

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

DECEMBER 24, 2011

SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

TODAY'S SERMON: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

SCRIPTURE: VARIOUS



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

..... EVENING SERVICES

4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

The 9th & Main Café: Open from 3:45 to 4:00 p.m. and following the services. Please enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies.

..... BE KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Nursery: No nursery care tonight.

Older Children: No Be Kids church tonight.

Amanda Detweiler
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..... R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

No meeting tomorrow night.

James Goodman
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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 25: No services on Christmas Day
Dec 26: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Dec 30-31: REAL In-House Winter Retreat
Jan 1: Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Jan 2: Begins Week of Prayer
Jan 8: Highlighting Honduras Missions Trip
Jan 13: Guys' Texas Hold 'Em Night
Jan 14: Honduras Missions Trip
Jan 28: Morning Star Training School

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

Dec 25: No services on Christmas Day
Jan 1: Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

..... CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

We will be taking an offering tonight. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

..... OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the office will be closed next week.

..... CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

December 26 from 5 to 8 p.m.

We're closing out a great year of Chick-Fil-A spirit nights on Monday, December 26. Join us for this year's last spirit night. 20% of your bill will benefit the REAL Youth. This year, we raised \$1,225 that benefitted our Be Kids and REAL Youth Ministries.

..... REAL IN-HOUSE WINTER RETREAT

December 30-31

This retreat begins with dinner on Friday, December 30 at 5 p.m. Retreat ends on December 31 at 2 p.m. The theme is "God Still Talking Please Listen." The cost is \$10. Money is due **today!**

..... WEEK OF PRAYER

January 2-6 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a time of prayer during the first week of the year. We will meet at Mstar Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery will still take place on Wednesday, and you are welcome to participate in the large group portion from 7 to 8 p.m.

..... PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT CDS

CDs from November's night of praise and worship are available at the Welcome Center. Video from the event is also available online at vimeo.com/mstarqtown.

..... GUYS' TEXAS HOLD 'EM NIGHT

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Guys, come out for a night of **non-gambling** Texas Hold 'Em. The cost to participate is a donation of canned food for the Quakertown Food Pantry. Bring a favorite snack to share.

..... LADIES GIFT CARD DONATION

Thanks to your generous gifts, the women's ministry was able to present Quakertown Elementary School's needy families with \$1,440 worth of Walmart and Target gift cards.

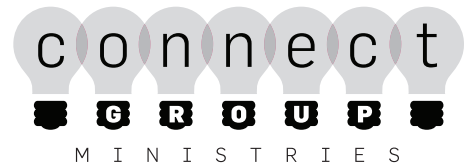
..... YEAR-END "CHEERFUL GIVING"

It's been a great year at Morning Star Fellowship, and your giving has helped accomplish so much. As we begin construction on our new facility we have a tremendous opportunity to reach our area for Christ. Your year-end giving/partnership will be more strategic than ever. You can donate by check, cash, online at mstarqtown.org, and by donating stock through our account at Scottrade. All financial gifts must be received by December 31 for year-end tax credit.

Boxed numbered offering envelopes are available for pickup at our office entrance. Please take time to stop by the desk **today!** It's more than finances—it's a matter of the heart!

..... HONDURAS HERE WE COME!

Please pray for our Honduras Ministry Mission's Team! 22 of us will be heading to San Pedro Sula, Honduras on January 14 to construct a church building and do some outreach in the neighboring areas. If you would like to give financially to support this trip, please designate Honduras/general gift or list a recipient on our offering envelopes. Thanks for remembering us in prayer!



..... MONDAY

6:30 pm: Prayer Ministry
7:00 pm: Men's Bible study

..... TUESDAY

..... WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery

..... THURSDAY

10:00 am: Morning Star Moms (no meeting 12/29)
10:00 am: Men's Bible study (no meeting 12/22 or 12/29)

..... 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.