

Women's Ministry Newsletter



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“Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to lead your organization to success. Should you or any member of your team fail, the Secretary will disavow you. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds.”

This is how every episode of Mission Impossible, a TV series, began. The main character Ethan Hunt is honor-bound to his sacred duty, to do whatever must be done to keep the world safe. He was the world's guardian angel.

Fortunately for us, this isn't the way God works. He gave us His mission for us with ample scripture to complete the task. He also gives us a helper to go before us, The Holy Spirit. And His word doesn't destruct in five seconds. It endures forever.

What exactly is a mission? It is a task that has been assigned or begun. A task that is regarded as a very important duty. Do each of us have a mission? Who gave that mission to us?

The mission of God flows directly through every believer and every community of faith that adheres to Jesus. What is the mission He has given us? Karen Johnson has described this to us on the following page...

February Challenge

Read Hebrews 11.

Pray over this passage, thanking God for his faithfulness, and asking him to reveal more of himself to you.

Is your faith active? What is one way you can share the good news with others this month?

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

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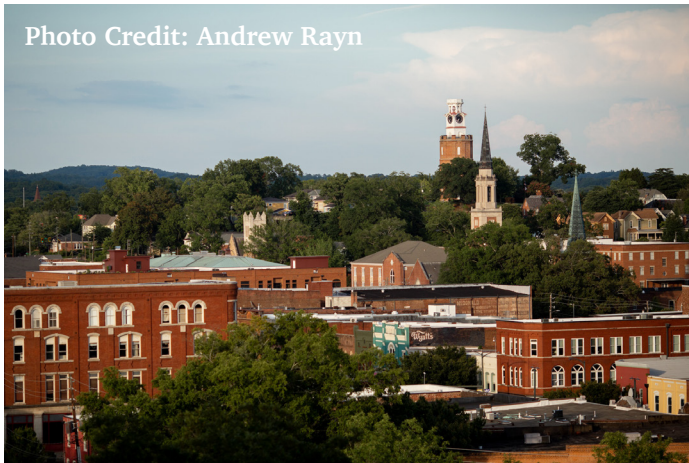


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On Missions... Without a Passport

by Karen Johnson

Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:32

Are you a believer? Then you, my friend, are a missionary! Yes, YOU... a missionary right here in Rome, Georgia. It is not an option to all who call Jesus "Lord". We are not all evangelists in the formal sense, but we have all received gifts that we can use to fulfill His Great Commission. Matthew 28:19 says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations." That means everywhere which includes this small pin drop on the map called Rome, Georgia. You are here at this perfect time for a purpose. You are called to glorify our Lord by doing His will. His will is for believers to testify to who He is and further His kingdom. To be a part of God's plan...how marvelous! How exciting! Use us, O Mighty God!

So, let's dust off our boots, renew a right spirit, and get to the most incredible mission ever set forth! You were made for "such a time as this", 2022 and beyond. Jesus is calling you on a wonderful adventure...one He commands of us, not asks of us. Are you up for the call?

2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And we with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." When we have truly spent quality time with the Lord, it shows...through our countenance, our words and actions, and our continual commitment to serve Him as our personal Lord and Savior. We all have a story. As a believer, our story includes Jesus. We should be bursting at the seams to testify of His unfailing goodness, His love, and His acts of redemption for all who call upon His holy name. As Pastor Schwartz spoke of shining God's glory, he called it "going public" with the beauty of God. It is not difficult to tell of His wonders and amazing grace!

John 4:35 says, "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest." Today, we see the world in all its worldliness... "there is nothing new under the sun." We see the lost. The harvest is ripe and waiting on us to work the fields! There is much work to be done. Who do you encounter in your home, your extended family, your work environment, walking the streets, etcetera? Also, we should always remember the widows, orphans, and the prisoners. These people are your mission field, all day every day. May we continually fix our eyes upward as we keep them focused outward.

We all were born with the bent toward sin, toward running from God. He calls us to His own. We stop, turn, and follow Him or we don't. We believe we need a Savior or we don't. In Mark Cahill's book, *One Heartbeat Away*, he states that not turning to Jesus is the default of sitting on the fence. As he goes on to say...SATAN OWNS THE FENCE!

Our mission is to see that we have listened to God's call and He uses us as vessels to bring sinners, as ourselves, to the saving grace and knowledge of Jesus the Christ...the winning team! We need Him to the FULL! Give Him all the praise and honor and glory He most rightly deserves!

There is a mighty battle to be won! ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

"Blessed is the one who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Volunteers Needed!

Dinners for the Ruth & Naomi House

by Chris Morgan

FPC has committed to take dinners for the Ruth and Naomi House, a shelter for women and children, every 3rd Thursday of the month. You can do this alone or with a friend! Meals are needed on the following days:

February 17	April 21	May 19
June 16	July 21	August 18



Delivery is between 5:00 - 5:30 PM. You can make home-made meals, order to go, or have it delivered. If you are interested, please contact chris@romemorgans.com or 770-608-2121 for more detailed information.



A Missional Mindset & Glimpses of Heaven

by Shanna Mast

Until moving to Kenya in 2016, I had always called Rome, Georgia home. Throughout my college years at Berry, my worldview dramatically grew through short-term missions trips and studying abroad. I can see now that God was clearly at work in my heart, preparing me for long-term ministry on the mission field.

My husband, Nate, and I have spent the last five years working with Bluesky Ministries, focusing on teaching and discipling teenagers and young adults. We primarily work with youth who are from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. I truly feel like working with these teens is a glimpse of what Heaven will be like...people from every tribe and tongue, coming together to worship Jesus!

Moving to full-time ministry overseas was definitely a challenge, as it took us quite a while to find our "footing" in a new country. We also became parents soon after moving to Kenya, which added to our adjustment. Over our time on the field, God has been so gracious to allow our ministry to bear visible fruit...we've been so encouraged to see many students grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus! We are thankful to be vessels God is using to change hearts!

Living in a third world country has taught me a great deal, and given me a new perspective on life. I love hearing stories from folks I meet, and I've grown in my appreciation for simpler things. Oftentimes, life in America can focus heavily on consumerism, whereas Kenyan culture often demonstrates a lifestyle focused on community. I am encouraged by the deep faith of those who have less possessions, yet powerful testimonies of God's provision and love.

Currently, we are in the U.S. for Nate's cancer treatment. We hope to return to Kenya in February. This season has been challenging and we've had to truly lean on the Lord to provide strength for each day. Through these last few months, I am able to see the change that has taken place in my own heart...a great shift to now calling Kenya "home" and the longing to be back in full-time ministry. We are excited to jump back into ministry and return to our beloved city, Nairobi!

To learn more about and support Nate & Shanna's ministry in Kenya, visit <https://allthewaytoafrika.org/support/>

Escape the Daily Hustle: Retreating Matters

by Emily Katherine Johnson

When we think about the life of Moses, we tend to think about the big moments—parting the Red Sea, leading Israel, receiving the Ten Commandments—but what we may not remember is the period of time he went into hiding. Upon murdering a man he saw abusing an Israelite slave, Moses fled to the wilderness. It was there, away from the demands of palace life, the sounds of the busy streets and growing structures, and the daily pulls for his attention, God called Him to incredible things. It was there, where he thought he was hidden, Moses not only encountered a burning bush, but met his wife and one of his most trusted advisors, his father-in-law, Jethro.

So why do we retreat? To escape the hustle of everyday life to experience God in new ways, to listen to His voice, and to build relationships we didn't know we needed. Our hope is our time at Camp Skyline will not only be fun and a great way to make a new friend, but a time to connect with God while we take a short break from our everyday to-do lists, schedules, and appointments.



Meet Our Retreat Speaker

Tanya Dean



We are excited to have as our retreat speaker, Tanya Dean. Many of you know her and have attended her Bible Studies. She is a Mississippi girl. She and her husband, Dr. Mark Dean have two children.

Tanya is a dynamic speaker and is passionate about sharing the word of God. Her desire is to see women fully surrender and experience how losing one's life truly does open the way to finding it! *"Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."* Matthew 10:39

We are excited about what God will show us through this Hope Encounter on March 25-26 at Camp Skyline!



February Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Charla Brewster	2	3	4	5 Paula Newman
6 Sara Congdon Chris Morgan	7	8 Amanda Davidson	9 Mandy Williams	10 Pam Ekey Christine Hostetler	11 Martha House Julie Mooring	12 Margaret Graham
13 Nan Marie Cash Elisabeth Peulausk	14 	15 Virginia Guth	16	17 Rebecca Stansell	18 Elizabeth Ponder	19 Becky Robinson
20	21	22 Yvonne Miller	23 	24	25 Ashley Evans	26 Phyllis Pemerton
27 Julie Shaw	28	29 Joan Brock				

Upcoming Events

Women's Retreat
 March 25 - 26 at Camp Skyline
 Register online beginning Feb. 1

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



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