



Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

Launching Out

Full-time by Faith

The Bible says in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." You know what? We have seen that to be true time and time again - that God is faithful to provide for each and every need. I once was told the story of a man quit his job as an auto mechanic and surrendered his life to start a rescue mission. With little support and not much promised, he knew that God wanted him to go and accomplish the work that he was called to do, and so he prayed, "God, when I was working as a mechanic, my employer supplied the garage, he supplied the electricity, and he supplied the paycheck. Now that I'm working for You, I need a building, the money to pay the bills, and money to buy food. I've already got the toolbox. You gave that to me already - the Bible." And God did supply everything for him and more. In the end, God received the glory.

Similarly, we prayed and asked the Lord for wisdom. As the husband and human provider, I wanted to be wise concerning when I should give my notice at my secular job. I determined that we would not miss any of the meetings that God gave us and at the same time, I would use my vacation time wisely since I could not take unpaid time off work. Our first missions conference in March was exciting and how God worked it out was *really* cool. As a bank teller, I was required by federal law to take five consecutive days off during the year - and after some prayer, that week opened up for us to officially start deputation!

Eventually, God gave us this awesome opportunity to be here at Camp Popeye. We presented on Sunday and are here until Friday helping during the junior camp week. By the time this week is over, I will have preached twelve times! How exciting for us to be involved in this way. I, personally, was called to preach while attending a junior camp as a third grader. With no more vacation time to use, I had to plan my resignation and give the bank notice of my departure. We celebrated with a pizza party and left with a good testimony. Now that I am just a customer, I can witness verbally and give Gospel tracts to people at the bank. With the decision to launch out with just ten percent of our support, we know there may be some who may not understand this decision, but we must encourage you to look at our God. He has proven Himself every step of the way. Faith does not always make logical sense and does not answer all of our questions since God's ways are far above our ways. Who can fully comprehend how an infinite God? I sure cannot. We just try to follow as best as we can.

Camp Popeye

Five Days to Make a Difference.

Wow, it is only Tuesday afternoon on June 23rd when I am writing this and I must say that even though camp has only begun for us in many ways, being here has been such a blessing. God has blessed with such nice weather thus far. We were concerned about that this week as we drove Saturday night in a torrential flood falling from the sky (but at least we got to stop by Chick-fil-a). God protected us in a number of ways during our drive.

Meeting these boys and girls who's ages range from seven years old to ten years old has been really neat. They are a great group of kids; most of them listen during the preaching and are pretty attentive. I was blessed last night after stepping into the boys' dorm for devotions to have one young man show me his notes from the message I had preached. We talked about spiritual things for some time while a couple of the other boys joined us. Seeing their hunger for learning about what God desires from their life was encouraging and something that I shared with Katrina when I got back to our dorm later.

The list of things about this camp that we have learned from and have been blessed by could go on and on, but we pray that by the end of this week, every camper will have a heart purposed like the Biblical Daniel to serve God faithfully.

Blogging Along

Journal of our Journey

We would like to briefly mention that we have added a blog to our website! You will find an entire page dedicated to our blog posts. We aren't professional writers or anything, but we hope you will enjoy reading about our travels and thoughts along the way.



Our marriage turned three years old this June 21st! God put us together to serve Him so that's what we are doing. When we get back from camp, we will probably go for dinner, but who would turn down the opportunity to do something *this* special - preaching to and reaching out to others? We're looking forward to what God is going to do in the next three years!

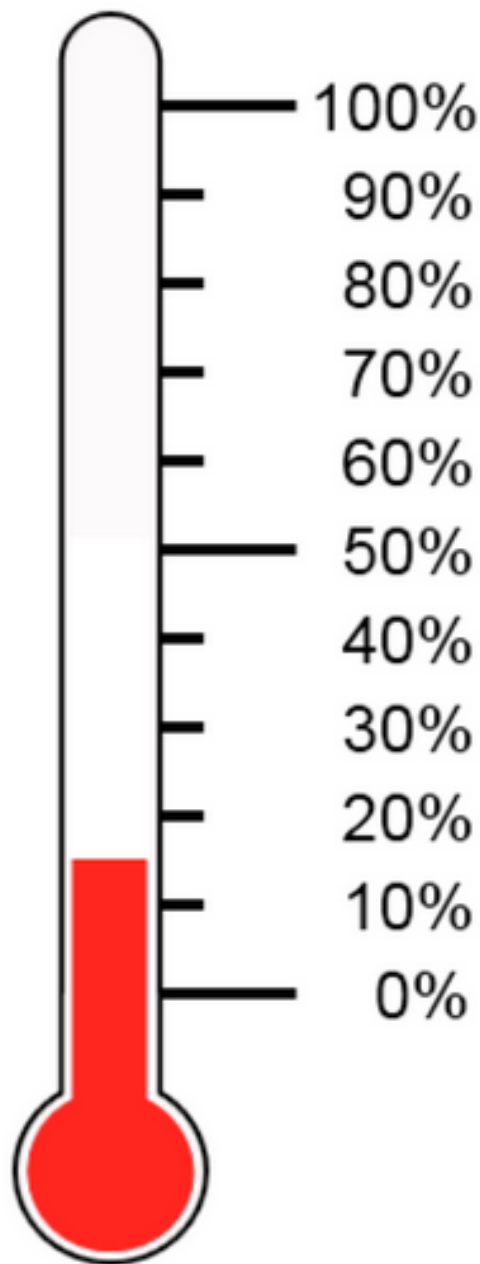


From June 22nd to June 26th we were able to help at Camp Popeye. This week's theme was Purposed in Heart from Daniel 1:8. How important it is to reach the heart of a child instead of just expecting behavior modification. What could a whole generation of kids do for God if completely purposed to do His will! (Maybe one or two will be called to Russia...) We praise the Lord for five professions of faith this week!



You know what? God even supplies our wants sometimes!

A young man gave us about \$400.00 worth of video editing programs that Jonathan can use on our MacBook Pro. He had been really wanting them for the past few months, but had decided against the purchase of them because of the price. As far as we know (maybe because it is an older version of the software), it is all legitimate and legal. Praise the Lord for these tools that will be used for His glory.



Prayer Requests

God has blessed with several new meetings that have been scheduled this month for the upcoming months ahead, but we would very much like to see our calendar jam-packed.

For additional churches to commit to faithfully supporting us.

For more open doors of opportunity to witness and share the Gospel.

For relief from allergies as Vivian is experiencing itchy eyes and a rash.

Praises

For being able to celebrate 3 years of marriage!

We praise the Lord for keeping us safe so far on the roads traveling from church to church.

God has been providing our needs and has been taking care of us. Jonathan's last day at First National Bank was June 2nd, but God has shown Himself mighty in providing now to show well He can provide later.

For the continual opportunities to present at churches and share our ministry.

For increased support!

Being able to drop by Bible Baptist Temple in Stonewood, WV and watching God add seven new members to their congregation!

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"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." - Romans 15:20-21

