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Restoration For The Week

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Changed Lives Through Restoration Church

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For almost four years, I have spent Wednesday mornings as a group leader for the McShin Foundation. For me, it started at a meeting in a small room in a Lakeside church basement; they needed someone to bring 'witness'. Boy did I feel out of my element that night when I thought "I was just there for the dinner"! That was God making me feel very uncomfortable and four years later I wouldn't miss a week for the world.

The tools that Restoration has shared, like Right Now Media, have been instrumental for our group. As technology starved participants, they latch onto the message. A sermon with a verse or an illustration can be developed into an activity that ties back to what applies to their life. Also, they get to hear a church message that wasn't written for 'recovery', but was written for real life. This helps them take something 'just for today' and understand there's a plan for their lives that God is writing.

Four years ago, I wouldn't have ever thought I would have learned as much as I have, and I am still just scratching the surface about a population that is struggling so deeply. Even though the Wednesday group is growing, and it's a good thing that there's a safe place with open doors and 70x7 forgiveness, there are big questions about what support they'll have when it's time to go. As a region, we haven't made too many strides to welcome the community of addiction. For example, the neighbors in Lakeside call the police regularly, when it's uncalled for. And, just as recently as two weeks ago, the East End stunted McShin's request to put a post-incarceration recovery facility near the airport. Hanover has one home, that was fought tooth and nail. I would love to see the shame of addiction erased, so that we can pray for, come alongside, and walk in recovery with those who need it.

If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to

Godstories@restorationrva.org

WHAT'S NEW

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>

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/ycgg529p>

UPCOMING

Y Serve - Your Invitation to Do Something Wonderful This Summer!

What?	Serve lunch and love on some wonderful young people at the Ashland YMCA Summer Day Camp
Who?	Adults, youth, small groups, etc. Sign up for one day or all 5 days!
When?	Mon., 7/31 - Fri., 8/4 - 11:00a.m. - 1:30p.m. (5 days)
Where?	Patrick Henry YMCA, 217 Ashcake Rd., Ashland 23005
What's Involved?	<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 or text or call @ 804-241-6946! Tom will maintain the schedule & keep you posted.

Ties That Bind - July 11 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Katie Hamann, a senior relocation specialist with Door to Door Solutions, will be our guest. She will be offering us helpful tips on downsizing, whether we are planning an upcoming move or not!

Location: 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, July 6: If you receive an email invitation, please reply to that email with the number of guests coming. Otherwise, you may call Restoration Church at 804-299-3475.

Rising 6th Grade Gathering

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 6th for a rising 6th grade gathering at Will and Susan Tyler's house from 6-8pm!! We will have pizza, games, and will share with our new middle schoolers all of the activities and events that await them in middle school!! The Tyler's address is 8127 Timberlake Lane. Please email Jen at jwilliams@restorationrva.org if you plan to attend.

Middle School Pool Party

at the Phipps home on 7/10 from 6 - 8pm. Contact Jen Williams at jwilliams@restorationrva.org with questions.

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 or Tina Bright at brightwv@yahoo.com.

FELLOWSHIP

Dinner at the Table

There will be opportunities over the summer to "gather at the table" with others for fellowship at a host home. Dates are July 18, August 12. Choose one or all 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

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

YOUTH SMALL GROUP PARENT SURVEY:

Parents - We would love to hear from you as we are already beginning preparations for small groups to begin again in the fall!! Please take this short survey to give us important information that is vital to our planning for next year!

<https://jenwilliams1.typeform.com/to/fa99PR>

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

High School Student: trunc.us/2132e3

Middle School Parent: trunc.us/3964bB

Middle School Student: 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

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

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