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## **Restoration for the Week**

**August 31, 2017**

### **CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH**

**Submitted By: Youth who served on the Valdosta Mission Trip**

When we first got to our resident's house, she was not very open to us. Slowly, we worked and saw her open up. She began to invite us into her home, and by Thursday we ate lunch with her and her sister and did our devotion with them. This impacted me because I saw how much of a difference we were making through God.

I saw God in how quickly I formed relationships with my crew and youth group.

I've seen God through the kindness and acceptance from the community. One of the days, a man came up to us while we were working on our house and gave us a \$40 gift card to a frozen yogurt place because he was so thankful for everything we were doing.

One thing that was really amazing to me was how well our crew worked together through the week. None of us had ever met each other before this week, but we became very close friends.

While doing devotion on the worksite, a man drove up to our house. We listened to his story for about half an hour, and then our whole crew (and the other crew w/us) laid our hands on the man and prayed over him. Afterwards, he started crying and said that God had sent him to us.

Through a week of humidity, heat, and swarms of gnats, not a single kid complained as they realized the importance of being God's hands and feet in Valdosta. They were my God sighting, and I am proud of each and every one.

**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**

**Special Announcement**

The church office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor day.

Sermons are now being recorded with both audio and visual. Go to the church's home page to watch any sermons you would like to view.

## **Ties That Bind**

September means that the "lazy" days of summer are coming to an end! While we might enjoy getting back to routines that paused for the summer, we might also start to feel a little stressed. At this month's Ties That Bind, we'll learn about the stress management benefits of yoga from participants in the yoga class that meets at Northside.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Northside Baptist Church (7600 Studley Road) in Mechanicsville. The cost for the luncheon is \$5, and we appreciate your support in bringing a food item for the pantry at Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF). To RSVP, by Thursday, September 7: If you receive an E-mail invitation, please reply to that E-mail with the number of guests coming. Otherwise, you may call Restoration Church at 804-299-3475.

## **30 for 30 - New to Restoration Church?**

Visiting a new church and getting connected can be challenging. We invite you to join us so we may share more information about Restoration Church, and give you the opportunity to meet some of our leaders. We will meet on Sunday, September 17th immediately after the worship service at 11:30 am for 30 minutes (30 for 30) in the Library. We will share about the vision and mission of Restoration Church and answer your questions, including helping you find ways to connect. Please contact Lesley Meisoll at

([lemeisoll@yahoo.com](mailto:lemeisoll@yahoo.com),) with any questions.

## **Restoration Volleyball Team**

The season for the Restoration Church Co-ed Volleyball team is getting ready to start in October. The league plays on Monday nights at Cool Spring Baptist Church and we are looking for male and female volleyball players. Please contact Bobby Pauley at 804.240.0571 for sign-up or more info. Need 5 or so players, so reach out early!

## **Painting Help Needed**

We have one more large meeting room and the men's room still left to paint at the new church office (walls and trim only). We're hoping to have this done by the time our church teams all meet together at the office on September 11th. Painting days are scheduled for Thursday 9/7 from 11am to 4pm, Friday 9/8 from 9am to 3pm, and Saturday 9/9 (if necessary) from 10am to noon. If you'd like to volunteer, please email Carrie Dugai at [cdugai@restorationrva.org](mailto:cdugai@restorationrva.org).

Many hands make light work, so help if you can, even if it's just for an hour or two.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Discover Restoration: October 13-14

DNOW: February 16-18

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Weekend to Remember

Do you want to strengthen your marriage? Want to enjoy a meaningful and romantic getaway with your spouse? Weekend to Remember will be in Williamsburg on November 17-19, 2017. Also, FamilyLife will be offering "buy one get one free" on registration from 8/28 to 9/18. To get this pricing, [REGISTER HERE](#) with our church's group name: "Restoration4Marriage".

For more information, please contact Phil and Joy Gerk at (804) 550-0590 or [pmgerk@gmail.com](mailto:pmgerk@gmail.com).

### Financial Peace University Classes

will begin this fall starting Tues., 9/19 at 7:00pm at the church office, 10465 Dow Gill Rd., Suite A, Ashland, VA 23005 and will continue 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.

Register at the following link:

<https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1043529>

## CHILDREN

### KIX - Fall Registration

Registration for KIX has begun. This program focuses on growing kids (Kindergarten - 5th grades) with the life skills to become great adults. KIX will be held at Pearson's Corner Elementary on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:15pm starting 9/13 Click the following to register: <http://tinyurl.com/y958lu7f>. Contact Denise Wicklein at [dwicklein@restorationrva.org](mailto:dwicklein@restorationrva.org) with any questions.

## YOUTH

### Crosswalk

Middle schoolers! Join us on Wednesday evenings as we focus more in-depth on relevant issues and relate them to biblical truths.

Crosswalk will be held EVERY OTHER Wednesday at Pearson's Corner Elementary Library from 6:00pm-7:30pm, starting September 13th.

Please use the link below to register today!

<http://tinyurl.com/y7shxqcv>

Crosswalk needs your help!! If you'd like to volunteer please register below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844a9aa2da0f85-crosswalk>

### Restoration Confirmation Cohorts

Confirmation Cohorts are open to 8th and 9th graders who attend Restoration Church. They will be given the opportunity to learn about our church, grow in their faith and make faith decisions of their own. At the end of the cohort, each student will be able to attend the Discover Restoration class in the spring and join the church if they are ready.

Confirmation cohorts will be held at Oak Knoll Middle School from 9:00-9:50am on Sunday mornings, beginning on September 10th.

Please use the link below to register your child!

<http://tinyurl.com/ycncdlak>

## **Youth Band Registration is Open**

Our beginning band, Launch meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00 throughout the school year. Most new band members will join Launch, but there is the possibility of older, more skilled students being moved to Generation, which meets on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:15. If you are interested in joining youth band, just complete an application and Sharlene Libby, youth band director, will get back to you. If you have any questions, you can email Sharlene at [youthbands@restorationrva.org](mailto:youthbands@restorationrva.org). The link to register is <http://www.restorationrva.org/youth-worship-team.html>

**Launch will begin rehearsals on September 6.** All new and interested youth band members are welcome to attend that rehearsal, hear about the schedule for the year, and decide if they want to sign up. Launch rehearsals will NOT conflict with Crosswalk meetings this year; we will work around meetings and plan a special monthly rehearsal with Generation. **Generation will begin regular rehearsals on September 14.**

## **Youth Small Groups Registering Now**

If you are returning as a small group leader for the 2017-2018 school year, please register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y94s8jha>

Youth Small Groups begin again the week of September 11th! We need everyone who is participating to please register below. Your registration helps us to make preparations for our small groups and get needed contact information to our small group leaders! You can also purchase this year's small group t-shirt when you register for small groups!

## **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.

### **BUDGET INFORMATION**

If you're interested in a church budget update or would like other financial information, please contact Carrie Dugai at [cdugai@restorationrva.org](mailto:cdugai@restorationrva.org)

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