

The Harvester

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know Christ and live like Him



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The Dying Church

I **highly** recommend the book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom S. Rainer—it is spot on, brief, and motivating! One of our greatest desires is to revitalize the depleted churches in Maine and beyond. To be honest, we don't know how to do that. We have some ideas, but the task is huge, people are stubborn, and we are inadequate. But, if we are going to reach the lost and truly change the culture, it will take an army—and we have an army in the church already strategically located statewide. What's more, we serve a God who wins victories for armies who pray and commit themselves to Him (1 Samuel 7:8-10.) Please pray with us for each church you pass!

Rafting with surgeons

Our emphasis was on beauty, intimacy, and adventure, something that comes naturally on a white water rafting trip. Fifteen members of a St. Joe's surgical team joined us for this evangelistic trip. The head surgeon, a believer, organized the event and through the program and discussion, we had the opportunity to normalize talking about God, giving him the chance to share his faith, and opening future opportunities for spiritual conversation with his co-workers. For some, just talking about God was a big step. One person admitted, "I need more of this in my life" and another confessed, "I am missing this." The general consensus was that everyone wanted to rest more, connect, and consider deeper questions about life. For Ryan, our non-believing volunteer raft guide, it was another chance to be part of the Body of Christ and to hear the gospel. His wife was one of the nurses!



Kayaking for Glory

"I want to remember to set aside my own glory to be a servant," said Mandie, following a kayak trip I led recently. During the program, on their kayaks they balanced Dixie cups of seawater representing their own achievements and greatness, becoming too focused on not spilling them to enjoy or notice God's vast ocean that they were paddling in. How foolish we are to focus on a small thing like our own glory and miss GOD.

Please join us through prayer this September

“...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” -2 Chronicles 7:14

“When the church is engaged in meaningful prayer, it becomes both the cause and the result of greater church health.” –Thom S. Rainer

1 please pray for the proclamation of the Gospel and our own bold witness	2 that God will revive failing churches across Maine and that believers will act in faith	3 for our kids as they start school – to discover and develop the gifts God has given them	4 for God to raise all the support for Jenn, our new administrative manager, to join us soon	5 that we will be willing to go anywhere and do anything that he calls us to	6 that we will listen to God as we design programs and events for Thrive	7 for help and hope for all who are ready to give up on their marriage	
8 for Christian youth throughout Maine to boldly share Christ with their peers	9 for our Maine team to encourage sharpen, love and urge one another on	10 for the Lord to cause a revival in New England that will turn us back to Him	11 that God will show us how He wants us to come alongside and build up the church	12 for the 55 kids in our homeschool co-op to love and serve the Lord for a lifetime	13 for our Reverse the Curse marriage conference to be fruitful	14 that God will grant us wisdom and insight to speak into others' lives with grace and truth	
15 for the couples at our marriage conference to seek God first and be reconciled	16 that we will be diligent in our work, excited about the call and invested in the Word	17 for our Colorado, Asheville, and Maine teams to be united in faith, heart, and purpose	18 that God will raise up money for Thrive's operational account	19 for our leadership development conference for Fayette pastors and elders	20 that we would be attentive to and depending upon the Holy Spirit	21 for deeper brotherhood, love for Christ and outward focus among the leaders	
22 that we will discern God's will in leading a mission trip this year	23 that God will raise up more faith-filled, able, and mature staff for all our teams	24 that we will connect, equip, and care well for our volunteers	25 for friends Vicki and Amando as they make our home their mission for a week of construction!	26 for Dan and I to be Christ's ambassadors teaching 27 co-op high schoolers about God	27 for the 17 women from Pownal who are coming for a ladies' retreat: open hearts	28 that God will captivate, direct, and develop these women as lights to the world	
29 for victory in the unseen spiritual battle here and the steadfastness of believers	30 that God will use us to make Him known in word and deed in our community	<p><i>Thank you for your commitment to Thrive and to God's work through us. We invite you to come on an adventure, a retreat, or a training event! Just give us a call or sign up via our website:</i></p> <p>ThriveAdventure.org</p>					