

# 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 23, 2011

TODAY'S SERMON: ALIVE IN CHRIST

SPEAKER: PASTOR JAMES GOODMAN

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10 (NKJV)



**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).

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

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

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### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today: Light the Night Meeting (11 a.m.)  
Oct 28: Light the Night Candy Carnival  
Oct 31: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night  
Nov 5: Prayer Walk at 10 a.m.  
Nov 19: Regional Prayer Meeting at 10 a.m.  
Nov 20: One Day to Feed the World  
Nov 20: Praise and Worship Night at 7 p.m.

### LIGHT THE NIGHT CANDY CARNIVAL

Friday, October 28 from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Food, candy, games, costume contests and more! Light the Night is an awesome time of fun for the whole family, but more importantly, it is our opportunity as the family of Morning Star to be salt and light to Quakertown. You can get involved by signing up to be a smiling face at one of the stations; donating candy to give a little treat to the community; and coming out to build the giant maze—our most popular attraction. All the volunteer spots for that night have been set up in shifts so that those of you with children can both volunteer *and* be able to enjoy the activities with your little ones! Check the credenza for open stations and times. Below is a list of important dates to note:

**Brief Volunteer Meeting:** Today, October 23 from 11–11:15 a.m. in the Be Kids modular

**Maze Construction:** Thursday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to whenever

**Light the Night:** Be there by 6:15 at the latest to man your station!

### GUYS CAMPING (IN A CABIN) WEEKEND

November 4–6

Now in its sixth year, the Build and Blast Weekend will be held in Clearfield, PA. Guys, this is a “must-do” event. Enjoy great food, comfortable rustic surrounding, engaging spiritual discussion, and a team design/build competition. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$20 for students. Financial assistance is available on an as-needed basis. Sign up at the Welcome Center no later than October 30.

### FILL THE FREEZER

The Caring Ministry is asking for help to fill our freezer with meals!

### ONE DAY TO FEED THE WORLD

Sunday, November 20

### CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT + COSTUME CONTEST

October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Come join us at Chick-Fil-A for our Spirit night. Even if you're just stopping by for a milkshake, 20% of the amount you spend will benefit Morning Star's REAL Youth! Did we mention the costume contest? That's right! Wear your non-scary costume to Spirit Night for a chance to win a free meal. Contests will be held each hour of the Spirit Night (5–6, 6–7, 7–8) with two age categories: 10 & under and 10 & up (including adults). You must be present to win!

### DIRECTORY BUSINESS ADS

The photographs have been taken for our new directory. As we begin to assemble the pieces, please note that if you'd like your business to be listed in our “yellow pages,” you can do so by purchasing a slot for \$10 and your business card or logo will be printed. Sign up at the Welcome Center. All submissions are due by Sunday, October 30.

### PRAYER WALK

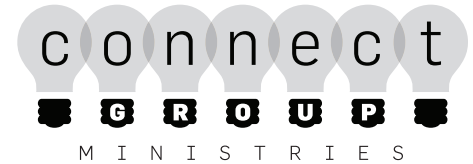
Saturday, November 5 at 10 a.m.

We will be meeting at Morning Star at 10 a.m. to receive some instructions, and we'll be breaking into teams which will walk through the neighborhoods of Quakertown and pray. This walk is open to all personalities, shy to bold, and we will cover a multitude of topics such as families, children, restoration of marriages, and that this community would know Jesus Christ in a personal way.

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

Sunday night, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of praise and worship and communion.



### MONDAY

**6:30 pm:** Prayer Ministry

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

### TUESDAY

**10 am & 7 pm:** Coed Bible study

**10 am & 7 pm:** Women's Bible study

### 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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### → 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.