



Restoration for the Week

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CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

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I have a bad case of "the Januarys" this year. For me, that means I'm compulsively organizing closets, cabinets, files, coupons, bags, even my email inboxes. I've been trying so hard to find satisfaction from getting my life in order, to make it pretty like the new ball of yarn. But as I listened to the sermon from Sunday, January 28th, the illustration of God as the Master Knitter made me weep.

I have been on detours I never imagined. My neat and tidy life has been twisted and tied in knots until I thought I would break. Like Paul, I thought, "This was not my plan, God." But now I can see the beauty that comes out of

the twists and turns and knots. I see how God is using them to craft me into something so different from MY plans, but perfectly His.

This sermon reminded me that I don't have to keep fighting for control of my life. God has got it, and His plans are greater than mine.

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., with a time for fellowship and snacks from 10:00 - 10:30. The following discipleship classes meet at 9:00 a.m.:

***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**

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

Q&A from "Misreading the Bible" with Bill Moore

Bill has taken some of the questions and given short answers. You can see the Q&A [HERE](#), as well as give comments and ask more questions.

Volunteers needed for DNOW

We are trying to cover the entire weekend through prayer! To register for a time slot to pray, [Click Here](#). Your prayers do make a difference!

[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 one time slot or many!!

If you can't volunteer your time, consider making a donation. Please [Click Here](#) to see a list of materials needed for the weekend.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

Online Church Community

You should have received 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 now 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. If you would like help creating a Realm account, please contact [Carrie Dugai](#), or come by the church office on February 22nd from noon to 4 pm and we'll be happy to assist you.

Softball Players Needed

Jon Adam is recruiting players to form a Restoration Church softball team. This team would play at Pole Green Park beginning in mid-March. For more information contact [Jon Adam](#).

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

Ties That Bind
February 13

DNOW Youth Retreat
February 16-18, 2018

Discover Restoration
February 25

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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