

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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F E L L O W S H I P

OCTOBER 9, 2011

SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: LEFTOVERS (CELEBRATE RECOVERY SUNDAY)

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6:1-14; MATTHEW 14:13-21; MARK 6:32-44; LUKE 9:10-17



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 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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R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Ministries: 6:00–8:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today: Get your family photo taken here!
Today: 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

THANK YOU—CARING MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry would like to thank everyone who attended Pastor Appreciation Day as well as those who contributed. The baskets on the credenza will remain for the month of October so that you can continue to shower your pastors with encouraging words.

PICK UP HOAGIES

If you ordered a hoagie through the Celebrate Recovery fundraiser, you can pick it up today in the café following each of our three services.

LIGHT THE NIGHT CANDY DONATIONS

beginning today

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.

COED STUDY

Tuesdays, beginning this week 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 this week 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. The 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 p.m.

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 here at Morning Star from 6 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*. 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 help you register!

LIGHT THE NIGHT CANDY CARNIVAL

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

Food, candy, games, costume contests and more! More info coming soon!

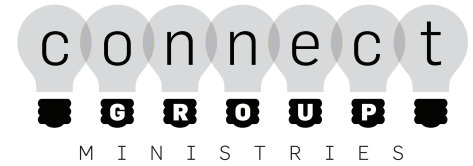
GUYS CAMPING (IN A CABIN) WEEKEND

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!



MONDAY

6:30 pm: Prayer Ministry

7:00 pm: Men's Bible study

TUESDAY

10 am & 7 pm: Coed Bible study (begins this week)

10 am & 7 pm: Women's Bible study (begins this week)

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

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→ BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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