



# Tree of Life Christian Bookstore



...feeding the spirit, refreshing the soul

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## Manager's Message



The end of the school year is almost upon us! Time for family vacations, barbecues, picnics, swimming, and plenty of sunshine! As you're enjoying the sunshine this summer, don't forget

to let the SON shine on you as well!

-Melissa Barth

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## Prophecy



1 Corinthians 14:1 says, "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy."

Why is prophecy so important? The *Quest Study Bible* answers that question: "prophecy is a message that edifies, comforts, or encourages the church."

God is delivering life-changing messages through His people still today because He wants us to strengthen the Body and prepare us for our unique place in the Kingdom. Let Larry Randolph show you how to equip yourself to be mightily used by God in his book, *User-Friendly Prophecy*. Pick up your copy today for the sale price of **\$11.99** (reg price \$14.99)

## Nuggets of Wisdom

As believers we all want to be used by God in important ways. We have a fire in our spirits to serve Him and be His advocate to others he has placed in our lives. There are spiritual gifts we all have been blessed with that are ingrained in us by the Spirit to use for God's glory. How do you know what they are? By knowing your own heart and what your passions are. No gift is insignificant in God's eyes. Also, seeking counsel from other believers who truly know you on a spiritual level who can stand in agreement with you. We all have a purpose designed especially for our particular role in ministry. Your gifts are your offering to God in appreciation for all He has done for you. Honor Him today with all you have to give - it will not be returned void.

(Chrissy Feldman)

## Coming Events

### *Summer Sale Festival*

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>



Stop by *Tree of Life* to enjoy free refreshments, prize give-aways, and sales throughout the entire store ALL DAY! We will also have story hour and crafts for the kids at 11:00 a.m. and several appearances of Rovercomer!

## Getting to Know Us



### *Mike Barth...*

It's such a privilege to serve in this ministry alongside my wife, Missy. We have been married for almost 6 years and were recently blessed with our first child, Jadon. I enjoy being a source of love and encouragement to those around me, which is one reason I love serving at the bookstore. In my free time I am a software engineer and enjoy all kinds of sports. I look forward to the Kingdom of God coming to earth and am extremely excited to see what God is going to do in this hour. Jesus is alive!!!

## SPECIALS

All VHS tapes **50% off!**

All bible covers **\$5.00!**

(While supplies last.)

## Kids Korner

### *A Long Wait*

"Oh, no!" exclaimed Emily as the railroad crossing arms came down and a very slow-moving train began passing by on the tracks in front of them. "Looks like we'll be sitting here for a while," said Mom, and she turned off the car engine. Emily sighed and watched the train as car after car rattled past. "I don't think this train will ever be gone," she complained. "Really? You mean it will never end, and we'll be stuck here forever?" Mom teased. Emily grinned. After a few minutes, Emily looked at her mother. "It's been two months since Dad moved to Newton for his new job," she said. "Do you think our house is ever going to sell so we can move, too?" "The house will sell sooner or later," replied Mom. "We need to be patient." "This moving is taking forever-just like this dumb train," said Emily. "Well, every train has an end," said Mom, "and so does every problem." Just then a bright flash of blue darted past the windshield and perched high up on a wire. "Look-a bluebird!" exclaimed Mom. "I bet he can see the end of this train just like God can see the end of our moving problem. God knows exactly when our house will sell. We just have to trust Him and wait." "I don't like waiting," said Emily. "No one does," replied Mom, "but do you know what makes it harder?" "What?" asked Emily. "Being impatient," said Mom. "Instead of dwelling on how much we hate to wait for this train, let's sing. How about 'I've Been Working on the Railroad'?" "Okay," agreed Emily, and they sang the whole song. Next they sang "You Are My Sunshine." They were finishing "Heavenly Sunshine" when the last car of the train rumbled by. Emily grinned. "That didn't take so long after all," she said. "I'll try to keep busy while we wait for our house to sell, too, and not be impatient with God."

### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you wait patiently for God to work things out? Being upset won't make problems go away, but it will make you miserable. Remember that every problem has an end, and God sees and knows just when that end will be. Trust Him and be patient. He'll help you with all your problems-big or little.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: (Psalm 37:7)

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

(<http://cbh.gospelcom.net/home.php>)

## Teen Talk

### *You're Never Too Young to Serve*

A group of teenagers and adults with Teen Missions International traveled to a Muslim town in

Mozambique, Africa for a missions project several summers ago. Their project was to build a much needed public out house in the city. They had several weeks to complete the project. During the time there, the TMI people were cordial, friendly and the towns people enjoyed having them there. Building the outhouse was such a joy for the mayor of the city that when it was completed, he wanted to have a dedication ceremony. Painting the outside blue was the final step in the project so the dedication occurred after that. The Mayor invited all the people from that city, plus dignitaries from their regional government and surrounding cities. He had the Teen Missions students and adults sitting in front of the huge audience, for they were being honored for serving their city by doing this project. Speeches were made, refreshments were served and Teen Missions was requested to return to the city the following summer. Here in this Muslim city, Christian teens impacted people of other world religions by serving them. They won the right to be heard (sharing their faith) by serving. These students did exactly as Jesus did, for He came to earth to serve by giving up His life as a ransom for each of our sinful lives (Mark 10:45). His death and resurrection is a free gift (if we accept it) for forgiveness and eternal life. Do not ever let anyone say you are not old enough to make an impact in someone else's life. Whom can you serve today with a simple act of kindness? It does not need to be a huge spectacular thing; perhaps only the person to whom the act was done for will ever know someone served him/her. You will be living out your faith and living as Jesus did on earth. Serving is one of the most impacting ways to influence people, whether someone who is already a Christian or a person of a different religion.

(Mike Prom, Headwaters Christian Youth, Rhinelander, Wis.)

## Trivia Question

**Congratulations to Geraldine Misquitto!** She had the correct answer to last month's trivia question and her name was drawn for a gift certificate! The question was: *Where did God instruct Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac?* The answer is: *The Land of Moriah*



**This month's question:** *Who was "a voice of one calling in the desert?"*

Call or E-Mail us with the correct answer by June 15<sup>th</sup> and your name will be put into the drawing for a FREE gift certificate!

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to equip the body of Christ in West Chester and surrounding areas by connecting them to the Christ centered resources needed to share God's love with others and build them up in their own faith. Additionally, our mission is to connect people in West Chester and surrounding areas to the local church, promoting unity, for the common purpose of reaching a lost world.

## Recipe of the Month

### **Tropical Sunshine Pie**

1 (6oz) graham cracker crust

1 (11 oz) can mandarin oranges, drained (set juice aside)

1 banana sliced

1 (15 oz) Dole tropical fruit, drained

1 tsp. vanilla

1 (6 oz) cream cheese, softened

1 (8 oz) Cool Whip

1/3 cup of coconut



Place half the oranges and half banana in bottom of crust. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, 2 tbsps mandarin orange juice, cool whip and 1/3 cup of coconut and spread on top of fruit in crust. Chill 1 hour. Top filling with tropical fruit and remaining oranges and banana.

(www.allrecipes.com)

## Ongoing Specials

- ❖ West Chester University students receive 10% off their purchases with student ID.
- ❖ Senior citizens (60+) receive 10% off their purchases.
- ❖ Anyone purchasing 10+ of the same item will receive 10% off.
- ❖ We honor competitor's coupons and prices (excluding online stores)

## New Releases

### **Adult:**

*Basic Bible Library 6.0 for Windows*

*Woman to Woman*, Joyce Meyer

*The Penny*, Joyce Meyer & Deborah Bedford (June)

*Strengthening Yourself in the Lord*, Bill Johnson

### **Music:**

*Greatest Hits*, DC Talk (June)

*Rise*, Building 429

### **Video:**

*The Last Sin Eater*, Fox Faith (5/8)

*Amazing Grace*, Fox Faith (5/21)

### **Children:**

*My First Message Bible* (June)

## New Arrivals

*Mother's Day Gifts & Cards*

*Garden Accents*

*Tealights*

*Auto Visor Clips*

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