

I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.
—Romans 9:17

Send us Your Schedules!!!

'Tis the season for: Softball, baseball, dance recitals, award ceremonies, etc., etc. Dylan and I are all about Ministry of Presence and would LOVE to attend any games, recitals, concerts, or anything that your youth are involved in! Please send us the schedules and we will be there!



Whatever

When I was in 4th grade, my family bought a new, blue minivan. On the drive home from the dealership, I remember seeing what seemed like a million other blue minivans just like the one we bought. I pointed it out to my sister stating “Everyone has a blue minivan now.” She, with her 6th-grade wisdom, replied, “No, you are just more aware of them now because we have one.” That was a pretty profound notion for a 12-year-old to teach her little sister and it has stayed with me for all these years.

There is a verse in Philippians that says,

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. The Bible tells us many times to be mindful of what we watch, what we say, and where our thoughts go. Do you ever wonder why? I think it has to do with the same principle behind the blue minivan. When we give

attention to something, we start noticing it more around us. There will always be bad things in the world—that is a result of being a fallen people living in a broken world (you know, the whole Adam/Eve/Garden of Eden/Apple, thing) and if we think about those things all the time, that is where our hearts and minds will go. God wants us to focus on the good things because that is what God is all about. By keeping our hearts and minds on what is noble, right, pure, etc., He will be with us in peace—Whatever the situation may be!

Summer Camp

A lot of parents have been asking about Summer Camp. Unfortunately, Dylan and I both have full-time jobs with not a lot of

vacation time. So we are not able to take Elevate to Forest Home this summer. However, we are planning an awesome weekend beach camp

of our own and we think it will be a pretty cool experience. Look for more information in the coming weeks.