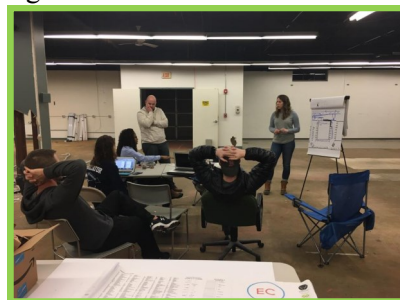


Jason Hodges – Encounter Church, Dedham, MA -
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Prayers:

- Pray that our upcoming preaching series would connect with the people who do not yet know Jesus!
- Pray for our life groups to strengthen and be a place where people searching can find Jesus and where people that already know him can grow deeper.
- Pray that God would raise up the necessary funds to complete our building.



Brenda Bagwell - Piedmont Women's Center ,
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Prayers:

- Please pray for PWC's Grove Road clinic building project, specifically that they can quickly complete an environmental study that is required by the county. Also, please pray for the team of builders who are coming together for this exciting project.
- Please pray for more medically trained client advocates (nurses, sonographers, etc.) who can faithfully serve in PWC's clinics.
- Praise the Lord for a huge turnout at PWC's Banquet for Life on March 9th.



God Story:

- A young lady recently came to PWC; she had become pregnant through an extremely traumatic experience. Her family was devastated, and in the crisis-filled moment, they were determined to pursue an abortion. After counseling, they agreed to have an ultrasound, though they were still planning to abort once they left PWC's Grove Road clinic. The young lady was roughly 29-weeks pregnant. There was NO mistaking the life on that screen. This moment spoke volumes to the young female's mother, who had chosen abortion years ago herself. Upon further counsel, the client advocate connected them with Bethany Christian Services. Now this young mother plans to choose life for her child and create an adoption plan. It was truly an instance of miraculous redemption, possible only through God's grace. History was altered and generations were preserved as God brought life out of death. He is constantly making ALL things new. For this and more, we give Him praise!

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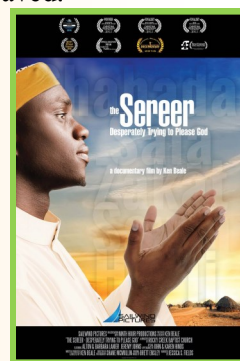
Upcoming Opportunities for Our Church Family:

Facing Darkness movie, April 10

If you missed this movie from Samaritan's Purse in March, you have one more opportunity to see it. The movie is about the Ebola crisis that swept through West Africa and specifically about Dr. Kent Brantly who contracted the illness and was saved.

The Sereer: Desperately Trying to Please God

This is the award winning film that Ken Beale produced which shows how Rocky Creek has been seeking to reach the Sereer of Senegal with the Gospel. It will be shown April 30, 6:00 PM at Rocky Creek.




Disaster Relief Training, April 22 at FBC Taylors Basic training for anyone interested in volunteering with the SC Baptist Convention Disaster Relief. www.scbaptist.org/dr

Indian Upstate Fellowship, on Sunday evening this group meets at Rocky Creek for worship. They really need someone to help with the children so the parents can be in worship. Contact David for more info.

Uganda Mission Trip, Joy and Kristen Emery will be going to Uganda. They would like to take dish towels and pot holders to give to the local church to be able to host a women's event as an outreach for the local women. Any items must be turned in by May 5. joy@rockycreekonline.org

New England Need - Both churches that Pastor Soares works with are in need of physical renovations. Rocky Creek will be looking at a trip during the summer to go and assist them. If you would like more information, contact David.

 **Miracle Hill Super Hero Cycle Challenge:**
June 3, bicycle ride to support MHM!
miraclehill.org/event/superherocycle

Missions Prayer Newsletter

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Liete Soares Junior - New England Triad -
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Prayers:

- Pray for my family and I (Liete, Anna Paula, Liertino, Gabriel)
- Pray for partners to help us at our building projects in Framingham MA and also in in Springfield VT

Important Dates:

- Easter Sunday in both churches, Vermont and Massachusetts.

God Story:

- Anthony was unchurched when he came to Precision Valley for the first time. God began to work inside his heart. Through discipleship sessions at Dunkin` Donuts and building new relationships at the men's bible study, he came to know Christ and his life has been completely changed. There are more people out there to be saved, we just need to be willing to connect and build new relationships with people around us! Anthony got baptized and is serving the Lord Jesus reaching others for Christ.



Ernesto Chaparro - Rocky Creek Hispanic Church,
Greenville SC - miel2007@hotmail.com

Prayers:

- Pray for our revival campaign during Easter week
- May God give us the chance to meet new people to present to them the gospel
- Also asking God to prepare our hearts to receive new people

Important Dates:

- April 14-15, Revival

God Story:

- We would like to share with Rocky Creek that our God is good. The group who have been meeting for discipleship have been faithful to attend the meetings and they are preparing themselves to serve the Lord.

Nick Jefson – GenerationLink, Anderson, SC –
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Prayers:

- Our college connection small group is continuing to challenge students and we are seeing fruit in the lives of some of our newer, freshmen students. Praise the Lord!
- We are starting our push for summer, which means our SummerLINK program is ramping up. Please pray that the Lord would move in the hearts and lives of students to bring them to Renewal this summer to serve the local church and grow in their faith. We have a couple of students signed up, but would like to see more.
- I ask for continued prayer in the area of studies as I study the Greek language and seek to be trained up for the purpose of serving the church.

Kristi Giddens - Joyful Ornaments, Greenville, SC –
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Prayers:

- Pray for; Connie Davis, Courtney Grass, Jennifer Bridges and Samantha Powell - Recipients who are still struggling with cancer.
- We are working to finalize our 2017 Recipient. Please pray for wisdom in our decisions.

God Story:

- Thankful for our business partners - Ivy Salon will be pampering two of our recipients in April - this is a treasure as they partner with us to love these ladies through their difficult days.

Alton Lanier – West Africa Ministry – alanier@charter.net

Prayers:

- Praise – Abdou's brother, Omar who greets us at the Mission House each year, is the proud father of his first child, a daughter.
- Abdou asked for prayer on the work situation there – missionaries aren't going as often and he's scratching to find work in the interim. He is looking into a class for phone and computer repair as a possible job that would still give him flexibility to work with mission teams.
- Pray that those we shared with last year, and left materials with will be gleaned enough information and will be anxious to see us when we return to discuss what they've been learning.

Suresh Jonnalagadda – Indian Upstate Fellowship, Greenville, SC – sureshjonna@yahoo.co.in

Prayers:

- Kindly pray for a dire need of our church- A person who can take care of the children during our service.
- Kindly pray for the spiritual growth of Antony, Rajesh and Aset Patel
- Kindly pray for the total and complete healing of Rajesh from cancer.
- Kindly pray that Indian Upstate fellowship becomes a reproducing church.



Important Dates:

- April 22, Greer International Festival

Holli Baker – RIT Campus Missionary, Rochester, NY – holli@campustarget.org

Prayers:

- Please pray for our students that have not made a personal commitment to Jesus yet, pray that Jesus would soften their hearts.
- Holli has not felt her fibroid tumor in a month! Thank you for the prayers!
- We have 13 students attending our BASIC conference.

Important Dates:

- We have an important planning day for our campus on April 22nd. Pray that as we prepare for our fall semester God would guide us.
- Holli's due date is May 14th. Please pray that everything goes smoothly as they prepare for Harper's delivery.

Chuck Mayo – Heritage Baptist Church, Greenville, SC – chuckmayo@icloud.com

Prayers:

- Pray for one of our members who got out of prison and is doing very well with the transition. He was in the Word constantly while in prison and it shows in every aspect of his life.
- Our prayer walks are starting to bear fruit as we have several people that wouldn't even come in the church who are now in discipleship. Pray for these that they would surrender to Christ and experience the blessings of an obedient life.
- So thankful for churches like Rocky Creek. Two more of the interns you have helped us with got their first chance to preach. One very well might be headed to the ministry full time and the other is headed to a counseling ministry.
- We were blessed by Ken Beale with a video to embed in our website. Ron, our web-developer and Ken, both have done this out of love for the church and we are so grateful to God for them and this gift.

Jim Harrison – Miracle Hill Ministry, Greenville SC - jharrison@miraclehill.org

Prayers:

- Pray for God's protection over our guests graduating from Overcomers/Renewal and entering the transition phase.
- Pray that God will raise up Christ-centered individuals, with a true love for others, to join the work of our ministries.
- Pray that we, as individuals, and the ministry, as a whole, never lose sight of the privilege to serve in the Kingdom of God!

Important Dates:

- April 11, 6:00 pm - Renewal Graduation
- April 19, Miracle Hill Ministries Day of Prayer
- April 20, 6:30 pm - Overcomer's Graduation

God Story:

- A staff member at Miracle Hill's Children's Home shared that one of the little girls in his cottage had recently gone home to be with her biological parents. Before leaving, she said her goodbyes to her house parents and told them, "When I get home, I'm going to tell my whole family about Jesus!" Even though her departure left a noticeable void in the cottage, her house parents are still filled with peace knowing she plans to openly share her newfound salvation. "Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you." Luke 8:39 (NASB)

Skeeter Powell – David's Table, Greenville, SC - skeeter.powell@gmail.com

Important Dates:

- April 30. Wing A Thon to raise money for our friends with disabilities and leaders to go to camp this summer
- May 12 – Golden Cans Dinner to celebrate those graduating from David's Table into E210



God Story:

- On Thursday afternoons we have a Bible Study for our friends at Cabela's snack bar. A snack of pulled port Nachos with cheese and the Gospel of Mark. Sometimes we don't understand all the words, thoughts, and ideas that are being expressed. God does and when it is ok for us to know, God lets us in on it. It is a wonderful time. Sometimes our friends "get it" in incredible ways and we are blessed beyond imagination.

Sylvester Savage II – Band of Brothers & Sisters, Greenville, SC - bandofbrothers@rocketmail.com

Prayers:

- Leadership of our Ministry
- New phase (expansion) in Anderson County.
- Smooth transition for Worship Service at Rocky Creek.

God Story:

- We celebrated 9 years of ministry with a goal of paying our Utilities in raising \$10K. God met our great need and the ministry and I personally am rejoicing of no more running on fumes!

Berkeley Bagwell – Campus Outreach, San Diego - berkeley.bagwell@gmail.com

Prayers:

- Our wedding is quickly approaching! Please pray that Jesus would be honored and glorified in our wedding ceremony.
- We had 43 students apply to the Summer Leadership Project (LP)! There were 5 girls from the two campuses where I work. Please pray that Mo, Jenny, Shannon, Anna, Sara, Jessica, and Cara would be able to join us this summer. Some of these girls don't have Christian parents and are praying that they would allow them to join us this summer. Others have financial difficulties, so we are teaching them how to raise support so that they can spend their summers growing in their faith!

Important Dates:

- Commitment deadline for LP: April 14
- LP dates: May 22-July 23

God Story:

- The theme of our recent women's retreat was "The Arrow". I gave a few talks about their life being like an arrow. The shaft of their arrow is their "identity in Christ" that must be sturdy and strong, the nock is their "Christian community" that stabilizes them through life's ups and downs, and the tip is the "mission" that God is preparing them to be launched into. I taught them about the "false targets" we are tempted to point our arrows towards (recognition, approval, control, etc.) and how they will fail us. The girls got to have fun together, spend 1-on-1 time with Jesus, sing praise and worship to God, and split up into discussion groups. Praise Jesus for the junior/senior girls who came and helped me disciple these freshman girls! It was so wonderful to see the older girls disciple the younger ones and understand that they can multiply their life spiritually in and after college!



Matt Johns – ReChrist Ministries, Norcross, GA – mjohns@re-christ.org

Prayers:

- Mission Trip to India March 30-April 9
- Praying for students and state testing next month
- Praying for Easter services at GracePointe Community Church- Good Friday Drama, Saturday outreach in the park, and Easter service

Important Dates:

- April 11th preaching at Victory Home
- April 30 preaching at GracePointe Community Church

God Story:

- Faithfulness; a single word that speaks of a lifetime of character. The God story for this month is that we have remained faithful to do what God wants, not succumbing to what people want. If you truly follow the Lord, on occasions God will test our faithfulness and require us to go "all in again" as we did at salvation. I site Pastor Travis, Preacher Ken, and the Family of God at Rocky Creek as examples. Faithfulness is complete confidence in God's plans! Be faithful to God's mission for your life!

Rebecca C. – Teacher at International School in Central Asia - ra.carino@gmail.com

Prayers:

- Pray for my new roommate coming from America to work with the refugees in the city on April 4. Pray for smooth transition and for us to enjoy being together.
- Pray for the spring break trips, there are 24 students going with me to Romania, and 6 students going to Bulgaria. Pray for the final details and for the students to grow deeper with the Father and to catch a vision for glorifying Him by serving others! Praise God for bringing the chaperones needed so the trips didn't have to be cancelled.
- Pray that both teachers and students would press on until spring break and that we would all seek to glorify Him in both how we relate to each other and through our diligence at the many tasks before us.
- I started teaching the fourth grade Bible class this past month and working with those little kids has been a huge blessing and source of more laughter than I thought possible!

Important Dates:

- April 16th... there's a big vote that could mean big changes as to how the government is set up.
- April 14th-21st... the two high school spring break mission trips will be taking place