part-time jobs, Jae current serve as interim pastor of Chinese Christian Church of Baltimore and made himself available for speaking engagements. His area of passion is the family, which really gets Jae stoked. As the family goes so go the church, the neighborhood, the city, the state, the country, and the world. Ask him about it, and see how excited he gets.

2012 Elder Candidates

Stephen Marchetti



grew up in a Christian home. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior through a five-day club as a young child. Steve has attended Forcey since 1988. He met his wife Suzie at Forcey, and soon thereafter, they married. They will be celebrating their 18th anniversary in November!

Steve attended UMBC and graduated with a B.A. in History in 1997. He has lived in Maryland most of his life and currently works at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in the contracts group. Steve has been heavily involved in Battalion for a majority of his life. Battalion is the club ministry for young men 7th grade to 12th grade. Mentoring and discipleship have been passions for Steve especially in ministry through Battalion. Suzie currently works at Forcey Christian School in the office and sings in the praise band.



Bob Palmer

was born and raised in a Christian family, accepting Christ as his Savior at the age of seven. While pursuing Bachelor and Master degrees at the University of Maryland, Bob was involved with the Navigators; first with the collegiate ministry then with international students. From 1993, Bob went to Indonesia as a tentmaker missionary where he taught soil science at a university while working with the Navigator's collegiate ministry. He has been attending Forcey since 1993. Bob previously served on the Elder board between 2002-2006. He has also served on the mission's committee, taught 2nd grade and 6th-8th grade Sunday School and was a Stockade Chief Ranger. He currently co-leads a small group, is on the Teen leadership team and is involved in Battalion. Bob has been married to Lynette (nee Jaffrey) since 1995. Bob and Lynette live in Columbia with their two children, Nate (age 14) and Becca (age 12). Bob is employed as a civil engineer at a consulting engineering firm in Baltimore.

BOOK SIGNING and HEALTH TALK with our very own

Nancy Parlette, author and Digestive Health Specialist .

Come see her on Sunday, October 28th @ the Potomac Adventist Book & Health Food Store at 12004 Cherry Hill Road Silver Spring, MD 20904, and get a book personally signed by the author. She will be giving a FREE Health Talk at 1:30 and signing books until 4:00.

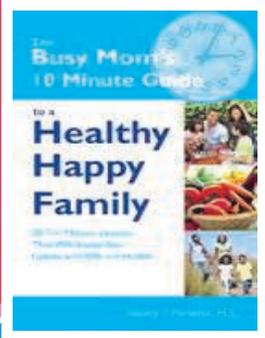
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Nancy will answer the question: Does what we eat affect how we act?

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MERGE – Married and Engaged Relationships, God Empowered – is Forcey's exciting new Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) designed to provide couples in their 20s/30s with a venue for relevant Biblical discussions and teaching directed at the challenges, struggles and successes couples face while merging two lives into one.

The class will address various topics through peer-mediated discussions, guest speakers and input from mentor couples all capable of providing honest and open wisdom and experience. Additionally, in order to create a community of mutual support, encouragement and care MERGE will sponsor activities, such as "Date Nights", potluck dinners, fellowship outings, service projects and worship nights.

If you are engaged or married in your 20s and 30s, we hope you and your spouse will prayerfully consider attending MERGE. We will launch Sunday, OCTOBER 7 at 9:15 a.m. in room 229. If you are interested in learning more, we encourage you to contact: Mike & Sara Robins (301-641-4743), Rob & Carol Walker (301-395-6378) or Tony & Deborah Fusco (410-868-9809).

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