

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 7, 2011

SERMON SERIES: FOLLOWING JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: WE ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12:5; GALATIANS 6:10; ACTS 2:42-47 (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 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

"DARE" CONTINUES TONIGHT

Student Ministries: 6:00–8:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 11–13: REAL Youth In-House Retreat
Aug 14: Water Baptism
Aug 14: Baptism Bash
Aug 18: Honduras Mission Meeting #1
Aug 23: Connect Group Leader Meeting

SERVICE FOR JAMES LAYTON

The visitation and service for James Layton will be held at Naugle Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 9 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m (service begins at 11). Please continue to pray for the Layton family for the tragic loss of their son James. All sympathy cards should be sent to their home: 85 Laurel Ct. Quakertown, 18951.

HONDURAS MISSION

If you are interested in the missions trip to Honduras, the application and deposit are due today.

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 to reserve your spot for Camelbeach. This retreat is for students who have completed 6th–12th grade. Contact Pastor James (james@mstarqtown.org) with any questions. You are not going to want to miss this! There is still time to sign up!

All youth who are going to Camelbeach need to be at the church on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

IN-HOUSE RETREAT PERMISSION FORM

If you are attending the REAL Youth in-house retreat, please pick up a permission form in the hallway on the youth board and have your parents fill it out.

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. 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 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. Fill out the insert in your bulletin and give it to an usher by the door when you leave so we can have an accurate count of how many people are attending. Sign-ups are on the credenza as well.

HONDURAS MISSION MEETING #1

Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Those who are going on the Honduras Missions trip should attend this meeting.

CONNECT GROUP LEADER MEETING

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

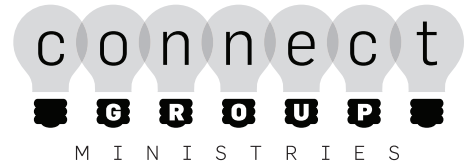
If you are hosting or are interested in hosting a connect group for the fall season, please attend this informative meeting to receive training and materials to help prepare you.

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.

→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.



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: August 11

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

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ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES



August's menu is available.
Orders due: August 21
Pick-up: August 26