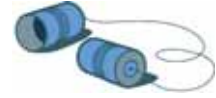


The Tie Line



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HOW TO LIVE IN THE WORLD, PART 14

In the last *Tie Line* I used stories of St. Francis and Pope Francis to show how two persons lived their faith in their world. This week I want to share a story from our niece, Colleen Myers, who lives in California, to show how she and her husband lived out their faith. She posted this story the day after the Charlottesville riots. In light of the racist white nationalism about which I have been warning for some time, I asked Colleen if I could share this story.

Colleen and Rob have committed their lives for outreach to youth at massive rave parties since 2009 through PLUR Life Ministries which they co-founded. It now has outreaches in Nevada, Texas and Florida as well as Camp 33, a spiritual adventure weekend for follow up. They go to raves to help kids in trouble and rescue those in danger. Their creativity in sharing their faith in Jesus shows through the following story.

WHY I'M GLAD THE KKK CAME TO MY HOUSE

Late one night, I went out to my car in our little neighborhood in Costa Mesa to double check that I'd locked it. In the dim light of the street lamp, I saw a full color newspaper lying on my lawn. I picked it up and read the headline...THE KKK: THE LARGEST CHRISTIAN REVIVAL MOVEMENT IN HISTORY.

I was stunned. I quickly flipped through the pages, pausing on a page that included an order

form for KKK merchandise, including little tee shirts for babies. I was sick.

I peered through the darkness to try to see who had put this on my lawn. I saw no one, but up and down the street, on the lawns of all of my neighbors, lay this newspaper full of lies. I thought of my friends up the street: a sweet Hispanic family who lived a peaceful life and threw giant parties for their children whom they treasured so much. I thought of the Jewish couple who lived on the street behind me. The gay couple who lived next door to them. The African-American family on the next street over. I was horrified. I didn't want any of them to see it.

So I ran to every lawn on my street. And then the next. I woke my husband up and asked him to help me. With angry tears, I explained that I didn't want anyone in our neighborhood to wake up to this in the morning. I had loved my neighbors as best as I could. I was a young busy mom, but I tried to always smile and wave and sometimes chat. Many of them knew we were Christians. As they went on their morning jogs and walked their little dogs, they'd wave hello to us as we packed our kids up every Sunday morning to head to church. Now this newspaper on all their lawns associated me, a Bible believing Christian, with the KKK!

Though we tried, we could not remove every newspaper from every lawn. We came back exhausted. Rob, who worked hard to provide for

us, was having the first night of good rest in months. Heartbroken, I told him to go back to bed. As he slept, I peeked in on my other sleepyheads. They were so innocent. They had no idea what the KKK was and I never wanted them to. I wished they could be protected from evil like that forever. Skin color was absolutely of no consequence to them. I smiled to myself as I recalled the time that my daughter was so devastated when someone pointed out to her that she was different than her two best friends. Her

skin was "white;" theirs was "black." She got all up in a bunch over it and loudly declared, "I'm black too!"

I know you want to read the rest of the story. You'll have to wait for the next *Tie Line*. In the meantime, pray for Colleen and Rob and their ministries!

PastorMac

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



Pray for the church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during this interim period. We must all remain close to Christ as we await the completion of our new building, and the search for a new pastor.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:7-8 (NIV)

HELP NEEDED ONE EVENING PER MONTH AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

YOU are needed to assist the Young Adult group in serving dinner at Shepherd's Table (8106 Georgia Avenue) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact *Claire* at clairegiammaria@gmail.com...or *just show up to help out*. Our next service date is **Thursday, September 7**.



MOUNT VERNON TRIP ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



If you have already signed up for this trip, plan to meet at Montgomery Hills Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. This trip is full, but you can ask Sara Reed to add your name to the wait list.

CHRISTMAS TOYS *ALREADY?*

Yes, it is way too early to think about Christmas shopping, but the stores don't think so. If you happen to see great sales on toys that would be suitable for our Food Closet clients' children, go ahead and buy them now. But don't bring them to church quite yet. The Toy Drive will be announced in a couple of months.



ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 1:00 P.M.

ARGYLE LOCAL PARK RECREATION CENTER
1030 FOREST GLEN ROAD, SILVER SPRING



FBC, IBE, and EBF are partnering for a fun afternoon of food, games and fellowship after the worship service. Mark your calendar now to save this day.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays 10:00 a.m. Takoma Park Community Center

Mondays 7:00 p.m. 10755 McGregor Dr., Columbia, MD
Contact Sara Reed 301-307-0021

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Montgomery Hills Baptist Church
Contact Sharon Husic 301-221-2607

7:30 p.m. Online Bible Study (Google Hangouts)
Contact Karen Vance kev.9900@verizon.net

****Other weekday Bible study groups will resume in September**



Do you know First Baptist Church has a Facebook presence?

No friending is needed, because it is a public group.
The name of the group is "First Baptist Church of Silver Spring", and the URL is
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FirstBaptistSilverSpring/>.

Building Fund Update	Received August 20: \$780.00
	Total Received: \$449,568.35



TAKOMA PARK FOLK FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 10 10:30 am to 6:30 pm

Takoma Middle School 7611 Piney Branch Rd

This free annual festival features music and dance from around the world on seven stages. It also includes dance workshops, children's activities, a crafts show and ethnic food from various countries.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES HANDS-ON MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 7 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

at the Baptist Building 1628 16th Street NW

Women, men and youth are invited to participate in the 6th annual workshop. We will roll bandages and learn how to make other White Cross medical supplies; pack school bags and health kits for Church World Service disaster relief, and prepare International Missions Offering materials for mailing. This workshop is free. Please make reservations or get more info at www.dcbaptist.org or 202-265-1526, or email gail.lacy@dcbaptist.org

September Birthdays



2	Scott McKibbin	18	Scott Walterman
7	Geraldine (Jerry) Orrell	20	Gerald Piercey
8	Corina Powell	23	HilariaBerinyu*
9	Parma Holt	27	Robert Chandleur
11	Precious Kortu		Geraldine Hall
12	Atsuko Guise	29	Matt Anderson
13	Linda Kreitlow		

*Indicates youth

August - September 2017 Activities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 TODAY!

2:00 p.m.

Deacons @ 11303 Amherst Ave., Wheaton

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study @ 10775 McGregor Dr, Columbia

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 @ MHBC

1:30 p.m.

Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 @ MHBC

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Food Closet (Team C)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 @ Takoma Park Community Center

10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:30 a.m.

Children's Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 @ MHBC

1:30 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Online Bible Study (Google Hangouts)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:00 p.m.

Shepherds Table @ 8106 Georgia Ave

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ MHBC

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Food Closet (Team D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ TPCC

10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:30 a.m.

Children's Bible Study



Duncan McIntosh, *Proclamation*
 Jerry Orrell, *Administrative Assistant*
 Valeria Foster, *Worship, eTL Editor*

Eric Walters, *Associate Pastor*
 Gerald Piercey, *Organist*
 Rosemary Piercey, *Celebration Ringers*

Gareth Murray, *Associate Pastor*
 Barbara Williams, *Webmaster*
 Sharon Husic, *The Tie Line*