

# 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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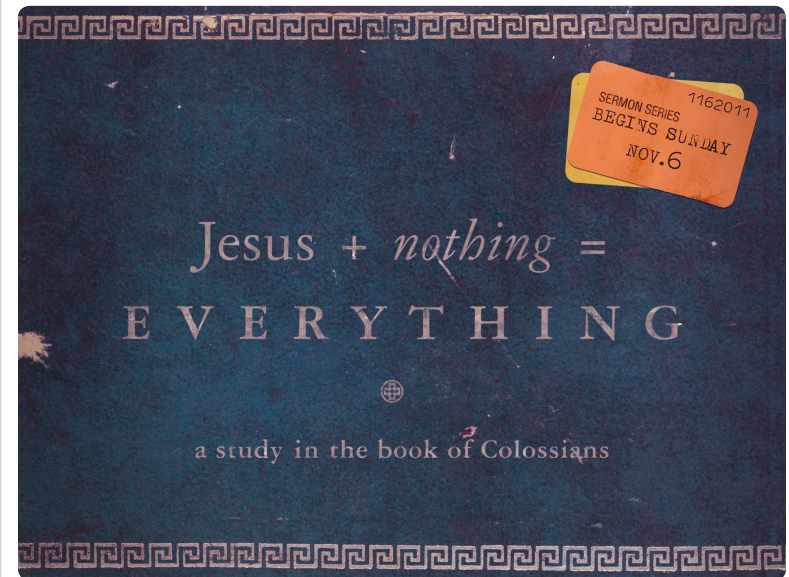
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DECEMBER 4, 2011

SERMON SERIES: JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

TODAY'S SERMON: LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE, PART 1

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11 (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).

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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

Dec 13: Ladies Christmas Party  
Dec 18: Be Kids Singing in Services  
Dec 18: REAL Youth Christmas Party!  
Dec 24: Christmas Eve services (4, 5:30, 7 p.m.)  
Dec 25: No services on Christmas Day  
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

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

Dec 11: (8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.)  
Dec 18: (8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.)  
Dec 24: Christmas Eve services (4, 5:30, 7 p.m.)  
Dec 25: No services on Christmas Day  
Jan 1: Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

### LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.*

A night filled with yummy appetizers, desserts, games, and entertainment. Our ministry project this year is for Quakertown Elementary School. We are asking for your help to supply the school with Wal-Mart or Target gift cards to share with needy families. You can bring in gift cards or donate to the gift card fund. There will be no cost to come to this year's party. Together, WE can make a difference right here in Quakertown.

### BE KIDS SINGING IN SERVICE

*December 18 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.*

On Sunday, December 18, the Be Kids ages two through fifth grade will be blessing the 9:30 and 11:30 services with a Christmas song in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your children may participate in either or both services. On that day, please have your children in their respective classrooms by 9:00 a.m. (if they're singing in the 9:30 service) or 11 a.m. (if they're singing in the 11:30 service) for a time of rehearsing and preparation.

### REAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

*December 18 from 6–8:30 p.m.*

Games and free food! Bring a wrapped gift (under \$5) to participate in our white elephant gift exchange. Guys with last names A–M: bring a drink to share. Guys with last names N–Z: bring chips to share. Girls with last names A–M: bring vegetables to share. Girls with last names N–Z: bring dessert to share. Come celebrate Christmas the REAL way!

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.*

Whatever your hurt, habit, or hang-up might be, please come join us on Wednesday nights and feel God's healing power through the Celebrate Recovery ministry.

Join us this week for our monthly fellowship dinner. The cost is \$3 per person.

### 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 December 18. Bring friends! You're not going to want to miss this!

### CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES

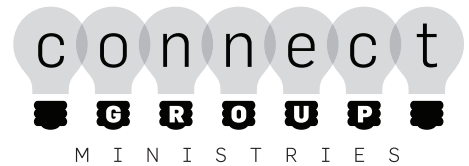
*Christmas at the Movies*

Join us as we take a look at holiday Christmas classics such as *Christmas Vacation*, *Home Alone*, and *It's a Wonderful Life* in the light of Scripture and put the true meaning of Christmas into your holiday and life!

You might have noticed the invite card in your bulletin this week. Invite someone out to church with you during this season. We all have a coworker, friend, or family member who needs to know about Jesus' love for them. Extra invite cards are available on the credenza!

### TREE OF HOPE GIFTS

If you would like to help donate gifts for the tree of hope, stop by the café and take one or several tags off of the white tree. Please sign the sign-out sheet so we know who has taken the tags. Gifts **MUST BE RETURNED** to the church by Sunday, December 18. Thanks for bringing hope to families in need this Christmas season.



### MONDAY

**6:30 pm:** Prayer Ministry

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

### TUESDAY

**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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### 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.