

Winter 2017

# SRCSTUDENT

# NEWS



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## LOOKING & LISTENING FOR GOD

Over winter break we had the opportunity to go on an epic adventure with some of our senior high students called *Let's Ride Discipleship Road Trip*. In just 5 days we traveled 2,217 miles through 11 states. We stayed at 4 churches, visited 5 different sites that tied in with themes that we had each day. In addition to just hanging out and having fun, we had daily Bible reading, prayer, worship, Scripture memory, and lots of great conversations about life and faith.

One of the objectives of our trip was to learn how to look and listen for God in the ordinary of life. We went to various museums and historical sites, and rather than just having the experience like a school field trip, we took time to stop and ask spiritual questions and how we could apply what we were learning to our lives. For example, we visited the Wright Brothers Memorial in North Carolina where Wilbur and Orville Wright were the first persons to successfully fly an airplane. We then talked about how they had a vision, how they learned from the mistakes of others, and how they experimented and pressed on in spite of repeated failures of their own. We then talked about the vision God might have for our lives, the character traits that He is seeking to develop in our lives as we struggle through various challenges we face, and how those struggles actually make us stronger and equip us to accomplish His will in our lives.

While the road trip allowed us a lot of time to think and talk each day, the truth is that we don't have to go on a road trip to see and hear God. Ephesians 4:6 says, "One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." God is everywhere. Things are not God, but God's attributes can be seen in all things. He is always seeking to communicate and reveal Himself to us. He



speaks to us through the Bible, through circumstances, through other people, through nature, and more. The question is, in the midst of our busy lives, are we taking time to **Stop, Look, and Listen**? The challenge for us is to be on the lookout for God. Rather than just looking at what is happening and taking it at face value, ask yourself: *God, what are you trying to show me about who You are?* God might show you that He is concerned about the poor, that He is compassionate, or merciful, or that He cares about justice, etc. Then take time to ask yourself: *God, in light of who You are, and what You care about, What are You saying to me? How should I act — how should my life be different — because of what You have shown me?* Invite the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and write down what you sense God is saying to you in a journal. These are simple things that you can do that don't require an epic road trip. They just require some intentionality on your part to slow down, pay attention, and prayerfully think. So, what is God trying to show you today?

- Pastor Kevin Mahaffy



**Vision:** We want to see students become **fully-devoted, life-long, passionate** followers of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, impacting the world with the gospel.

**Purpose:** Our ministry programs and events are designed to help students **HONOR** God (worship), **SERVE** others (ministry), **REACH** people far from God (evangelism), **CONNECT** in life-giving relationships (fellowship), and **GROW** in faith (discipleship).

# YOUTH WINTER FEST

We had another incredible year at Youth Winter Fest 2017! We had 474 people from 20 different churches in attendance. Our theme this year was *All In*. Based on the response cards we collected, 62 students Accepted Christ; 28 said they wanted to get Baptized; 118 said they wanted to get more Connected to their church this year! So exciting! Please pray for everyone who attended, especially those who made these significant decisions.



## LET'S RIDE DISCIPLESHIP ROAD TRIP



**Epic Adventure.**  
**5 days.**  
**11 States.**  
**2,217 miles Driven.**  
**5 Historic Sites.**  
**Relationships.**  
**Jesus-Centered Conversations.**  
**Life-Long Memories.**



## STOP HUNGER NOW



**Thank you for Serving on MLK Day!**  
**300 Volunteers prepared 60,000 Meals which will be distributed in 71 countries around the world!**



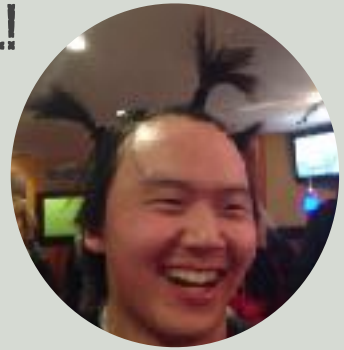
**Brooklyn Nets Game**



*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another” (Hebrews 10:24-25).*



**LET'S GET SOCIAL!**



## BIG THINGS HAPPENING IN SMALL GROUPS

In January all small groups met together for **Deltas United**. It was a great time of hearing from Pastor Steve, Pastor Jerry, Pastor Kevin, worship, and small group discussions.

A new element of our Delta Small Groups this year is **Serve Nights**. These happen approximately every other month, and are times for us to do acts of kindness for others. Groups served at our church food pantry, Guardian Angel thrift shop, made cookies and Valentine's cards for folks in a nursing home, made Valentine's cards for Olivia LoRusso and family as she is battling cancer at St. Jude's in Tennessee, and wrote messages of encouragement to our church staff.



- Manhasset Sr. High (9-12th Graders)**  
Morse Home - 46 Woodcut Lane Manhasset, NY 11030
- Roslyn Heights Jr. High (7-8th Graders)**  
Cintron Home - 81 Hillturn Lane Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
- Glen Cove Sr. High (9-12th Graders)**  
Brady Home - 16 Crescent Beach Rd. Glen Cove, NY 11542
- Glen Head Jr. High (7-8th Graders)**  
Johanson Home - 5 Sandra Court, Glen Cove, NY 11542
- Syosset Sr. High (9-12th Graders)**  
Dantona Home - 105 Sagamore Drive Syosset, NY 11791
- Syosset Jr. High (7-8th Graders)**  
Tanas Home - 50 Twin Ponds Lane Syosset, NY 11791

# MEET A VOLUNTEER



## Meet Donna Brady

**Family:** Married 31 years to hubby, Dan. Kids: 6! Ages 18-30. Grace is the cute caboose.

**Work?** SRC Business Administrator

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:** *Parenthood* (Hands down!). But I'm holding my breath for *Stranger Things 2!* Can't wait!

**Hobby/Leisure Activity:** Dressmaking! I have a sewing room at home with a few different kinds of machines, 2 dress forms, lots of pins, rulers, and cool tools, really great fabrics dying for attention, and 0 time. But it's my #1 go-to place on a snow day for SURE!

**How long at SRC?** 26 years.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *"And IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF to the hungry and satisfy the desires of the afflicted, then YOUR light will rise in darkness and YOUR gloom will become like the noonday sun. And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy YOUR desires in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden and like a spring whose waters DO NOT fail".* (Isaiah 58:10, emphasis added).

**Coolest place you've ever been:** We LOVE to hike and go camping in the Catskills every summer. This past June Dan & I went hiking through "The Narrows" and climbed to the very tip top of "Angels Landing" at Zion National Park in UT. Google it. It was COOL.

**What do you enjoy working with SRC students?** I enjoy this beautiful life-changing chapter of life they are in. It's at its best for me when we get so deep into a discussion that we have to cut it off because parents are waiting. And, to be honest I really enjoy feeding them!

# STUDENT ARTWORK



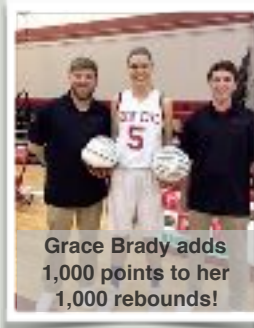
by Sydney Collings



by Julia Cintron



by Gabriel Stewart



Grace Brady adds 1,000 points to her 1,000 rebounds!



**Send us Your Schedule!**

Sports, Concerts, Plays, Karate Tests, Ceremonies, etc. We love supporting you! e-mail us your events: [kevin@shelterrockchurch.com](mailto:kevin@shelterrockchurch.com)



# SIGN UP FOR LOVE LONG ISLAND



**When:** April 11-12, 2017

**Location:** Long Island Locations

**Who It's For:** Youth (7-12th Graders)

**Cost:** \$20

**Leader:** Pastor Kevin Mahaffy

**Who We're Working With:** Various ministries, organizations, and families in need of assistance.

**What We'll Be Doing:** Students will go out each day from 9am-3pm to do various community service projects such as cleaning, painting, yard work, preparing meals, and more. Adult chaperones also needed.

**Register by:** April 6, 2017



# R.I.P. NICK MARTONE



## 1997-2017

It is with very heavy hearts that we learned the sad news of Nick Martone's passing. He was a young man loved by his family and friends, a graduate of the class of 2016, and a beloved member of our youth ministry who was always such a joy to be around. We are praying for the Martone family. If any student needs someone to talk to or a shoulder to cry on, our leaders are here for you.



# 2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS!



**Who It's For:** Sr. High Students

(Students entering 9th Grade in Fall 2017 - 2017 Graduates)

**Cost:** \$1,875

**Leaders:** Pastor Kevin Mahaffy & Sam Tanas

**Who We're Working With:** Kasr El Dohara Evangelical Church

**What We'll Be Doing:** Our primary ministry will be running a week-long day camp for 300 children from the community in partnership with the local church.

**Passport Needed:** Yes

**Deposit & Application Due by:** February 28, 2017



**Who It's For:** Jr. High Students

(Students entering 7-9th Grade in Fall 2017)

**Cost:** \$325

**Leader:** Pastor Kevin Mahaffy & SM Staff

**Who We're Working With:** Living Waters Fellowship

**What We'll Be Doing:** We will be partnering with various ministries throughout NYC to care for the materially poor, feed the hungry, and possibly do some ministry to children.

**Deposit & Application Due by:** April 30, 2017



# PARENT PEARLS

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD GRIEVE



The loss of Nick Martone, whether your child knew him or not, opened a lot of conversation about loss and grief. As a youth ministry we are seeking to help students process, but the most important people to walk with children through loss are parents.

### Common Progression of Feelings

- High Anxiety/Emotional Shock — not in touch with feelings.
- Denial — “This can’t be happening.”
- Anger — strong emotional reactions of all types from screaming to depression; person is less capable of handling any extra pressure.
- Remorse (Bargaining) — “If only I had done this ...”
- Grief — dealing with the loss, saying goodbye, and preparing to move on.
- Reconciliation (Acceptance) — ready to move on; “OK, this happened; I’ll find a way to deal with it and move ahead with my life.”

### Ways You Can Help Your Child

- Listen carefully.
- Be available to spend time with them, but also allow space for private time.
- Offer assistance and a listening ear.

- Reassure them that they are safe.
- Help with everyday tasks.
- Don’t take their anger or other feelings personally.
- Don’t say things like they are “lucky it wasn’t worse.” Such statements do not console traumatized people.
- Tell them you are sorry the event happened and you want to understand and assist them.
- Remind them that confusing emotions are normal.
- Don’t attempt to impose your explanation on why the event happened.
- Don’t tell them you know how it feels. You probably don’t.
- Be willing to say nothing. Just being there is often the best support you can give.
- Offer to accompany them to any meetings or appointments that concern the event.
- Don’t ask for details of the trauma. If they want to talk, just listen. Let them know you are there and care. It isn’t necessary to try and make things better.
- Offer to pray with them and for them.
- Read passages of assurance and hope from the Bible.
- Inform their guidance counselor and teachers so they can be sensitive to any changes in your child.
- If they had personal contact with the person who passed away, when appropriate, ask them to share good memories of their times together. Help them memorialize the person’s life, not their death.

(Adapted from *Better Safe Than Sued* by Jack Crabtree)



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# MIKE'S MINUTE

"The world just seems to be all over the place right now. At times like this, I think it's really important to talk about and be mindful of how we handle ourselves. We have become a society that is so quick to judge and discriminate the second that we have come across a disagreement. What happened to having a civilized discussion about our opinions? I see this happen all the time on Facebook where people are virtually yelling at each other and calling each other names just because they disagree over a political or social issue. God makes it very clear and simple. He calls us to LOVE each other. When asked which commandment is the most important, Jesus says, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37-39).**

We are all different. That's how God created us. And God has given us the gift of free will. Because this is true, we will have differences of opinions about many things. If we were all the same and no one could think differently, nobody would be genuine. When people are attacked for expressing their thoughts and opinions, it is dishonoring to God.

The fact that we are given choices in life is a huge part of what makes life so beautiful. As we continue to interact with people with different opinions, be challenged today to act like Jesus. In the midst of disagreements and differences of opinion, be sure to respond in kindness and with love. Ask yourself, what would Jesus do?"

- Michael Fenimore



Mike loves cables.

# REN'S RAP

After 3 1/2 years of faithful service on staff with SRC Student Ministries, Ren Jainarine has stepped down to embark on a new phase of life. He and Lauren will continue attending Shelter Rock, so you will continue to see them around. Please welcome our newest staff member, Peter Ladenheim.



# PETE'S PIECE

One of the things that always encourages me is knowing my identity in Christ and what it means for my life. Paul writes in the book of Romans, *"And if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the Glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"* (8:17-19). What sticks out to me in this is that we are not only called children of God, but heirs.

So what does that mean? An heir is a *person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death*. Another definition is *a person inheriting and continuing the legacy of a predecessor*. When we are called heirs of God, it means we are entitled to everything that God has for us — His forgiveness, His grace, His power, His mercy, His everything. He gives it all freely to us! In the same way that a prince becomes king when his father passes away, though he may not deserve the crown, he gets it. We get that same kind of reward, just of a much greater and more important magnitude! And as fellow heirs with Christ it further affirms that all that God gave to Christ while He was on Earth, He also gives to us! Knowing that God loves us enough to hold nothing back from us is pretty amazing!

- Peter Ladenheim



Pete whoops kids on Xbox

# BEKAH'S BIT

Our theme for Winter Fest this year was **All In**. I've been thinking a lot about what it means to be truly all in for Jesus. I realized a big part of being all in is finding time to spend in His Word, so this past month I decided to start reading in the book of Luke.

While reading, I came across Luke 5:16 which says, *"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."* This verse amazed me. Though this seems like a simple verse, its importance is shown by putting it into context. In the midst of his fame, Jesus left the popularity and the crowds of people who were amazed by his works, to be alone with God. I started to think about where my focus was in life — whether my focus is on man or on the Son of Man, Jesus. I could not believe how easy and natural it was for Jesus to leave the crowd and His friends to spend time with God. He knew the importance and need for time spent alone with His heavenly Father.

Many times I make up excuses for being too busy to read my Bible or spend alone time with God so I try to squeeze it into my daily activities. While there is nothing wrong with that, I realized that that is not what Jesus did. He did not find times in His daily schedule to fit God in, He found times to fit the crowd into His time with God.

I want to encourage you to be all in for Jesus by spending time with Him. The only way to truly know and hear from God is by spending quality time with Him. Although this can be hard with busy schedules and life events, a good way to stay on track is to start a Bible plan and find a friend who will help keep you accountable. I recently started a Lent devotional with my close friends. We remind each other every morning and night to stay on track.

It's easy to put your focus on crowds, popularity, and the things that give you instant pleasure, but my challenge to you is to make God the center of your focus and to fit your daily schedule around your time with God.

- Rebekah Tanas



Bekah hangs with Girls at hrt<3.

# DEVOTIONAL

## WORTHMORE

### (THE OPPOSITE OF WORTHLESS)

Rare is the day when people are aware of what God wants them to do with their lives.... God calls people to make a difference in this world every day they are alive.

People don't always check in with Jesus to get their daily assignments. As a result, they toil and labor, but their work is in vain when it's not something Jesus has set before them. People can play and laze, but their happiness is shallow and empty when it's not on God's radar.

Perhaps much of human dissatisfaction in life comes from not doing the work Jesus has assigned people to do. What would change in human hearts if people were to present themselves to Jesus ready for work? What if people checked in with Him each morning and

asked, "Sir, what do you want me to do today?" This world would be a much different place.

**Memory Verse:** "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus — the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do today? Amen.

**Difference Maker:** Strive to align all of your actions today with the work that Jesus has called you to do.



**SHELTER ROCK** *Students* 7-12th Grade **Spring 2017**

April	May	June
2 - Youth Mission Bake Sale	3 - Delta Serve Night	2 - hrt<3 & manUP
6 - Delta Fun Night	5 - hrt<3 & manUP	4 - Youth Mission Bake Sale
7 - Coffee House (Music, Art, Poetry, Food)	7 - Adult Leader Lunch	10 - Adult Youth Leader Equip to Serve
8 - Serve @ Eggstravaganza	14 - Family Sunday	11 - Last Sunday Morning Youth Senior Recognition Night
11-12 - Love Long Island	21 - Egypt Team Meeting	16 - Adult Leader End of Year Party
16 - Easter Sunday (Baptisms)	31 - Delta End of Year Party	
20 - Creative Worship Night		
28-29 - Egypt Training		

**Weekly Gatherings**  
(\*Unless Otherwise Noted on Calendar\*)

delta *small groups*  
Wednesdays 7-8pm in Homes

*Morning*  
WORTH OUR SERVICE  
AT EACH  
7 AM ON EVERY CHURCH  
FAMILY CONNECTION

If you have art, poetry, or music you want to share on April 7th, e-mail [Kevin@ShelterRockChurch.com](mailto:Kevin@ShelterRockChurch.com)

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