

# 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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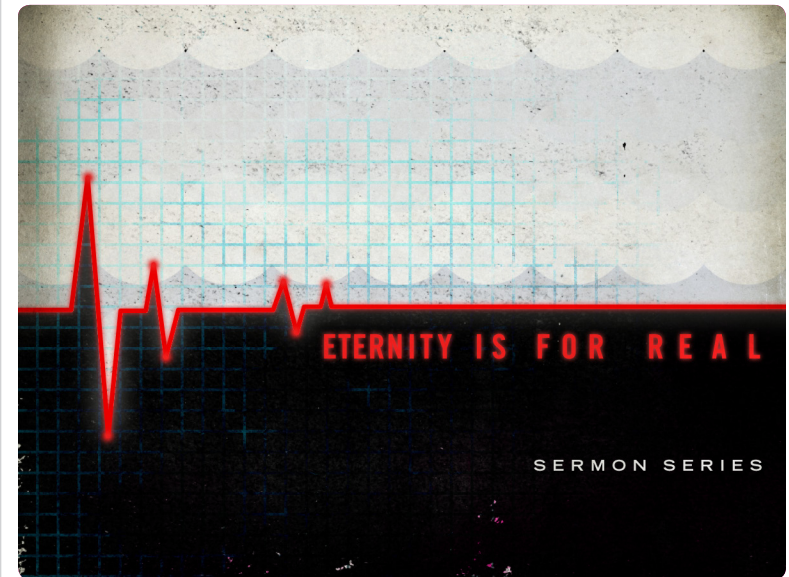
FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 21, 2011

SERMON SERIES: ETERNITY IS FOR REAL

TODAY'S SERMON: HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6:20, JOHN 14:2, AND SELECTED (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).

Amanda Detweiler  
Director of Children's Ministries  
Amanda@mstarqtown.org

### WATER BAPTISM & BAPTISM BASH

Following the third service

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

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

James Goodman  
Student Ministries Pastor  
James@mstarqtown.org

### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today: Water Baptism  
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Tonight: 6th Graders invited to REAL Youth  
Aug 23: Connect Group Leader Meeting  
Sept 9–10: Guys' Weekend  
Sept 11: Simulcast Service  
Sept 18: Be Kids and REAL Youth transitions  
Sept 24: Youth Free Fall  
Sept 25: Baby Dedication  
Oct 1: Morning Star Training School  
Oct 14–15: Women's In-House Retreat

### LAYTON FAMILY THANK YOU

The Layton family would like to extend their gratitude to all those who served in any way with cards, kind words, meals, attendance to James' service, and all of the helping hands at the reception following the memorial service. The outpouring of the congregation's love was amazing.

### ATTN: 6TH GRADERS

All students who are entering sixth grade this year are encouraged to come out and visit REAL Youth tonight!

### WATER BAPTISM

*today, 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.

### BAPTISM BASH

*Today, following water baptism (1 p.m.)*

A church picnic including games, fellowship, and a pig roast 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. We hope to see you this afternoon! Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

### CONNECT GROUP LEADER MEETING

*Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

If you are hosting or are interested in hosting a connect group for the fall season, please attend this informative meeting to receive training and materials to help prepare you.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

*September 2 at 7 p.m. in the café*

All women are invited to our First Friday get-together on September 2. This is an informal time of connecting with the women of Morning Star and an opportunity to build relationships. Please plan on joining us for this free event!

### SIMULCAST SERVICE

*Sunday, September 11 at 7 p.m.*

A Wake-Up Call for God's People simulcast with Anne Graham Lotz and Joel Rosenberg is to be presented here at Morning Star.

### CARING MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Anyone needing back-to-school supplies such as backpacks, lunchboxes, etc., are encouraged to contact Donna Hartwich at [dhartwich@comcast.net](mailto:dhartwich@comcast.net).

### GUYS' WEEKEND

*September 9 and 10*

The Guys' Weekend will begin on Friday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is The Power of Relationships. Pat Summers from "Think Missions" will be joining us and providing the message on Friday evening. Saturday morning will begin at 8:00 a.m. We'll serve a simple breakfast including sandwiches, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee. Plan to invite a friend for the Saturday breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$15. The cost for Saturday morning only is \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

### 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.

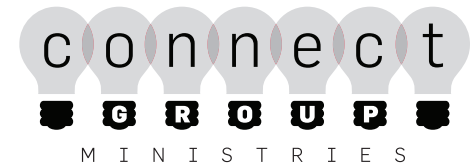
### BABY AND CHILD DEDICATION

*September 25*

Sign up online!

### → 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

**7:00 pm:** Connect Group Leader Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm:** Celebrate Recovery

### THURSDAY

**10:00 am:** Morning Star Moms (every other Thursday) Next meeting: August 25

**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



August's menu is available.  
Orders due: Today  
Pick-up: This Friday,  
August 26