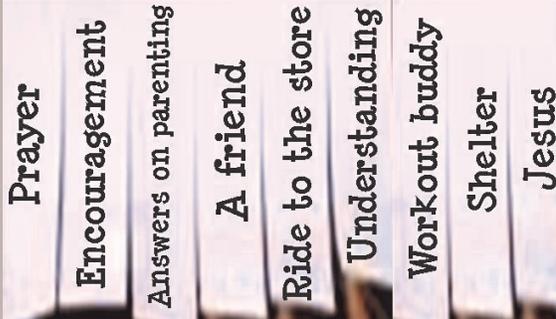




What Do You Need Today?



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?”

I read this email during a Sunday worship service, as a true-life example of what this could look like [the names of the Forcey people have been omitted, because - after all - to ask this question is all about the other person, not so you can get credit].

“Several years ago after my daughter moved from the area to Houston TX with her family, I went into a deep depression. While looking for a new church home, I visited Forcey. [Your wife] was the first person to talk to me on my visit. Her outgoing personality immediately gave me a warm and welcome feeling about Forcey. On subsequent Sundays you both sought me out

and continued making me welcome. [Your wife] got me involved in some church activities, like kitchen duty for dinners, etc. Through your joint nurturing I later realized the role you both had played in helping me ‘right’ my foundering religious ship and help me out of my depression. Later when [my wife] had her stroke and was in the hospital for 3 months, you both provided sup-

port, meals, etc and [your wife] rallied several women in the church to support us also. Over the past several years we have enjoyed many social events that have brought us closer - dinners, lunches, cards, phone calls, etc. Your joint compassion toward me and my family has been heartwarming and truly appreciated.”

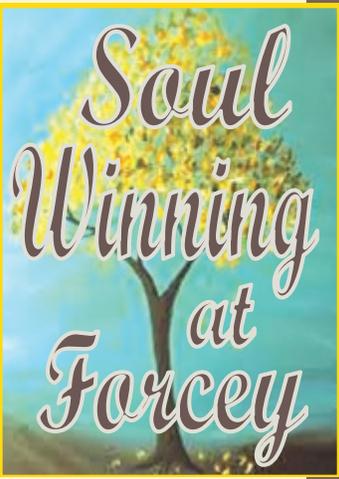
To do this may be very hard; but the results will be very wonderful. And I want to be able to share your story with others so that we can rejoice together in what God is doing - both how hard and how wonderful it is. So please send me your stories. What happened between July 4 and Labor Day when you asked, “*What do you need today?*” I promise I will leave your names out, but we are waiting to celebrate. Send your emails, in care of Pastor Phil, to forcey-family@forcey.org.

~ Phil Powers, Senior Pastor



Coming soon to Forcey!

check it out on page 4



For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10). Often the soul winner finds that his prospect has a misconception concerning the seriousness of sin in the sight of God. Once this error is cleared up by the Word of God, then the individual is usually open to the message of God’s redeeming grace.

Early last month as a Forcey member was witnessing to patients at a local hospital, he encountered an elderly patient named Jessie, who was clinging to a false hope concerning her sins. When asked about her assurance of going to Heaven someday, Jessie replied that “I haven’t done anything too bad.” The Forcey member then proceeded to show her from God’s Word that she was a sinner in God’s sight (Rom 3:23) and that the penalty for her sin was death (Rom 6:23). He then referred her to James 2:10, a verse that added the additional insight that even one sin was enough for God to condemn the sinner. As Jessie reflected on these verses, she came to understand her lost condition before a just and holy God. Once her guilty position was grasped, she was open to the provision made for her salvation by Christ’s atoning death for her sins at Calvary. Within a few minutes she was ready to receive the Lord Jesus by faith as her Savior (John 1:12), calling upon Him to save her soul (Rom 10:13).

This interview illustrates the need for the prospect to understand first their lost condition before God. Once this truth is grasped and believed, then the hearer will often take the step of faith and trust the Lord Jesus to be their Savior.

~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team

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Empowering Ministries To Transform Communities

scholarship program

For the 2012-13 school year, Forcey is participating in the Project Bridges scholarship program. This program provides a 25% tuition discount to Forcey members who are enrolled at Washington Bible College, Capital Bible Seminary or Regent University. For more details, visit the financial aid page of the WBC/CBS or Regent University websites.

What is Project Bridges?

Project Bridges is a growing collaborative of churches and other Christian ministry organizations. The vast majority of our members are located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area where we focus our work. <http://www.projectbridges.org/>

Destiny

fall 2012

Where are you headed?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says this about our God: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

Our fall Body & Soul session is called *Destiny - Where are you headed?* As Christ followers, we know that our eternal destiny is to be with him in heaven. What a comfort! What a joy! We also know that we live in a fallen world, full of pain and sorrow, so we must fight the good fight of faith as we live this life on earth, one day at a time.

Here are the themes that will be found in the music of the session:

1

Where are you headed?

What is your "destiny?" What difference does it make in your everyday life when you have clear focus about where you are going?

2

Find Joy in the Journey

Part of our destiny is the path we walk along the way. We need to intentionally choose to enjoy the sweet and precious moments in our lives and not miss them as they pass by in the busy world we live in. We need to choose gratefulness and savor the blessings that come our way.

3

God's never-ending love song

As imperfect human beings, we sometimes let each other down, even when we love each other, but God's love never fails. He sings a "never-ending love song" over us. He loves us so much that he wants us to live with him eternally.

4

Fight the Good Fight

Sometimes this life feels like a fight just to survive. We can get so overwhelmed with challenges and tragedies that we forget to put on our armor so we are ready for the battle. In the fight of life, God is our "Commander in Chief." If we follow his strong leadership, we will be able to carry on, even when we feel weak.

5

Fix your eyes on the eternal

What does the word "eternal" bring to mind for you? The session songs guide us to think about heaven and to consider its "realness." The Scriptures say that heaven is a place where there are no more tears and no more pain. This is God's plan for our destiny and he wants to "love us into it."

Ladies are invited to join us for the fall session of Body & Soul, Destiny. Our 75-minute workout includes cardio conditioning, strength training, flexibility, and Pilates which are choreographed to Christian contemporary music that motivate us to move and encourages us spiritually.

Classes meet in the gym Saturday mornings at 8:30 beginning September 8. Bring your mat, water bottle, weights and elastic resistance.

For more information, call Jennifer White 301-483-4986 or email rjslwhite@msn.com.

Headed to heaven - one day at a time,

~Jennifer

Join us for our annual Christmas in October Breakfast on Saturday, October 13, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. @ Forcey Bible Church.

Everyone is invited to share breakfast with our missionaries as we enjoy food and fellowship around the tables.

There will be a special children's program. A love offering will be taken as a Christmas present for our entire missionary family. More info to come soon.....



Christmas in October



Do you believe this? There is a way to lose those unwanted pounds, lower your cholesterol, reverse diabetes and live a full, healthy life. Losing to Live is a Christ-Centered Weight Loss Program which focuses on what God wants us to do with our bodies. We were created by Him and for Him. We need to maintain our bodies in good working order, so that we can be available to God. Come and learn better eating habits, how to incorporate exercise into your life and how to change your life so that you are living life to the fullest.

Information in the bulletin or email Maria Mackie, mackie99@verizon.net for more details. Bring a friend, your spouse, a neighbor or coworker. This is not a new fad diet, it is a changed life style plan.

Join the team of losers !
 Losers of bad habits, bad attitudes,
 POUNDS and INCHES.
 Classes begin Sunday September 23
 @ 1:15 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.
 Bring a healthy bag lunch!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".
 ~ James 4:13

~ Maria Mackie, for the Health Ministry

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 available online

www.forcey.org

Coming soon
 to
 Forcey?

Monday evening MOPS
 @ 7:00 p.m.
 (beginning Sept. 10)

The Merge Ministry
 Sunday @ 9:15 a.m.
 (beginning Oct. 7)