

# 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

JULY 24, 2011

SERMON SERIES: FOLLOWING JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: WE ARE DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 9:9 AND SELECTED (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  
Amanda@mstarqtown.org

### R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

#### "DARE" CONTINUES TONIGHT

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

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

Tomorrow: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night  
July 28-Aug 6: REAL Youth Missions Trip  
Aug 11-13: REAL Youth In-House Retreat  
Aug 14: Water Baptism & Baptism Bash

### GOLF OUTING THANK YOU - UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers and golfers who contributed in the Golf Outing yesterday, allowing us to raise \$5,780 to benefit the free health clinic of Quakertown!

### CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

*Tomorrow, July 25 from 5 to 8 p.m.*

It's totally fun to hang out with brothers and sisters in Christ at Chick-Fil-A while eating chicken sandwiches and drinking cookies-and-cream milkshakes. Oh, and 20% of your bill goes toward Be Kids Children's Ministries. It really couldn't get better!

### HONDURAS MISSION

If you are interested in the missions trip to Honduras, we are still accepting applicants. Information about the trip can be obtained at the Welcome Center or online at [mstarqtown.org/honduras](http://mstarqtown.org/honduras). Cut-off for signing on will be August 7. Application and deposit will be needed on or before that date.

### REAL YOUTH IN-HOUSE RETREAT

*August 11-13*

It's back! The Youth in-house retreat will be right here at MStar. The cost is \$30 which includes your Camelbeach water park ticket. On Friday and Saturday we have services and games (including a prize for the winning team). This year we are continuing with our summer DARE theme. Money is due by **today** to reserve your spot for Camelbeach. This retreat is for students who have completed 6th-12th grade. Contact Pastor James ([james@mstarqtown.org](mailto:james@mstarqtown.org)) with any questions. You are not going to want to miss this!

### MEN'S MINISTRIES E-MAIL ALERTS

Men's Ministry sends out a weekly email with current activities and a relevant and useful message. If you would like to be placed on the email list, send an email to [men@mstarqtown.org](mailto:men@mstarqtown.org) or call the church office.

### WATER BAPTISM

*August 14 following the third service*

Water baptism is a symbolic burial, by which a new Christian publicly declares they have died to sin and are now beginning a new life in Christ. More information is available at [mstarqtown.org/water\\_baptism](http://mstarqtown.org/water_baptism). Sign up online or on the back of your sign-in sheet.

### BAPTISM BASH

*August 14 following water baptism (1 p.m.)*

A church picnic will follow water baptism. If your last name begins with letters A-M, please bring a side dish or salad. N-Z, please bring a dessert. Sign-ups will be available soon.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.*

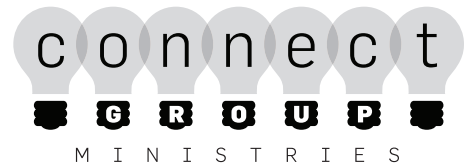
Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you didn't drink or use drugs? If so, come join us on Wednesday nights and feel God's healing power through the Celebrate Recovery ministry.

### CARING MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry is an ongoing ministry which provides meals to those in need or crisis with the hope and compassion of Jesus Christ. CM meets needs in our body and our community. Contacts: Donna @ 215.538.2804, Lisa @ 215.538.0758 or Mary @ 610.346.7469. If you know of someone in need, please call the MSF office or Larry Serge @ 215.529.6422. They will know we are Christians by our love!

### → 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.



### MONDAY

**6:30 pm:** Prayer Ministry

**6:30 pm:** Men's Softball (9th grade center)

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm:** Celebrate Recovery

### THURSDAY

**10:00 am:** Morning Star Moms (every other Thursday) Next meeting July 28.

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

### SATURDAY

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

### 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

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### ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES



July's menu is available.  
Orders due: Today  
Pick-up: July 29