

Victory voice

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When dreams come alive...

[As I was working on an article for this month's newsletter, I received this email from Emily Griswold. Emily is one of our young, very anointed missionaries with a passion for children born or sold into prostitution and slavery in a part of the world we may never see. As I read, immediately, the Holy Spirit told me to share this with you. With Emily's permission, I have included it below. As you read, be so very thankful for the freedom we celebrate this month, and for the freedom Christ bought for us on the cross of Calvary! —Pastor Dave]



Today someone asked me what my dream in life is. Actually, it was me asking myself under pressure to post something new on our website. Here's what I initially came up with:

"That one day I will live in a world where ice cream is for dinner, where there really is a Starbucks on every corner (selling only fair-trade coffee, of course), where money really does grow on trees, and where siestas (afternoon naps) are a regimented part of society."

That's a slightly ridiculous answer, I know (except for the part about the ice cream, that is serious...and the part about naps). But reflecting on this question of dreams made me wonder. *What are my dreams?* I've been raised under the banner of the Great American Dream. What does that even mean, the "American Dream?" To have money? To be successful? To be known? To decide what I want to do and "just do it?" I don't know.

Two summers ago I lived in Kolkata, India, and I spent my nights with precious boys and girls who spend *their* days and nights living and breathing the red light district. These kids are incredible. Some of the most extraordinary kids I know come from that area. They are resilient, joyful, and still full of dreams in the midst of incredibly challenging life circumstances (I'm not sure "incredibly challenging" even touches on the hardships they face).

One afternoon, I asked a group of girls I was working with about their dreams in life. Here is what a few of them said:

"I want to be away from this place...Trees will surround the house with the birds chirping everywhere... There will be no police raids and I do not have to run and hide...There will be peace...That's my dream." "I dream of my own house in a peaceful place...I will be safe there. We can fearlessly play...I can enjoy free life there." "Being a girl has always been a problem here...So I want to be in a place where I can live peacefully with my family. I dream of a house surrounded by trees and a pond...ducks swimming in the pond, children playing peacefully. There will be a Sunday School in that place. We will have no fear of disease there...I really dream about that Dream Home." "I want to live in a place where I will have no fear."

Thinking about their dreams again today struck a new chord in my heart. Somewhere on the other side of the globe, and even in our own backyard, there are kids whose dream is simply "no fear," and "safety," and "new life." Their dreams for tomorrow, about becoming a dancer or a doctor or a teacher or an astronaut, hinge on the safety and quality of their life today.

Sure, I love the concept of endless caffeinated goodness around every corner, and I adore the idea of mandated ice-cream dinners and easily accessible money, but I think today is a good day for me to reevaluate what my dreams are and ask the Lord to align my dreams with His.

Keeping in mind that it is He who is able to fulfill HIS dreams for our lives...that He is able to rescue, redeem and restore, and make possibilities out of impossible circumstances....*What are YOUR dreams?*

Living the journey,

Emily

(Isaiah 61:1-7— Space will not allow me to print this here, but **PLEASE READ!**)

Kwips from Kathy...will resume next month. Healing is taking place!

Warriors of Worship



Pastor Len Burdick

THE ORIGINAL COURIERS

at Potomac Park Camp
Sunday, July 18, 6 PM

WOW BAND/CHOIR

at Potomac Park Camp
Thursday, July 22, 7 PM

Special Guest Speaker
SAM RIFJKOGEL

JEFF DEYO and Band

Saturday, September 18

District Worship Retreat

Sunday, September 19, 10 AM

Victory Church

WOW ROAD TRIP

Sight-and-Sound,

“JOSEPH”

Saturday, October 2

*For info on all these events,
please call the church office.*

***We exist to creatively and consistently
lead seekers and worshipers into
God’s presence, impacting thousands
of souls for eternity.***

Element News... Pastor Jeremy Laux

Here are the events that will be taking place this month...

JULY CALENDAR

7	The Element Service @7p in The Element Room
10	Jr High Student Gathering @12p in The Element Room
11	Gym Night @6p in the Gym
14	The Element Service @7p in The Element Room
21	The Element Service @7p in The Element Room
23	Split Night (more info on Wednesdays)
28	The Element Service @7p in The Element Room

Jr. High Parents and Students...

The Jr. High Student Gathering will be set up for Haley and I, along with our leaders, to meet with parents and students. We will discuss our mission, vision and give relevant information you may need as a parent and student of The Element. Please contact Karen Campbell at the Church Office to reserve your spot no later than Wed. July 7th for this event on July 10th. Hope to see you there!

Students,

Split Night is a time where Haley and female leaders will be taking the girls out. While I, along with male leaders, will be taking the guys out. More details will be given when we get closer to the event. Make sure you're there on Wednesday night to hear it.

Have a great July!

PJ

Pastor Frank Iddings



Income Statement for May 2010

Total Income	\$128,577.82
Total Expenses	\$126,160.09
Difference	\$ 2,417.73

Honor the LORD from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce;
So your barns will be filled with plenty
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10, NAS



Pastor Rob Purcell

Backyard Block Parties Ministry Fair

July 13th @ 7 p.m. the Backyard Block parties will conclude by having a "big event" for the entire church. There will be inflatables, pony rides, prizes and so much more. So make plans to join us here @ the church. See you there!!!!

Victory Church Business Luncheon

We would like you to join area business owners this month for their monthly business luncheon on Thursday, July 15th @ Noon. The luncheon is held in our church gymnasium.

Please RSVP no later than noon, Wednesday, July 14th at: 667.9400



Men's Ministry News...

~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast ~
July 17th ~ 8:30 A.M.

This ministry meets every month for breakfast in the gym. There is always great food and great fellowship. If you have never attended before, consider joining them this month and enjoy breakfast together.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Sears @ 540.545.2024.

General Information:

Communion: Every 2nd Sunday

Church Offices Closed: July 5th

Reminder: No food or drinks (including coffee) in the sanctuary, please.

The "Wednesday Night" Café
Summer Menu
Wednesdays @ 5:30 P.M. in the gym
\$6.00!

Bring your entire family and stop by the café for delicious homemade specials and á la carte items.

- 7/07: **Homemade spaghetti**
- 7/14: **Homemade Chix salad on crossaint w/chips**
- 7/21: **Pancakes, bacon & fresh fruit**
- 7/28: **Chix quesadillas w/nachos or salad**

Young Adult Ministry Jamie & Sarah Zirkle

- July 1st: Movie Night at the Alamo:
The Grown Ups. Meet at 6:30pm.
- July 8th: NO YA
- July 15th: Appleland Sports Center
- July 22nd: \$3 movie at Alamo:
Field of Dreams
- July 29th: Board game/Gym Night



FIT 2 SERVE

While the kids are on summer break...take 30 minutes and burn some calories & sweat?

Fit 2 Serve offers good music and fun fellowship as you get yourself "Fit 2 Serve". Classes meet @ 9:00 on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. They will be meeting in the gym during the summer months.

Come on.....give it a try!!!

Rainbow Express Preschool

Rainbow Express is accepting registrations for the 2010 - 2011 school year. We are serving 2, 3, and 4 year olds in our community. If you would like more information, please contact Dorcas Sturgill @ 540.667.9400, ext. 133.

Keenagers

The Keenagers will be meeting this month on Friday, July 9th @ 6 p.m. in the gym. This is a great time to get together with friends and fellowship together. Anyone 50+ years "young" is welcome to attend and bring a friend. Please remember to bring your favorite dish.

Victory Cafe

We would love to meet and greet our visitors. Stop by the Victory Café, which is located in the gym, for a cup of coffee and a snack before or after our morning service.



The Café is open Sunday mornings 9:00 - 9:45 A.M. and 11:30 - 12:30 P.M.

VICTORY CARES MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs encouragement, a hospital visitation, a phone call just to talk, or needs a ride to the doctor or the store? Would you like to be the one helping? Victory needs members who want to exercise their gift of helps!

Either way email victorycares@gmail.com or fill out the Need Form on the table in the front foyer and drop it off in the Information Room.

July 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5 Church Offices Closed	6 Backyard Block Party 7-8 p.m.	7	8	9 Keenagers 6 pm/Gym	10
11 Youth Gym Night 6 pm	12	13 Backyard Ministry Fair 7-8 p.m.	14	15 Business Luncheon 12 pm	16 Parent's Night Out 6-9 pm/Gym	17 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am
18 Butch Frye 10 AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
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