

The Harvester

Thrive Adventures: to know Christ and live like Him

Recently we offered a paddle boarding trip on connection for our church. The women experienced paddling individually and then paddling with their boards connected. For most it was easier, quicker, and freeing to be on their own, but there was less support and greater risk. God’s plan is for us to be connected to Him and each other. How can we fight for that against our own flesh and the new cultural norms?



Perfect love casts out fear

Covid, race riots, unemployment, political division, educational upheaval... how do we allow trust in God to replace our fear and anxiety? We wanted to the women from the Dedham church to experience their own reactions to fear and to also practice depending on someone who could care for them. And so we began by blindfolding them, then taking away their ability to speak, then removing their paddles. You could see the fear and frustration move in, and their growing attentiveness to the voice of the guide who was leading them all. As they had more and more stripped away from them while they tried to make progress, the one thing they relied on was the knowledge that the guide was with them, even when they couldn’t see her. We are likewise dependent on God, who tells us “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Is 41:10.) These women, like most of us, had had jobs taken away, or relationships removed due to social distancing, or they had lost their health, or their promise of a normal college experience, or the opportunity to attend church, or they were simply robbed of the comfort of feeling in control of their world. Is our reaction to the losses and fears of today to buckle down and try harder, to strategize, to despair, to become immobilized, or to tune our ears to the God who is with us? I pray that in whatever you are facing, you will not lose heart, but that you will experience and acknowledge the care and presence of the Almighty.

In Prayer

- Sept 12 Our final evangelistic back yard movie night
- Sept 17 1st day of co-op, teaching spiritual analogies in literature and a knowing & sharing the gospel class
- Sept 25-27 Thrive retreat for East Auburn Baptist church teens
- Sept 26 Thrive women’s day for Fayette Baptist church
- Oct 2-4 Thrive men’s leadership retreat
- Oct 10 Dare2Share teen conference



August started with a family hike up Katahdin and across the Knife’s Edge. Caleb (right) later ran face first into a metal play structure playing capture the flag in the dark, resulting in multiple broken bones in his nose, lacerations, and 12 stitches. A tough way to start his senior year!

Contact us to get involved in
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Dare2Share

Dare 2 Share LIVE (LIVE) is a one-day evangelism training event on October 10, 2020, that equips teenagers to start a gospel revolution in their own communities. This event from Dare 2 Share Ministries is broadcast live from Denver, CO to locations across the country. At LIVE, thousands of students are trained to pray, serve others, and share their faith—all at the exact same time. Inspired and trained in the morning, attendees then go out and serve their local communities, sharing the gospel with their neighbors and participating in a simultaneous, nationwide gospel movement.

I attended a few years ago with Caleb and Emma and it was very exciting, well run, gospel-centered, and inspiring. I especially loved that they make time for the kids to actually practice beginning conversations in the community through different community projects, and they train kids how to lead into spiritual discussions. You can learn more online at: www.dare2share.org. When we attended, we had to drive to Connecticut because it was the only host location in all of New England. What if Maine became a sending state for teens living missionally for Christ?! This October 10th we are hosting this event here in Ellsworth, ME. We are praying for 100 attendees—our social distance limit.



Make an Impact.

1. Send students! Drop off your teens and spend a day in beautiful Acadia National Park. Send each teen with a new package of Clorox wipes/hand sanitizer that we can give away during our evangelistic outreach.
2. Pray for this event, the teens, and their impact. Sign in to our Thrive facebook page or instagram to get regular prayer request updates.
3. Invite your church to make masks that we can distribute locally as part of our evangelistic effort. Would you or your church sew up 25-100 masks, pray over them, then send them to us by Sept 30th?
4. Donate Tshirts. Buy a few Jn 10:10 TShirts on Amazon or CBD and send them to us to give away to teens.



According to GLS speaker Craig Groeschel, when the world changes, you need to be able to pivot and look for the unprecedented opportunities. That is what we are doing in Thrive and in our personal ministry. I firmly believe that God is not clipping wings, but offering new avenues to soar. Much thanks to former missionary aviator, Pastor Henry, for this flying opportunity!

Family Happenings

This August Dan and I had the joy of virtually attending the Global Leadership Summit (GLS,) an inspiring and insightful international Christian leadership conference. We will have finished the Thrive staff training manual and policy handbook by the end of September and, by God's grace, have a number of people considering joining Thrive in each of our 3 locations. Thanks to help from family and friends, Dan has rebuilt our decaying deck, and we enjoyed a 5 day camping trip in my in-laws camper—a novel experience after years of tenting! Emma is teaching a crafts class at our co-op and co-editing a church newsletter to promote community. Caleb will be a student leader at church for a boys' discipleship group. Micah and Aliza fit in as much swimming as possible before home school began. ☺