

# The Purpose Driven Life

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling, and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice, the verdict is in, and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now.

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate His character, participate in His family, demonstrate His Love, and communicate His Word.

Since my past has been forgiven and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in Heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead, I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of His family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth; *we* over *me*; character over comfort; service over status; and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most, and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal—not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I cannot be bought. I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace, so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say, "However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is *yes!* Wherever You lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Any way. Whatever it takes, Lord. Whatever it takes! I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day I'll hear You say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

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FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 2, 2011

SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: YOU ARE VALUABLE TO GOD!

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 19:1-10 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)



**WE WELCOME YOU TODAY!** If you are visiting with us for the first or second time, please take a moment to complete the *sign-in & visitor registration form*. Drop it off at our welcome center, and pick up a special gift as our way of saying 'thanks for visiting.' We hope to see you again!

The 9th & Main Café is open from 7:45-8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

REAL PEOPLE, REAL CONNECTIONS, AND A REAL JESUS!  
Living Life Together in Quakertown!



Messages are available to download!  
Go to [mstarqtown.org](http://mstarqtown.org) and click on *media*.



## Today's Schedule of Events

### MORNING SERVICES

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

**The 9th & Main Café:** Open from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

### BE KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Nursery:** The birth to 3-year nursery is open during all services.

**Older Children:** Church for children ages 3 to Kindergarten and first to fifth grade is available during the 9:30 and 11:30 services (out in the modular).

Amanda Detweiler  
Director of Children's Ministries  
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### R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Student Ministries:** 6:00–8:30 p.m.

James Goodman  
Student Ministries Pastor  
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### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today: Get your family photo taken here!  
Oct 7: Barnes and Miner Comedy Night  
Oct 9: Celebrate Recovery Sunday  
Oct 12: Fields of Faith  
Oct 13: Blood Drive  
Oct 14–15: Women's In-House Retreat  
Oct 28: Light the Night Candy Carnival  
Nov 19: 10 a.m. Regional Prayer Meeting

### M-STAR PICTURE DIRECTORY PHOTOS

**LAST CHANCE!** Today (all services)

Come out to the patio today to have your picture taken and information updated. You can have your pic taken at any time from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### BARNES AND MINER COMEDY NIGHT

*Friday, October 7 at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.*

The comedy of Barnes and Miner is back! Two great shows will be available. Tickets are \$10, but Morning Star **volunteers get in for free!** Sign up at the Welcome Center or online to secure your tickets!

### CROSSROADS WALK FOR LIFE

*Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.*

Join Crossroads Pregnancy Care at the Memorial Park Pavilion on Saturday, October 8. This will be a fun-filled family event with games, prizes, and picnic lunch.

### LIGHT THE NIGHT CANDY DONATIONS

*beginning next Sunday, October 9*

We will be collecting candy in the fall festive bin in the café. Sign-ups to help out that night will be on the credenza.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY SUNDAY

*October 9*

Sunday, October 9 will highlight Celebrate Recovery. With a special message by Pastor John, join us as we learn more about Christ's healing powers through the effective ministry of Celebrate Recovery.

### COED STUDY

*Tuesdays, beginning October 11 at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.*

The beginning of the church, the Person of the Holy Spirit, and how He empowers believers today. These will be the truths explored in the coed bible study beginning October 11. Led by Leslie Serge, the class is free and will be offered at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Childcare is provided. Register online or on the credenza.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—1 SAMUEL

*Tuesdays, beginning October 11 at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.*

The book of 1 Samuel takes God's people out of a cycle of darkness and defeat and moves them forward in His purpose and plan. As you watch Israel move on, you'll learn how it is possible for you to move on, to grasp the lessons God ordained for His people in this historical account of Israel's history. Led by Martha Styer, the class will be held on Tuesdays 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and include a video message from Kay Arthur. Cost is \$20. The class will meet for nine weeks. Childcare is available. Register online or at the Welcome Center.

### FIELDS OF FAITH

*October 12 at 6 p.m.*

Anyone may attend this outdoor youth service! Fields of Faith will be held at the field hockey field at the high school.

### FALL BLOOD DRIVE

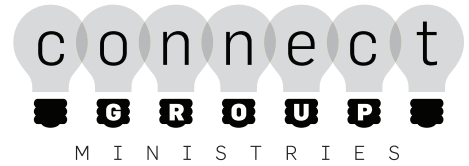
*October 13 from 3:30–7:30 pm*

Sign up at the Welcome Center or online.

### WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE RETREAT

*Friday October 14 and Saturday October 15*

It's back! The women's in-house retreat is October 14 and 15 and will be held right here at Morning Star from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. There is a \$25 registration cost which covers dinner on Friday and lunch and snacks on Saturday. Our teaching will be Beth Moore's *He Is*. Please plan on joining us. This is a chance to spend quality time with the Lord and with each other. There will be someone at the side entrance (this morning) to answer questions and to help you register.



### MONDAY

**6:30 pm:** Prayer Ministry

**7:00 pm:** Men's Bible study

### TUESDAY

**10 am & 7pm:** Coed Bible study  
(begins October 11)

**10 am & 7pm:** Women's Bible study  
(begins October 11)

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm:** Celebrate Recovery

### THURSDAY

**10:00 am:** Morning Star Moms

**10:00 am:** Men's Bible study (sanctuary)

### SATURDAY

**7:30 am:** Men's Bible study

### CONNECT GROUP INFO

For more information about Connect Groups, look us up online at [mstarqtown.org/connect\\_groups](http://mstarqtown.org/connect_groups)

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

**Dawn D. Crocco, MS**

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### Christian Counseling Center

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### → BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, e-mail it to Tony Serge at [tony@mstarqtown.org](mailto:tony@mstarqtown.org) by Wednesday at 4:30. We cannot guarantee the item will be inserted past this time.