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## **Restoration for the Week**

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### **Changed Lives Through Restoration Church**

**Shared by Al Burton**

Words can't express my gratitude for the love & support of Restoration Church and my Heavenly Father.

Last October my daughter and son-in-law's family moved to San Jose, CA. We were happy and sad at the same time, and were planning to visit after the renovations on their home were completed. However, at 8:00 pm on April 12th we received that dreadful call. John, 12 years old, had lost his life unexpectedly. He was my only grandson and was a Son to me in every way. We had spent lots of time together during their time in northern Virginia when my daughter was recovering from numerous failed knee surgeries.

After getting the call from my son-in-law, I talked to my daughter for 20 minutes. Didn't have a clue what to say, but God put the words into my mouth and helped me as my daughter sobbed uncontrollably. It's very difficult to talk with a daughter who is 3000 miles away, not knowing if she is alone or has the support that we all desire. I will never forget that moment or God's grace.

After calling family members, my next thought was to call Brigitt Walker, our small group facilitator. She came over the very next morning, prayed with us, and notified Jon Gibson. He was gracious and came over right away. What a blessing to have him in our presence at this difficult time. We prayed and we felt God's presence.

John passed away on the Wednesday before Easter, which was when Katie, his sister, my 11-year-old granddaughter, was planning to be baptized. She decided to proceed with it. My daughter performed the baptism with the Youth Pastor - it was a truly emotional event. Also, because John loved church camp his family set up a church camp scholarship fund, which has raised several thousand dollars in his honor.

We can never thank God enough for his presence in our lives and the outpouring of love and support from Restoration Church, their church families in San Jose and in northern Virginia, our small group,

Glory Girls, etc. We also thank everyone for all the food, cards, and expressions of sympathy during this very difficult time. Through all of this, God has been faithful and a good Father.

We miss John every single day and our hearts are broken, but we also know that while his earthly journey is complete, he is finally at his eternal home. We anxiously await that reunion that we have been promised. Praise be to God.

John's verse - 1 Peter 3:15

**If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to [Godstories@restorationrva.org](mailto:Godstories@restorationrva.org)**

## NEW

### **Financial Peace University Classes**

Beginning this fall starting Tues., 9/19 at 7:00pm at the church office, 10465 Dow Gill Rd., Suite A, Ashland, VA 23005 and continuing weekly through 11/14. Please contact Meredith Hayes if you would like more information ([meredithhayes@comcast.net](mailto:meredithhayes@comcast.net)), or call the church office at 299-3475.

## UPCOMING

### **Dinner at the Table**

There will be opportunities over the summer to "gather at the table" with others for fellowship at a host home. Remaining dates are July 18 and August 12. Choose one or both of the dates to meet and get to know adults from our church and community. These dinners are for singles and couples! Click this link for details and to register: [dinnerfor10.com](http://dinnerfor10.com)

### **High School Lake Anna Trip**

Thursday, July 20th - Meet at the Chick-fil-A at VCC at 9:00a.m. and pick up at Chick-fil-A at 7:00p.m. Cost of trip is \$10. Space is limited - Students must register! Bring extra \$ for dinner at Chick-fil-A. We need parents to help us drive students to Lake Anna. Please sign up if you can help! For more information and to register, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/ydx62vsf>

## MISSIONS

### **Y Serve**

#### **Your Invitation to Do Something Wonderful This Summer!**

<b>What?</b>	Serve lunch and love on some wonderful young people at the Ashland YMCA Summer Day Camp
<b>Who?</b>	Adults, youth, small groups, etc. Sign up for one day or all 5 days!
<b>When?</b>	Mon., 7/31 - Fri., 8/4 - 11:00a.m. - 1:30p.m. (5 days)
<b>Where?</b>	Patrick Henry YMCA, 217 Ashcake Rd., Ashland 23005
<b>What's Involved?</b>	<u>Teams of 4</u> are needed <u>each day</u> to serve lunch (food is provided by the YMCA).

## How Do I Say Yes?

Just Email Tom McMahon @ [tmcmahon2837@gmail.com](mailto:tmcmahon2837@gmail.com) or text or call @ 804-241-6946! Tom will maintain the schedule & keep you posted.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Ministry Team Forming

Do you have a heart for comforting, consoling and visiting people who are in the hospital or home bound? We are forming a ministry team that would focus on visiting people in our church family who are in the hospital or home bound. If you would like to know more about this team please contact Lynn Mesco at [lynnmesco@comcast.net](mailto:lynnmesco@comcast.net) or Tina Bright at [brightwv@yahoo.com](mailto:brightwv@yahoo.com).

## FELLOWSHIP

### Apples of Gold Class

We are in the process of filling the next Apples of Gold class. This is a mentoring program of older women to younger women based on Titus 2:3-5. If interested call Joy Gerk (550-0590) or Lynn Mesco (550-3959).

## YOUTH

### Middle School Lake Anna Trip

Tuesday, August 29th - Meet at the Chick-fil-A at VCC at 9:00a.m. and pick up at Chick-fil-A at 7:00p.m. Cost of trip is \$10. Space is limited - Students must register! Bring extra \$ for dinner at Chick-fil-A. We need parents to help us drive students to Lake Anna. Please sign up if you can help! For more information and to register, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/ycqg529p>

### YOUTH TEXT LISTS:

If you would like to stay updated on youth summer events (as well as events and registrations all year long) consider signing up for our text service. Here are the links to get registered for our different text lists:

High School Parent: [trunc.us/Ad1E95](http://trunc.us/Ad1E95)

High School Student: [trunc.us/2132e3](http://trunc.us/2132e3)

Middle School Parent: [trunc.us/3964bB](http://trunc.us/3964bB)

Middle School Student: [trunc.us/7e9954](http://trunc.us/7e9954)

## CHILDREN

### KIX UNPLUGGED

KIX Unplugged registration is now open. Register your kids who are in rising 1st - 5th grade for summer fun while exploring life lessons. This will be held at Pearson's Corner Elementary on select Tuesday evenings in July and August. Link for details and registration: [restorationva.org/kixsummer.html](http://restorationva.org/kixsummer.html)

### ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

### TEXT YOUR OFFERING

Did you know that you can now text your offering to Restoration Church? It's easy and convenient! Just text the word Restore to 73256 and follow the prompts.

### **The Church Office Has Moved**

The new address is 10465 Dow Gil Rd., Suite A, Ashland, VA 23005.  
Our new phone number is (804) 299-3475

### **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](mailto:cdugai@restorationva.org)

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