



Restoration for the Week

RESTORATION CHURCH

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CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

The Call of a Servant by a Restoration Nursery volunteer

Last Sunday, I served in the Nursery. Flexibility is always important, but I knew it would be necessary to be more prepared. This was the Sunday after the Soehngen's house fire, which had been just a few days before.

The volunteers were in place, with a back-up volunteer for Ellen to teach; a lesson discussed and a craft prepared. We were not sure if Ellen would be at church. Knowing that strong possibility, we knew time in worship and fellowship with the congregation would be a blessing to her.

Entering the Nursery, I found Ellen's colorful cloth bags and boxes with craft supplies sitting at the door. She had fully prepared to do what she has done, Sunday after Sunday, for decades. We were thankful she accepted the offering to attend worship, but not before she shared the lesson and craft she had planned.

We would soon discover that the supplies we were using were brand new (or made available through her natural intersections). Even as this family we love no longer has a home and is relying on a great web of external support, Ellen's resources, heart and purpose on a Sunday morning rest with telling our youngest that Jesus loves them.

In a blog post this week, Jon Gibson said, "Hope doesn't extinguish the pain of the present, it just puts it into perspective a little. Hope doesn't remove scars or grief, but it can often help us see beyond them to the purpose for which they were experienced, or more to the point, what they accomplished in us and how we changed through them."

It's hard not to see hope and Jesus through one who is so faithful to carrying out His will. Thank You for Your provision, Lord!

If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to Godstories@restorationrva.org

Reception for Jen

We will celebrate our last Sunday with Jen as our Youth Director with a reception immediately

following service on Sunday, August 12th. Please join us to wish her well as she follows her calling to go back to teaching at Ratcliffe Elementary School in Henrico County. If you would like to contribute food for the reception or give Jen a gift to help fill her teacher's list of needs, please use the links below:

Food: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c45afa922a31-farewell>

Gift Ideas: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wvu34zoz0oi63o9/Gift%20Ideas%20for%20Jen.docx?dl=0>

Communication Cards

Beginning August 5, we are asking the congregation to fill out a communication card each week during worship. Cards will be placed on chairs in the cafetorium with pens prior to the service. The cards will be used to indicate presence in worship, and can also be used for prayer requests or ministry information. Visitors will use the same card to provide their contact information, so the church can share follow-up information. The cards will be collected by the ushers in the offering baskets during the offering. Cards can also be turned in at the Welcome Center. Only one card per family is needed on a given Sunday.

August Ties That Bind

The next Ties That Bind will feature a time of sharing memories of favorite childhood toys with young people from Restoration Church. Please bring the toy, or a photo of you with the toy, or a favorite story you can share about the toy! This community program and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 14, from 11 am to 1 pm, at Northside Baptist Church, 7600 Studley Road in Mechanicsville. The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Please bring a food pantry item for Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES) and invite a friend!

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

August 12
Reception for Jen

August 14
Ties That Bind

TEXT YOUR OFFERING

You can text your offering to Restoration Church. Text the word Restore to 73256 and follow the prompts.

BUDGET INFORMATION

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