



Restoration for the Week

RESTORATION CHURCH

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CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

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Each student committed to reading through the Gospel of John!

During the week, the 50 of us were in a group chat together. The final night, I pitched the idea of keeping the group chat going up to the beginning of the Spring semester along with reading a chapter a day in John up to January 22nd.

I've never seen a group more excited to keep a group chat alive or more eager to dive into God's Word! We are currently on day 3, so we are reading John 3. Each day, every person reads and posts on the thread what sticks out to them. For many students, this is their first time reading the Bible for themselves. Check out two of the comments below:

From Madison, a freshman, today: *"Verses 17-21 [of John 3] were mind blowing to me. God sent his only Son to die for sins committed by us and even though we sin he loves us unconditionally. Even though we sin we still have the light of God. That's crazy! He loves us that much."*

From Juan, a freshman Cross Country runner, on day 1: *"I was touched by John 1:50-51... thinking about these verses in how they apply to my life, I myself have been guilty of not believing, truly believing, that there is no greater thing that can compare to what God has to offer me (that is, his love and glory!!). I think that being one of his children is astonishing, but the idea that the doors of heaven will be opened to us is just unbelievable."*

If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to Godstories@restorationrva.org

Restoration Congregational Meetings Slated for January

The first of two congregational meetings will take place THIS Sunday, January 14. These meetings will detail the church's vision renewal and new focus considerations for 2018, and discuss action steps being taken by the ministry teams. There will be two opportunities to attend: Sunday, January 14, and Sunday, January 21, immediately following the worship service at Oak Knoll Middle School. All are encouraged to attend

these important meetings to hear more about God's revelation of our direction and needs related to pursuing that focus. Childcare will be provided. Children will be kept in their usual class area during the meeting, which will take approximately 30 minutes.

New Sermon Series Starts This Sunday

"Open Doors" is the new sermon series beginning on Sunday, January 14. Here's a brief introduction by Bill Moore: [Click Here](#)

Growing Young Survey Coming Soon

After the January congregational meetings, you may receive an email about the "Growing Young" initiative. The leadership of Restoration Church needs your input! Your involvement in this survey will assist the leaders and church teams in setting goals as well as living into our church's focus in the new year.

DNow Registration is Open

Disciple Now 2018 registration is now open! DNOW will be February 16-18, 2018.

What is Disciple Now? Disciple Now is an annual middle and high school weekend retreat at Restoration Church where small groups of youth (divided by gender and grade) meet in the homes of church members for small group discipleship (what it means to be a follower of Jesus). These times are led by youth leaders with the goal of beginning or strengthening the ongoing process of discipleship in each youth's life. This year our focus will be on growing deeper in our walk with Christ. In addition to incredible Bible teaching and worship there will be unique times of fellowship and recreation for each small group and their mentors.

Register today and don't forget to invite your friends! You will not want to miss it! Cost is \$80 if you register between January 6-25th. Registration closes January 25th or when all spaces are filled.

Register using the link below, or you can contact Jen Williams at jwilliams@restorationrva.org for more information.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycn4aj2y>

Costa Rica Mission Trip and Camp Hope

Please continue to pray for the Restoration Church volunteers as well as those they are serving during the annual trip to Costa Rica January 6-20, 2018. This is a construction-related trip and also includes an opportunity to serve in an after-school program in the Pavas community.

30 For 30

Visiting a new church and trying to connect can be challenging. If you are new to Restoration Church and want to learn more about our vision and mission, please join us in room 301 on January 28 immediately after the worship service for about 30 minutes. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the leadership, ask questions, and hear about ways to get connected. Childcare is available if requested in advance. For more information contact Phyllis Hadley at Phyllis.hadley@yahoo.com.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

Beginning Tuesday, January 23, Jeff and Laurie Lee will be leading a course designed

to help people get beneath the surface of their lives to cultivate a deeper relationship with God. This class aims to help participants grow emotionally in order to grow spiritually and covers Biblical principles that lead to lasting transformation in their relationship with God. Please contact Jeff Lee at jlee@restorationrva.org for more information or to register. This class is limited to 12 participants and will meet on Tuesdays through March 27.

Leadership Training Kickoff

Our next leadership training class begins with a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on January 28 at Oak Knoll Middle School, and continues through May. Leadership training is a "300-level" overview of the Christian faith, covering history, theology and the church leadership. Participants will meet each week in small groups to discuss course content and how to apply it to their daily lives. This class will help you to better understand Restoration Church and your role within the church.

To learn more, contact Bill Moore (bmoore@restorationrva.org) or make plans to attend the kickoff breakfast.

MCEF Food Drive

Restoration Church is participating in a food drive for MCEF, which provides food and other necessities for needy families in our area. Supplies are needed for the One Stop Shop, including pancake mix, syrup, cereal, jelly, and beans. Please bring your items on Sunday, January 28, and deliver them to the table in the lobby.

JANUARY AT A GLANCE

Growing Young survey
January 3 - 19

Costa Rica Mission Trip and Camp Hope
January 5-20, 2018

All-church meetings (Choose one to attend)
Sunday, January 14, OR Sunday, January 21, immediately after the service

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TEXT YOUR OFFERING

You can text your offering to Restoration Church. Text the word Restore to 73256 and follow the prompts.

BUDGET INFORMATION

If you're interested in a church budget update or would like other financial information, please contact Carrie Dugai at cdugai@restorationva.org

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