



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Erin's Purpose



Why should we not fear hard times?

Many of us have grown up with the idea implanted in us that we should not fear anything and we should live boldly because God is on our side. This is all true, but if you're like me, you're a big thinker – an “overthinker” as some would say. Somewhere in the process of growing up and getting out of my shell, I started to ask the question “why?”. Why should we not fear hard times? Isn't it logical to worry about the future? Isn't it just a part of life – to worry?

A little over a year ago, I was going through a major transformation. I had been attending therapy, getting serious in my relationship with Jesus, and losing friends due to my growth. It was a hard, but rewarding time. However, I had a fear that haunted me nearly every day. I was so afraid that something bad was going to happen in my life because everything was going so well and I thought that it was too good to be true – I was waiting for the shoe to drop. I was worried that I would go back to the person that I was before this transformation, and that thought alone was enough to lead to even more anxiety.

I still deal with anxiety and it has always been a huge struggle in my life, however, I am learning things. In this season of my life, I learned a lot about why we shouldn't fear hard times and this comforted me greatly. I still work to put these ideas into practice, but I am so happy I have this knowledge and I would like to share it with you.

Here are 7 reasons to not fear hard times:

- 1. God will repay you. (Joel 2:25)**
- 2. God is with us. (Joshua 1:9)**
- 3. God will rescue us. (Psalm 40:1-3 MSG)**
- 4. God will use your hardship for your good. (Romans 8:28 NIV)**
- 5. The Lord is strong for you. (Psalm 28:8 NIV)**
- 6. The Lord will fight for you. (Exodus 14:14 NIV)**
- 7. We will see His goodness. (Psalm 27:13 NIV)**

Conclusion

I hope these words find you well and that you are able to be at peace, even in warfare. But just know this: these words can only do so much. You must strive to know the Lord because when you know the Lord, you have a deeper understanding of His character and His commandments suddenly sound like structure instead of restriction. Now go live a John 10:10 life without fear!

-Priya Phillips

(Priya, who is 16 years old, attends our weekly Monday night Overflow group. She often encourages me with her words and I hope that you are encouraged as well! - Terri)

Terri's Speaking Engagements for the Month of February

Terri had the opportunity to speak at both Bloomfield United Methodist Church and at the King's Daughters Women's Retreat. We want to thank them both for the opportunity to speak and thank King's Daughters for their generous donation! We are so blessed to be able to spread our message and meet new people through Christ!

Thank You!

We would like to thank our after school volunteers for giving up their time to keep the house open for the kids after school. Whether they come in and stay the full two hours or just run in, grab a snack, and head to practice, we know the kids are thankful that the house is open. We wouldn't be able to do it without our volunteers: Angel Raper, Jenny Medina, Cole and Ashlyn Thompson, Terri Soliday, Vickie Vermillion, Emily Neighbors, Heather Scott, Angie Hagemeyer, Jan Yake, Mike Toon, Jeff Rockey, Brian Patterson, Nathan Brooks, Leroy Barnhill, and Daniel Waggoner.

We would also like to thank Tri Kappa for providing Overflow Meals in February, we are so blessed with a growing crew every Monday evening. We have so many people coming together to fellowship, study the Bible, hear the word of God, and share their testimonies.

Also, thank you to Saron Church Bible Study, Scotland Men's Group, and Melinda Campbell/Campbell Family for providing food, snacks, drinks, and paper products for the after school program!

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Morning Bible Study @7 After School Program 3p-5p	2 After School Program 3p-5p	3 Eastern Greene Health Class Discussion 8a After School Program 2p-4p Counseling 2p-4p	
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12 Men's Group 3p	13 After School Program 3p-5p Overflow 6p	14 After School Program 3p-5p	15 Morning Bible Study @7 After School Program 3p-5p Medicaid Presentation 6:30p	16 After School Program 3p-5p	17 After School Program 2p-4p Counseling 2p-4p	18
19 	20 Overflow 6p	21 After School Program 3p-5p	22 After School Program 3p-5p	23 After School Program 3p-5p	24 After School Program 2p-4p Counseling 2p-4p	25 Soup on Saturday
26 Men's Group 3p	27 NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM THIS WEEK Overflow 6p	28 Board Meeting 6p	29 Morning Bible Study @7	30 	31 Counseling 2p-4p	

Member Spotlight



Cris Floyd!

Cris is our Treasurer/Co-founder. She lives in Bloomfield with her husband, Mike. Cris and Mike have two kids, Noah (who is a senior at Purdue University studying Forestry) and Emma (who is in her third year at Vincennes University studying Elementary Education) and one grand-daughter, Maevis who will be 9 months old this month! Cris loves volunteering with Erin's Purpose and has seen the effects mental health has on people's lives first-hand. When she isn't working, either at the Crane Gym or on all things Erin's Purpose, she loves to read, spend time with her family, travel, and go hiking. If you see her at any of our events, be sure to stop and say "HI!" We are very blessed to have her on our team!