

SERMON SERIES ON YOUR GOD-GIVEN LIFE MISSION

Two weeks ago Pastor Steve began a sermon series on “Your Life Mission.” Over the next several weeks we are encouraged to prayerfully consider who we are in Christ and what we are called to do. One recommended exercise is to write out a mission statement for your life in one sentence.

According to Laurie Beth Jones in The Path: Creating Your Mission Statement For Work And For Life, a good mission statement:

1. Is no longer than one sentence.
2. Is readily understood by a 12 year old.
3. Can be recited at gunpoint from memory.

Some other guidelines:

- Your mission comes from God and is directed to His glory.
- Your mission fulfills the Great Commandment to love God and to love people.
- Your mission includes both being and doing, identity and vocation, who you are and what you do.
- Your mission is large enough to span the seasons of a lifetime, often taking different shapes and roles.
- But your mission is specific enough to be unique and truly “you”.
- Your mission can only be fully discerned and lived out in community.
- A good mission statement is focused and motivating. Writing it down makes it concrete and helps to say “yes” and “no” with greater clarity and wholeheartedness.

****** Don’t worry about your sentence being the once for all revelation from God, let it be the best you know right now, and a tool to help you follow Jesus.

Opportunities for participation

- Any questions, topics, or Biblical texts to consider for future sermons?
- No “exercise” is perfect, but would you consider writing your life mission in one sentence?
- Would you be willing to share your one sentence mission statement in print or as a testimony?
- Interested in a small group that would help you to craft your mission statement and to live it out?

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Children's Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 am-12:15pm

Infants and Toddlers (0-2) Nursery provided corner room next to the women's restroom.

2 year olds: "Hands-On Bible" Sunday school class followed by childcare, *Blue Door Room* downstairs.

9:00am-10:30am

3 years – K: "The Atrium" Sunday School with Maria Kaminstein and volunteers, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

9:00am- Elementary children in Worship (grades 1-6)

These children attend the first part of 9am worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through service* to attend Sunday school as listed below:

Grades 1-3, Rotation Sunday School, downstairs, *Brown Door Room*.

Grades 4-6 "Tweens", Sunday School Class upstairs in *Orange Door Room*

10:30am-12:15pm Children ages 2-5 childcare downstairs, *Red Door Room* during the 10:45am worship service.

11:00am-12:15pm Children grades K through 6th, will attend the first half of the 10:45 worship service and will be dismissed to attend **Lighthouse Kids** in the *gym* with Pastor "T".

NEWS FOR YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES

THIS WEEK AT NPC...

- Sunday, February 19
 - 9:30-10:30: **Confirmation Class A** (gr. 7-8)
 - Confirmation is a year-long opportunity for junior high students to learn the basics of Christian faith and decide if they would like to confirm the faith professed by their parents at baptism, or to be baptized, and to join the church. Another identical class will be offered on Wednesday nights.
 - 9:30-10:30: **Purpose Driven Life Intergenerational Sunday School**
 - High school students and beyond are invited to join youth intern, Dan Wonneberger, along with other adults and students to explore further this idea of living an intentional, purpose-driven, missional life. This will flow wonderfully from Pastor Steve's preaching series. Come once or every week!
 - 5:00-6:30: **Junior High Youth Group**
 - Come and play games, eat snacks and hang out with one another and then Grapple together with the questions of life and faith
 - 6:15-8:00: **SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
 - Join us as we meet together at David Fraser's forum on the Bible and Sexuality. This will be an opportunity for us to wrestle together as fellow members of this church on important issues of culture and Christianity. The forum starts at 6:30, but we will have ice cream available for anyone who would like some at 6:15 in the parlor!
- Wednesday, February 22
 - 5:45-6:30: **Church Dinner**
 - 6:30-7:00: **Youth Choir Practice** (open to anyone 7th-12th grade)
 - 7:00-8:00: **Ash Wednesday Service**
- Saturday, February 25
 - 8:15-4:00: **Work Day at the Philadelphia Project**
 - All junior high to senior adults are invited for a day of painting & repair at Mt Airy Presbyterian Church to prepare for this summer's Philadelphia Project. If you are interested please sign up through the youth page on the website.
- Sunday, February 26
 - 9:30-10:30: **Intergenerational Sunday School/Confirmation A**
 - 5:00-6:30: **Junior High Youth Group**
 - 6:15-8:00: **Senior High Bible Study: "The Bible & Sexuality"**

questions?

Junior High: email Clay - cbrisbois@narberthpres.org
High School: email Allie - abrisbois@narberthpres.org
youth.narberthpres.org (phone – 610-664-4880 x12)

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“Headlines” for 2012

Sunday Morning:

8:00am Scripture Study of the Day – Debbie Watson

The 8am Adult Class continues into 2012! Each Sunday we gather in the Parlor to enjoy freshly brewed coffee, homemade coffee cake, and thoughtful conversation centered on the Bible passages for the morning worship service. Why not join us for what is always a time of friendship, encouragement, and greater appreciation for the words of scripture? **Led by Deborah Watson, Parlor**

9:30am – The Prodigal God - Finding Your Place at the Table

Do you know the parable of the “Prodigal Son”? It’s all about the “bad boy” who left with his father’s riches, squandered them, saw his failure and repented, and was restored to the family at a party, right? Come with us on Sunday mornings for the next six weeks and let Tim Keller open this parable to its fullest extent. There are two other players in this drama that need to be understood: The elder brother and the father. This parable is about being lost and being found. Could it be that both brothers were lost and only the father could bring them home? This will be a great time of discussion about our own particular brand of lostness, and how we might better savor the opportunity of being at home.

Led by Norm Johanson. Location: Gym

9:30am – A 6-week Intergenerational Class on “The Purpose Driven Life”

Led by Dan Wonneberger, Youth Intern

The Purpose Driven Life Small Group Curriculum is a six-week, video-based small group study of The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren---the book Publishers Weekly declared the 'bestselling nonfiction hardback in history.' The six video lessons are taught by Rick Warren, and are supplemented by small group discussion material in the accompanying study guide. When combined with the reading of Warren’s book, this study provides the opportunity to discuss the implications and applications of these life-changing truths. You'll see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created you to live. **Location: Parlor**

10:30 am - Human Trafficking in Our Back Yard (Jan 15 – Feb 19)

What does human trafficking look like? How can we become change agents here at home, in our own backyards? Join us for lively guided discussion about these and other questions. We’ll be using a new book by Nita Belles, *In Our Backyard: A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States*. The book takes us into the lives of actual victims, survivors and traffickers. It also invites us to examine ourselves, and offers ways we can become involved right now in fighting this modern-day slavery.

If possible, please use the sign-up sheet to register for the course. Books will be available for purchase (\$15) at our first class meeting. Check out customer reviews at Amazon.com.

Led by Elouise Renich Fraser. Location: Parlor

2012 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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A comprehensive night of fellowship and teaching for the whole family of God:

5:45 PM – teams of rotating volunteers provide a meal

(modest donation encouraged.)

Children: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Children's activities for pre-schoolers through 6th grade.

See details on next page

Youth: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM:

6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal, followed by

Junior High Confirmation meets on the second floor. (Youth Lounge)

High School Youth Group meets on the second floor. (Youth Room)

Adults 7:00– 8:00 PM- classes in Parlor, Chapel

“Unbound: Freedom in Christ” Class led by Sue Wenger

Location: Resource Room

Come join us as we learn a Biblical, Christ-centered way to experience deeper freedom in Christ. Through DVD teachings from an *Unbound: Freedom in Christ* conference, Neal and Janet Lozano will lead us through a Scripturally-based, practical prayer model that will help you achieve greater understanding, peace, and love in your Christian journey. Topics include:

- * What it means to have freedom in Christ
- * How to overcome sinful patterns in your life
- * How to forgive in a way that releases love and peace
- * How to embrace your full identity and destiny in Christ
- * How to minister effectively to others in prayer

Walking The Gospel (Examining the Hurdles of Personal and Corporate Christian Outreach)

We have all heard Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations, yet our daily lives are so full of other activities and competing priorities that we seldom walk through our daily routine with the goal of taking the good news of redemption and grace out to the world. If you desire to develop a more outreach focused lifestyle, are open to examining your personal struggles in this aspect of life in Christ, and want to do something that will effect change in the world around you, then join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Chapel. Our format is a discussion based study in which we utilize the Scriptures as we seek to discern the things that hinder us from following through with the work Jesus commissioned us to do. **Led by Ryan Braddock & John Deaton, Location: Chapel**

Disciple I – continues in Parlor

An overview of the entire Bible in a one-year class led by Pastor Steve

2012 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
Africa Inland Mission - Elliot
Campus Crusade for Christ - Darwin
Campus Crusade for Christ - Hall
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now)
Cornerstone Christian Academy
Corrymeela Community – North Ireland
Esperanza Health Center
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary - Tushima
Global Mapping International - Todd
Greater Europe Mission- Loeffler
Habitat for Humanity - Camden
Habitat for Humanity – N. Central Philadelphia
House of His Creation
InterServe-USA - Kennedy
InterServe-USA - Shepard
Intervarsity – Kathleen Thomas
Kingdom Connect - Duffy
Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
Latin America Mission- Woodbury
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
New Hope International - Paulson
Presby's Inspired Life
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Presbyterians for Renewal (Wee Kirk)
Presbytery of Philadelphia General Mission
SIM USA - Jewell
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
Timothy Academy
Wycliffe Bible Translators - Shaw
Wycliffe Bible Translators - Shannon
Wycliffe Bible Translators - Underwood
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Alice Richardson
Jane Murray
Kathy McLean
Bob Moore
Terry Weyant
Mindy Dickinson
Joyce Lewis
Lally / Hartsock
Greg Esterhai
Joe Sun
Susan Hurst
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Linda Behmke
Melissa Esterhai
Susan Adams
Jack Boehringer

Ken & Sally Kapner
Curt Haring
Helga Sauter
Helga Sauter
Philip & Sherry Beebe
Open
Open
Steve Weed
Scott Todd
Helga Sauter
Susan Adams
Georgia Ward
Meg McKinley
Carol Heller
Margie Nathanson
Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Tonight from 6:30-8:00pm, Dr. David Fraser** will continue a 4-week adult education forum on **“The Bible and Sexuality.”** With an interactive format, we will consider some of the tough issues of sexuality in light of the authority and interpretation of Scripture.
Feb 19: The Bible’s Surprises about Marriage
Feb. 26: The Bible’s Orientation on (Homo)sexuality
March 4: The Church’s Responsibility toward Sexuality
We will look at both contemporary realities that face us and the main texts of Scripture that shape our identity and practice as followers of Jesus Christ. All are welcome. Childcare provided. We will meet in the Chapel.
- † **A New 6-week Explorers’ Class** has begun, and is being led by Pastor Steve and Debbie. **The Explorers’ Class** is designed for newcomers and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere for discussing our relationship with Christ, opportunities for growth and service at NPC, and what it means to be Presbyterian Christians. Childcare and great snacks are provided!
- † **All Men Are Invited to the Men’s Power Breakfast This Tuesday at the Country Squire Diner (Note: New Day!)**
Would you like to get to know other men in the church? Then join us this Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. for the “Power Breakfast” at the Country Squire Diner. You’ll enjoy fun fellowship, informal bible study, honest sharing and loads of laughs! The Country Squire Diner is located at 2560 West Chester Pike in Broomall at the intersection of Route 3 and Route 320 – just a short ride from Narberth and minutes from the Blue Route. For more info, contact Steve Harrison at 215.298.4189 or email him at steveaction@rtir.com
- † **Divorce Recovery: DivorceCare.** Do you know someone who is hurting? It’s hard to know how to help someone, including yourself, who is going through a divorce or separation. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. DivorceCare is a 13-week seminar and support group. You could help someone be blessed by letting them know. **DivorceCare for Kids** is a special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. DC4K provides a safe, fun place where the children learn to understand their feelings, express their emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves, and develop coping skills. Pastor T (Terry Weyant) will be leading this program.
Both groups start February 21st. Look for the brochures near the entrances or contact Kate Layman or Dennis Gee at 610.664.1505, visit www.divorcecare.org, or just email divorcecare@narberthpres.org.

- † **Next meeting of Orphan Care Ministry:** We gather to learn about the global orphan crisis, cast a vision for the ministry, and pray through Scripture together. Come to the Parlor on **Thursday, February 23rd**, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. E-mail Jessica Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Valerie Foley (valerie@vfoley.com) with any questions.

- † **Calling all young adults – 20's and 30's!** On Thursday nights in March from 6:30 – 8:30pm there will be a fellowship gathering for young adults. Each night will include a fabulous meal. DVD message by John Ortberg on our identity in Christ, “The Me I Want To Be”, and small group discussion. We are praying for such a significant turnout that we will meet in the gym. Childcare provided. Please sign up in the Chapel, or call or email the church office.. **March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.**

- † **Sticky Faith Parenting Groups:** Join with other parents to discuss ways you can live out your faith in front of your kids in word and deed in order to help them develop lasting “sticky” faith! **Starting the second week in March**, two 5-week small groups will be forming, one on Sunday nights and the other on Thursday nights. Both groups will meet every other week and will be a place to hear wisdom from those who have gone before, to share struggles and ideas, and to pray for one another. Whether your child is 17 months or 17 years, this class is for you! Sign up in the chapel or email Allie Brisbois at abrisbois@narberthpres.org.

- † **Kids! Parents! Volunteers! Save the date for “Sky” Vacation Bible Club 2012: June 18 – 22, 9am – noon. Come fly with us!**

- † **Baby Bottle Drive -Week 4** Don't forget to keep feeding your adopted baby bottles as you share your spare change, currency or checks. Please remember the men, women and children that Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Centers provide help for. Amnion just celebrated the birth of several bouncing baby boys and girls. Amnion looks forward to serving them and their mommies and daddies this year with diapers, wipes, food and clothing. They also look forward to sharing the Gospel of Truth that sets the captives free during counseling sessions and parenting classes. If you would like to know more about Amnion visit www.amnion.org or call (610) 622-9957 or (610) 444-7172.

- † **Connect with God** - If you would like to spend some quality time with the creator of the universe, there is no better place than the Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville. We invite you to a weekend of prayerful silence and reflection that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on **Friday March 9th and return Sunday March 11th** about 3pm. \$140 covers private room and meals. No experience necessary. Contact Dave Bellamy dbellamy@narberthpres.org 610-520-9382 for more information. Register at www.narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is February 23. (note: February Spires listed the wrong weekend. The correct dates are **March 9-11.**)

- † **Please take a look**..... at the table in the Chapel with **dishes and kitchen items**, for anything you may have left behind or for something that was returned by a grateful recipient.
- † **Donating Blood—The Gift of Life—Monday, March 26, in NPC's Gym**
NPC's Red Cross Blood Drive will take place between 1:00 – 7:15 PM on Monday, March 26. This is a great opportunity for each of us to give the gift of life--literally--to countless individuals needing blood in our region. Whether due to elective surgery or unforeseen accidents, the need is great! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Chapel in early March. Please plan now however to be a part of this life-giving ministry of our Church. Thank you and God bless you.
- † **Young Life is celebrating the 70th anniversary** of its ministry to young people with a regional reunion event at Springfield Country Club the evening of April 1st. For detailed information, please reference **ThankYou70.com**. Please share this news with your Young Life friends.
- † **The Annual Black History Celebration for the Presbytery of Philadelphia** will be held next Sunday afternoon, February 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Oxford Presbyterian Church at 8501 Stenton Avenue in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia. The theme of the day is “Walk With Us” which is the theme of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus (NBPC) for this year. The Rev. Dr. Arlene Gordon, new NBPC President, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Gordon recently retired as the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida. In addition to Dr. Gordon, the celebration will feature local church choirs and congregational singing. Everyone is invited to take part in this celebration of the heritage of Black Presbyterians within our denomination.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 19

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Sunday School, Parlor & Gym
10:30am Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
5:00pm Youth Group, Gym
3:30-5:30pm Explorers' Class #2, Parlor
6:30-8:00pm David Fraser's Class: The Bible & Sexuality, Chapel

Monday, February 20

Office Closed – Presidents' Day
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Prayer group (open to all), Prayer Room
7:00pm Stretch & Relax Class, Chapel

Tuesday, February 21

6:45am Men's Power Breakfast at the Country Squire, Broomall
7:00am Men's Prayer Brkft, Ardmore IHOP
11:00am Sr. Adults Lunch @ Paoli Diner
7:00pm New DivorceCare group begins-Adults @ Gee's. Kids with Pastor T
7:00pm Task Force Meeting, Parlor
(No Session Meeting tonight)

Wednesday, February 22

5:00pm Open prayer group, Debbie's Office
5:45pm Family Supper, Gym
6:30pm Nursery Care & all children's and youth classes/activities
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 23

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
6:30pm Orphan Care Ministry meeting, Parlor
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

YouthServe-The Philadelphia Project

Sunday, February 26

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
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10:30am Sunday School, Parlor
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5:00pm Youth Group, Gym
3:30-5:30pm Explorers' Class #3, Parlor
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Each Week

Christian Nursery School – Jennifer Addy, Director, 610-664-8890
2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Friday. Also, Sunday at 4:30pm in the Choir Room

Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

Feb 28 7:00pm Missions Committee
Feb 28 7:00pm Community Care Team
Feb 28 7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting
Mar 2 6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Mar 3 9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor
Mar 8, 22 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor