

Next Generation

Volunteer Values

March 2009

Ryan's Writings

It's hard to pour water out of a bucket that's empty. Have you ever tried it? Hopefully not! :)

As a partner in Next Generation Ministries, and as an incredible volunteer, you are regularly pouring water out of your bucket. Your "water" includes your time, your energy, your emotions, your knowledge, your patience, your persistence, your love, and your heart. The water you pour makes an eternal impact on the people you serve.

So how is your bucket being filled? Paul reminded the Ephesians to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). He even gave them a few hints of how to do that: "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

My goal each month in *Volunteer Values* is to give you one tool you can use to fill your bucket. Some people call these "spiritual practices" or "disciplines."

Below you will find a few resources and an idea for a spiritual practice to try out this month. Our prayer is that God uses these tools to fill you up!

We Believe

- Every child matters to God and therefore matters to us.
- Every child should be known by name.
- Every parent is our partner in their child's spiritual upbringing.
- Every child serves a purpose in the body of Christ today.

Just f o r YOU

Resources to fill you up, available at CrossWalk Bookstore.

Book: *I Saw the Lord: A Wake Up Call for your Heart.* By Anne Graham Lotz.

CD: *Uninhibited.* By St. John Worship Choir. Worship, Praise, Magnify.

Refuel

This month, **meditate** on the words above from the apostle Paul.

This discipline of meditation was familiar to the authors of Scripture, so it's certainly appropriate for us!

Find a quiet place and read these verses. Read them again. Say them out loud.

Be reminded how important it is to be filled with the Spirit this month.

Volunteers

of the month

Marta Allred,
Nursery Volunteer
4th Year of Service



Marta has been faithfully serving in the nursery for four years even though her children have outgrown the nursery services. She is always willing to help out and participates in scheduled cleaning days, staying past our scheduled time to make sure all the toys get cleaned and sanitized. Marta also volunteers for VBS and is a pleasure to be around. Well done good and faithful servant!



Kori Marsh,
Kindergarten Small Group Leader
4th Year of Service

Kori serves in many different capacities to help Next Generation Ministries. She is a Small Group Leader on Sunday mornings, helps with childcare ministry on Wednesday evenings, and spends hours each week copying and preparing lesson materials for Kindergarten through 3rd grade leaders. She always has a smile and is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Well done, Kori!



Chris Moritz,
ABS Coordinator,
6th Year of Service

Chris has served for many years as an Area Bible Study Leader (High School Small Groups). This year, while we have been praying for God to bring us a new High School Youth Director, Chris stepped up to coordinate all of the ABS groups. She has done an awesome job and has worked hard to keep volunteers energized and connected in this time of transition. We thank her for all her efforts and can't wait to see what God has planned for her now that Pastor Will Hanke has accepted the Call to be High School Youth Director. Thanks for your dedication, Chris!

Jay DeBeir,
OASIS Mentor,
1st Year of Service



Jay is a 7th grade OASIS confirmation small group mentor. He has gone above and beyond by making himself available to the small group of boys he mentors not only during their regular meeting times, but also for an extra hour on Sunday mornings for anyone who has questions or needs to make up a missed assignment. Keep up the good work Jay!