



Restoration for the Week

RESTORATION CHURCH

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CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

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How did the Elders and Deacons see God at work on Sunday? See below...

I saw God at work in countless ways this morning. I am still smiling as I recall the **loud buzz** in the atrium.

Normally, I don't like loud environments, but this was delightful. I've always felt like Restoration is truly **a family**, but that feeling was even stronger today.

I had the honor of helping connect a sweet young couple **visiting the church for the first time**, and was able to introduce them to multiple people during the 10:00am fellowship time.

I was able to talk with 4 families that I have not met before.

For me, this was a morning different than I have witnessed at our church for quite some time. There seemed to be a coming together, **a palpable feeling of love and connection** everywhere I turned. Everyone seemed to want to make today special, and it was! From the music, to the sermon, to every little perfect touch...it was a gift.

For me personally it was an **answer to a very specific prayer** - there were 16 people in Leadership Training, 3 of them high school youth!

I'm **honored** to be a member of our church and serve with each of you. Praise God!

The Lord reminded me of how He knows where He wants our church to go (detours and all). I left encouraged, reminded of **our faithful God** who knows our every need.

I believe Sunday Morning was what we ALL needed. As if **a veil was pulled back** to let us have a glimpse of what can be and will be if we persevere.

Thank you to all who helped make this happen! **And to God be the glory!**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. -Psalm 126:3

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

NEW SERVICE TIME AT 10:30

As a reminder, our Sunday morning service now begins at 10:30 a.m. The following discipleship classes meet at 9:00 a.m.:

***The Very Best Way to Completely Misread the Entire Bible**

A seminar led by Bill Moore - 2/4 @ 9am in the Sanctuary

In this interactive, hands-on seminar you will learn the skills necessary to completely miss what the Bible is all about. Or, you can take these principles and become better Bible reader. Your choice - either way this seminar is for you.

***The Word - meets in the library**

This class goes through books of the Bible, verse by verse, in an expository teach style, with opportunities for discussion. The Word Class is currently studying Exodus, and is open to everyone. Bring a Bible and jump in.

Contact [George Walker](#) for more information.

***Practicing Prayer - in the Strings Room**

(this class is not meeting this week due to the Bible Seminar)

What exactly is prayer? How do I make it a habit, not just an SOS? This is an experiential learning environment facilitated by the Pastors - with teaching and time to practice prayer.

Contact [Jeff Lee](#) for more information.

***Kids' Small Groups - in the large gym (drop-off 8:45 - 9:00)**

Kids' small groups (PreK - 5th grade) begin in the gym together then break out by age. Kids should be picked up by 10:00 from their classrooms.

*PreK - 1st in Room 301

*2nd & 3rd in Room 203

*4th & 5th in Room 208

Volunteers needed for DNOW

[Click Here](#) to sign up for service opportunities for our DNOW weekend. Many hands are needed to make this event possible. We need help with set up, meal servers and parking lot attendants, just to name a few. Volunteer for a one-time slot or many!!

Leadership Training

If you missed the Leadership Training Breakfast last week but are still interested in being a part of this year's class, contact [Bill Moore](#) by Sunday.

High School Super Bowl Party

High Schoolers! Join us at the high school super bowl party **this Sunday**, February 4th from 6-10pm at the Wicklein's house at 10019 Honey Meadows Road (Honey Meadows Subdivision). Please bring either a salty or sweet snack to share. This will be a great time for food, fun and fellowship!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As Bill mentioned during Sunday's sermon, Restoration has a prayer shawl ministry that provides a tangible reminder of God's covering over us. A talented group of ladies works to make these shawls, pray over them, and deliver them to those going through challenging situations. To request a shawl or for more information about this ministry, please contact [Lisa Thomas](#).

Ties That Bind

Has the recent cold spell made you think about keeping warm? At the next Ties That Bind, we will work together to make some fleece blankets to warm others. This community program and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 13, from 11 AM to 1 PM, at Northside Baptist Church, 7600 Studley Road in Mechanicsville. The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Please bring a food pantry item for Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES), and invite a friend!

RSVP by Thursday, February 8, by responding to the Ties That Bind E-mail. Or, contact Restoration Church at 804-299-3475 or by E-mailing info@restorationrva.org.

The Great Escape

Registration for The Great Escape is happening now! TGE will be held in Johnstown, PA, from July 23-28. This event has had a huge impact on our youth each and every year, using worship, guest speakers, and fun activities to lead them to Jesus and a deeper relationship with Him. First time campers pay only \$350 and returning campers are \$475. You must register (link below) and pay \$150 deposit by February 15. The balance is due by May 15. NOTE: Registration is not complete until paid in full, completed a Youth Conference Ministries Medical Release form AND a Restoration Church 2018 Medical Consent Form. Contact [Jen Williams](#) for more information.

Use this link (www.onrealm.org/restorationrva) to register for the Restoration Church online community, which will allow you to make a partial payment for The Great Escape.

If you do not join our online church community you will not be able to make a partial payment. Once you have created an online account please register for The Great Escape through this [Link](#)

If you have any problems registering or you have questions about the process, please contact [Amanda Seiders](#) or call the church office.

Contribution Statements

The 2017 contribution statements were sent to the email address on file with the church on *Tuesday, January 16th*. Click the embedded link in the email to access and print your statement. If you need a copy sent through regular mail or did not receive the emailed link, please contact [Carrie Dugai](#).

Online Church Community

You should receive an invitation from Restoration via email by January 31st to create a Realm account. This will allow you access to our online church community and your database record. Just click the link in the email and follow the instructions. Once you create a login, you can update any incorrect data (address, phone, email, etc.), view information such as what events you've registered for, your giving history, what small groups you belong to, etc., and even set up secure automatic online giving. If you click on the Giving choice on the left side of the screen, it will bring you to your giving history. From February 1st through April 15th, there will be a button marked 2017 Contribution Statement at the top right of the screen. You can click that to print your giving statement for tax purposes if you have not already received it via email or need to print an extra copy.

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

High School Super Bowl Party
February 4

Ties That Bind
February 13

DNOW Youth Retreat
February 16-18, 2018

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](#)

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