



What Public Buses Can Teach You About Relying on God

By Rachel Miller

Are you going on vacation this summer? I'm not. But I got to travel in February and I'd argue there's no better time to leave Pennsylvania than when the days are dark and the air is so cold it hurts your face.

We had a lot of fun experiences, the least of which was getting myself and the kids totally completely lost on the public bus system. Only slightly more fun was the experience of being totally, completely lost in our rental car in a different foreign city a few weeks later. In some ways, I've kind of mastered living life in Dillsburg, but traveling tends to remind me how much I can (and should!) rely on God.

Steven had to go on a work trip for two weeks, and since I'm a needy wife, we all tagged along. The kids and I spent the first week doing everything within walking distance – two different parks, the library, our Air BnB's neighborhood and backyard. I thought it would be fun to get out and do something different the second week, so I looked at various bus routes to various places and chose the simplest: the aquarium. It ended up being more of an indoor petting zoo with baby kangaroos and lemurs among some of the exhibits. We could have stayed all day, and it turns out we should have stayed until Steven had finished work for the day and could pick us up in the rental van.

But we didn't stay. Instead, three tired kids and one tired mama tried to venture home for naps.

If there's one thing you should do to prepare for a day-trip in an unfamiliar city, it's charge your phone. Unfortunately, I did not. So there we were, three tired kids and one tired mama in a strange city at the end of bus route 570, which GoogleMaps had shown as passing by our Air BnB, but which instead ended up at its depot. We talked to most of the bus drivers, but nobody knew which route we needed. The office that was supposed to assist lost passengers was closed. The bus route maps were unreadable. The man charging his phone in the lounge wouldn't share. Commence lamaze breathing. Commence worst-case-scenario planning.

I had been chanting "Lord, please get us home" for so long that the kids began singing it too. I decided that if nothing else, I could take any bus whose driver would believe I had bought an all-day e-pass but couldn't show it on my dead phone, and get off at any store where the employee would have to let me borrow their phone (I'm still shocked that man refused to let me plug my phone in for two minutes to look up the route! I had three children in tow!).

From there, I could call Steven and give him the address and just wait there with the kids until he was done working. We didn't end up needing to do that. Instead, we talked to one more bus driver, and she

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seemed to know where to drop me off so that I could get the 610 bus which would drop me off in front of our Air BnB. The 610 bus arrived and its driver, believing my sad story, let us ride.

There was no glowing angel to direct us to the right bus (although there was a lady that offered us chicken nuggets, and that's almost the same thing), only people. I don't know what life circumstances had to occur so that this one bus driver knew a bus route other than her own when all of her colleagues didn't, but I'm thankful that God orchestrated it.

A few months ago I would have chalked it up to "things just working out" because I was hesitant to believe that God works in the nitty gritty. I thought if I could explain it, it must not have been God. Miracles are things you *can't* explain. I've learned that perspective is prideful. I confessed it as such and am now much more open to trust God and give him the credit. I asked Him to get me home and I got home. He is faithful.

I hope your summer is full of trust in God, whether here in Dillsburg, or somewhere new.



Congrats to all our Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL

Su Hyun Cho (Northern) - will finish high school in South Korea. Plans to join the Air Force Academy

Ryan Brubaker (Homeschool) - Messiah College (*Politics and International Relations*)

Tyler Whitesel (Northern) - Messiah College (*Christian Ministry and Business Administration*)

Molly Van Dyke (Mechanicsburg) - Rochester Institute of Technology (*Graphic Design*)

COLLEGE

Andrew Douglass - Messiah College (Computer Science)

Raad Ryasaat Khan - Messiah College (Business Administration)

**If you graduated this spring and we missed you in the list above, please let us know and email carolynkimmel@comcast.net.*



Kids will be challenged to raise their game because knowing God and trusting in Jesus fills each of us with the Fruit of the Spirit!

At the end of the week we want kids to know that:

- God wants you to know Him.
- You can know God through His Word.
- God sent Jesus to save us.
- God sent His Spirit to help you.
- You can help others know God.

"God's power has given us everything we need to live a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

Let's POWER UP and RAISE OUR GAME!!!

Faith journeys continuing on . . .

We are always delighted to hear each other's stories, and last month provided a wonderful opportunity to hear not one, but two!

June 2—**Georgia Nash** gave her testimony and was baptized.



June 16—**Grace Spurrier** shared her story of faith and was welcomed into membership.



Flowers Provide an Opportunity to Bless

By Jaylene Shannon, chair of Local Outreach Commission

This Easter, our church decided to use beautiful flowers to bless our neighbors and friends.

The day before, about 15 of us met to wrap more than 100 pots of flowers in pretty foil. We had a really nice time making the pots look amazing. Thanks to all of you who helped.



On Palm Sunday, we had lots of flowers available for anyone to take with invitations to our church services. Some of you took them because I told you to just take one. Many were left at the

end of the day, so I personally took seven flowers. I was able to bless our four tenants. I invited them to church but told them that there was no pressure to come; we just wanted to bless them. I took the other three pots to my neighbors. My 2-year-old granddaughter Shekinah went with me. She loved giving out flowers and has since then asked me if we have more flowers to give out. She especially talks about "Jenni's flowers," referring to one of our neighbors. It opened doors for good conversation! Jenni recently told me that her 5-year-old son still talks about the flowers that we gave them. One neighbor invited us to join in the birthday party they were having for her daughter. While none of my invitations to church were accepted, I was blessed to share the beauty of God's creation with others and to let them know they are special!

Grace Holland's experience was a bit different. Here's her story:

Because there were flowers left even on Thursday morning, I was able to have six flower pots to give away. Three went to old neighbors and one of those neighbors came to church and sat with us on Easter Sunday. Two flowers went to new neighbors I had not yet met. They were friendly and surprised and thanked me warmly. The last pot was aimed for a new neighbor I had met briefly and wished to learn to know better. After visiting the house several times and not receiving an answer, I finally left the flower beside the door.

The next week, I went back to two of the homes to invite the women to the LIFT women's meeting. The one where I left the flower still was not at home, but I met her son and was able to

explain that I had left the flowers and to exchange phone numbers. At the other home, the woman rejoiced to meet the person who had brought the flowers saying, "Oh, thank you! I am wanting to connect with a local church." She would have to work on Saturday but would come on Sunday. When I asked if I could pick her up, she replied, "No I will drive and see how many of my teenage children I can round up. My husband works, but I hope some other family members will come with me." I promised to watch for her at the door. While no one else has come to church as a result of the Palm Sunday invitation, other than the man renting an apartment in our building whom I mentioned, I have been back to visit the family who said they might come and she asked to give me a hug. I hope to build a relationship with her and minister to the family in some way. I think this is good fruit from the Palm Sunday effort. There aren't many things I'd rather do than march up to a house with flowers and invite someone to church, where I enjoy so much meeting with Jesus!

Marj Strayer shares this:

What a flower can do given in friendship! My new neighbor Anita and her grown daughter, Amanda, moved in next door in late winter. Before Easter I took a plant from church over to her and she was so delighted. She said, "My mother use to raise these, Angel Wing Begonias. I was just going to go look for some of these." She mentioned that she loved how God works. This was my first opportunity to meet Anita.

We talked again later and Anita shared that she grew up in the Northern area. She attended the Mt. Pleasant Church of God when her grandfather was the pastor. His name was Pastor Hull. She then moved to Perry County and lived there for 20 years. She and her daughter decided it was time to move home. She loves Dillsburg and the peaceful setting, but most important, the friendliness of the people.

By the way, she has her begonia in the window facing our house. It is blooming beautifully. She said it hasn't stopped blooming since she received it. I told her it is so nice to look over and see her beautiful flowers. I also asked her if she minded if I share the story at church. She said, "Of course not, I hope it brings a smile to someone." This is a great way to meet the community.



LIFT your spirits with our WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB!



This summer, plan to join us for an inspiring read and lively discussion of the novel "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

To borrow from this NPR review, this book is "the fictionalized history of the Grimké sisters, Sarah and Angelina (Nina), who were at the forefront of the abolitionist and women's rights movements, wound around the intriguing narrative of a young slave, Hetty, who was given to Sarah as an 11th birthday present. Sarah despises slavery, even at that early age, and out of principle attempts to reject the gift."

The review has this to say about the quality of the story: "The novel is a textured masterpiece, quietly yet powerfully poking our consciences and our consciousness. What does it mean to be a sister, a friend, a woman, an outcast, a slave? How do we use our talents to better ourselves and our world? How do we give voice to our power, or learn to empower our voice?"

While not in the genre of "Christian fiction," the book lends itself to some great discussion on what it means to say you have faith vs. live the faith you say you have, how we interpret so-called Biblical principles and directives, what price would we pay to follow the call we feel on our lives, and more!

This time around, we will read half the book before meeting in July and the other half before meeting in August. We may meet a third time in late August and discuss a short story, if anyone has suggestions for that and if there is interest.

Tentative evening meeting dates are:

FIRST MEETING: Either Monday, July 22 or Tuesday, July 23.

SECOND MEETING: Either Monday, August 5 or Tuesday, August 6 OR Monday, August 19 or Tuesday, August 20.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Carolyn Kimmel (carolynkimmel@comcast.net or 432-4408) and include which dates best suit you.

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

By Sharon Miller

Here are some highlights from the May Leadership Council:

- We discussed the experimental Sunday evening services to be held during the Summer.
- We decided to go forward in getting a land development plan.
- We decided to create a Safety Committee and ask them to bring suggestions to Leadership Council.

The full minutes of the Leadership Council meeting are located on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you would like additional information or to follow up on any items, please contact a Leadership Council member: Mike Beachy, Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Ray Knepper, Gary Lebo, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker, or Avis Whitesel.

Coming Soon: ***Small Groups at DBIC - The Sequel!***

Small Groups have long been an important part of life at DBIC. This fall, we are looking to re-launch our Small Groups as places to connect with others, to build relationships and to serve together.

We are looking for "point people" who would be willing to help facilitate these gatherings of DBIC folks. Could you be a point person? Small Groups at DBIC require only a few basic elements to get started:

- Time + Location
- Discussion facilitator
- Deacon care facilitator

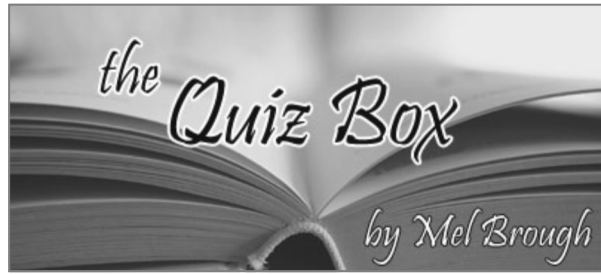
The point person in a Small Group may provide all of these elements, or they may enlist multiple individuals to join their group and provide these functions.

Point People are also the people the Small Group Leadership Team and pastors will look to when they have questions about the group.

Once a quarter, we will have a meeting to check-in with all Point People and offer any training or support that would be helpful.

For more information or to let us know you are interested, send a note to smallgroups@dillsburgbic.org.

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<http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media>*



By the time you read this article, Denominational Finals will be finished. Finals were slated to be held at the Bongiorno Christian Retreat Center in Carlisle on June 21 and June 22. Results will be in the August Doulos.

Verse of the month: John 20:25 – “There are many more things that Jesus did. If all of them were written down, I suppose that not even the world itself would have space for the books that would be written.” – Berean Study Bible

For those of you who like to look ahead – we will be quizzing on Hebrews and 1st and 2nd Peter next year. Practices will start in mid-October.

A great way to financially support the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg is to purchase Giant gift cards. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct. 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God’s Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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Dillsburg BIC quizzers took second place at the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament. Left to right are Ryan Brubaker, coach Mel Brough, Tyler Whitesel, Jese Brubaker, Kalista Scharf, Connor Engle and coach Brent Whitesel.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Derick & Laura Esch	July 3
Ron & Betty Engle	July 10
Mike & Sue Lawver	July 15
Marlin & Ruth Zook	July 18
Terry & Donna Stoudnour	July 20
Travis & Jordyn Moyer	July 23
Dave & Patti Miller	July 23
Levi & Emily Sowers	July 25
Ed & Marj Strayer	July 26
Ron & Dianne Rudy	July 27

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"



Happy Birthday



Mark Kimmel	July 1	Gloria Smith	July 18
Derick Esch	July 2	Chris Owens	July 19
Landon Horton	July 2	Rachel Pease	July 20
Dwight Rotz	July 3	Marilyn Smith	July 21
Marlin Zook	July 3	Daphne Rank	July 24
Cindy Raboci	July 7	Bob Brubaker	July 25
Sherry Eyster	July 13	Elizabeth Hatch	July 26
Caleb Reitnour	July 14	Meghan Kanazawa	July 26
Rick Miller	July 14	Mike Beachy	July 27
Deb Hill	July 14	Joe Bennett	July 27
Bobbi Delp	July 16	Henry Storm	July 27
Bob Garlin	July 16	Dee Maxwell	July 30

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5	6
7 DBIC Summer Missions Conference 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	8 Doulos Deadline 6:30 pm Human Traffick- ing Meeting (Strayers') 7:00 pm Ministry Council	9	10 5:30 pm Impact 6:30 pm Concert of Prayer	11	12	13
14 DBIC Summer Missions Conference 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	15	16	17 6:30 pm Missionary Update 7:00 pm Salt & Light (NHS)	18	19	20
			VBS			
21 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Discovery Lunch	22	23	24 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	25	26 6:00 pm Impact Movie Night	27 9:00 am Prayer Walk
28 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	29	30	31 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise			