

Summer 2017

SRC STUDENT

NEWS



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UNSHAKEABLE

Perhaps you have noticed that we are living in some crazy times. Racial tensions, political discord, terrorist attacks, threats of war, natural disasters like hurricanes, wild fires, earthquakes, and more. There is a lot of shaking happening, and when things begin to shake, they have the potential to unnerve us, to create confusion, fear, and instability. But if you are a follower of Jesus, there is great comfort in the words of the Bible.

This year our theme for SRC Student Ministries is **Unshakeable**, and it comes from Hebrews 12:28-29 which says, *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”* God drew my attention to this passage way back in the spring, and as He always does, through the climate we are experiencing, He is showing us why this message is so important for us at this time.

The writer of Hebrews helps us to understand that we are going to experience times of shaking in our lives. Sometimes we see something happen to someone else and it shakes us deeply. Sometimes things happen to us personally that rattle us to the core. God doesn't always author these things; sometimes the things that shake us are simply a part of living in a broken world. But whether God causes the shaking, or it is due to our messed up world, shaking does two things. First, shaking

tests what we are made of. Second, shaking reveals what is important to us. Through times of shaking God wants us to take a look at our lives.

Are we building our lives on a solid foundation, or on shifting sands? Are we living our lives for that which is temporary and useless, or for that which is permanent and has lasting value? When we build our lives on Jesus, we are part of a kingdom that cannot be shaken. That means, no matter what happens, it cannot be moved. There is nothing that can happen to you that can catch God by surprise or knock Him off of His throne. And He wants us to live with that kind of security. When you have a living relationship with Jesus, you can live your life in trust, not fear. Nothing will shake Jesus, and when you are “in Him,” as the Bible says, whatever is true of Jesus is true of you. You too can live with peace, confidence, and stability no matter what is going on around you, because of who is living in you. (Or, perhaps more accurately stated, *who you are living in.*)

This year we are going to challenge you to really think about your life. We are going to talk about important things that we need in our lives in order to stand strong amidst all of the shaking that is going on around us. Join us Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and at Youth Winter Fest 2018!

- Pastor Kevin Mahaffy

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**SHELTER
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students

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).

3 LESSONS FROM SPIDER-MAN

BY DARE 2 SHARE MINISTRIES

Spidey is back! But this superhero movie gives us more than just the Marvel Comics special effects we've come to know and love. *Spider-Man: Homecoming* provides more than thrills and chills. It encourages and inspires us with a welcome dose of courage and heart in the midst of teen angst. This Spider-Man is an average, nerdy, sometimes insecure high school student struggling with a crush of monumental proportions, all the while coming to grips with his own unique ability to impact the world for good.

Fifteen-year-old Peter Parker even has a mentor—Tony Stark/Ironman—coaching “Spider-Boy” on the finer points of learning to use his superpowers. Stark encourages Peter to start by being a friendly neighborhood superhero, but when the need arises and Peter's high school classmates need rescuing, Peter finds a way.

We want to challenge you to use your own special superpowers to rescue your friends through the power of the gospel.

Tap into Your Supernatural Power!

As Christians we too have access to supernatural power—a power we can tap into whenever we call upon God in prayer and use our spiritual gifts to further His kingdom and bring glory to His name. A power that is amazingly beyond what our finite minds can sometimes even think or imagine. The Bible tells us it is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead! It's described like this in Ephesians 1:18-21:

“I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.”

Lean on Others When the Going Gets Tough!

Much like Peter Parker needs a little help sometimes, the Bible has words of wisdom for us in this area as well. It's clear that as believers, we're “better together,” encouraging and watching out for each other. Check out Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12:

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble...The person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”



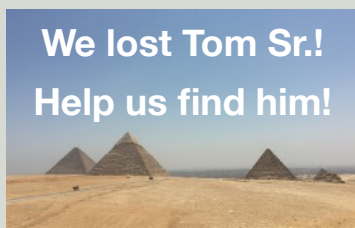
Keep Trying and Never Give Up!

No matter the obstacles hurtling his way, Spider-Man is never down for long. When our world is stressed and out of control, we must learn to lean into God's promise that *“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you”* (Hebrews 13:5). As a follower of Jesus, learn to walk in the kind of confidence the Apostle Paul spoke of when he said: *“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength”* (Philippians 4:13). Tapping into God's power in our lives gives us strength and courage.

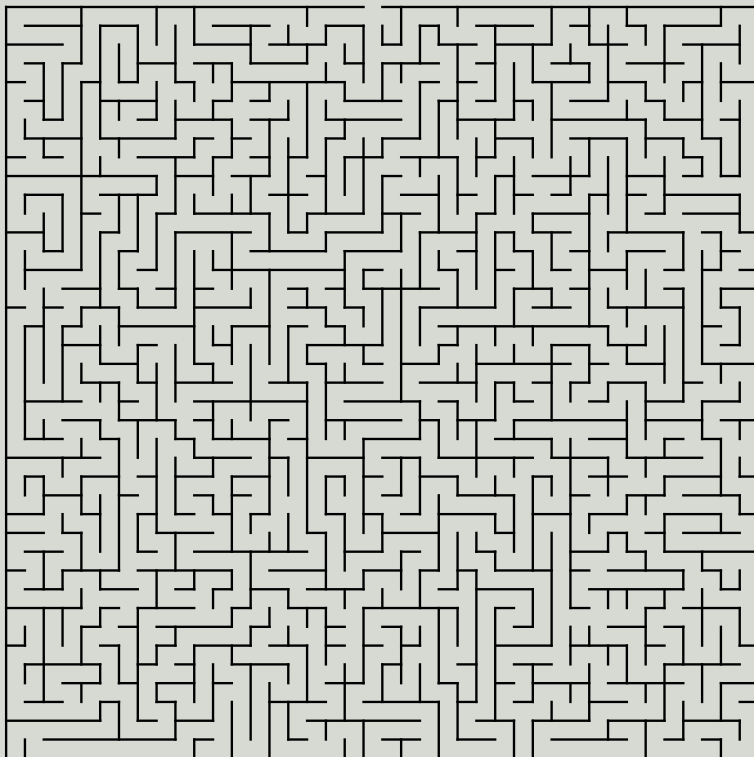


NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP LOCATION & FORMAT!

Thanks to our new Westbury campus that God has provided, we now have a central location in which students from all SRC locations gather together on Wednesday nights for youth group! We are still breaking up into our Delta small groups AT the church, but this new location gives us the opportunity to all be together and do some other things during the night as well. We have a gym, ball fields, and more! Bring a friend, a few bucks for the Snack Shack, and join us **each Wednesday from 7-9pm**. SRC Westbury Campus (Ban Suk United Methodist Church - 11 Powells Lane. Old Westbury).



We lost Tom Sr!
Help us find him!



Youth Winter Fest 2018
Unshakeable
Hebrews 12:28
January 5-7, 2018
Tuscarora Inn
Mt. Bethel, PA



Jason Raitz, Speaker



Mitch Parks, Music

YWF
Variety Show
Featuring YOU!

Registration Info:

Shelter Rock Student Pricing:
\$180 if \$60 deposit received by 10/31/17
\$195 if \$60 deposit received by 11/30/17
\$215 if \$60 deposit received after 11/30/17
Register at ShelterRockChurch.com/YWF

MEET A VOLUNTEER



Meet **Santhosh Paulus**

Family: Married to my best friend Rajdeep. Father of 4 girls: Hannah, Nitha, Lydia, and Sarah.

Work? Physician at Huntington Hospital as the Site Director of Family Medicine Residents. I help train doctors how to be doctors.

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Sherlock Holmes/Goonies.

Hobby/Leisure Activity: I love playing basketball, cycling, and scuba diving.

How long at SRC? 3 years.

Favorite Bible verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Proverbs 29:11).

Cooliest place you've ever been: Boiling Lake, Dominica

What do you enjoy working with SRC students? Helping to impart wisdom (which usually comes from learning from my mistakes) and give guidance when kids are making decisions and tough choices in life.



Another thing we think you should know about Santhosh is that he founded an organization called *Cycling 4 Change* which uses cycling to raise awareness and funds to support organizations on the front lines of the battle against human trafficking. In 2015 the whole Paulus family led a team of cyclists who rode all the way across the United States! #C4C #IHateTraffick

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN C4C ...

MEMORY VERSE:

"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do" (Psalm 1:1-3).

Send us Your Schedule!

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



10 ACTIONS THAT KIDS LEARN FROM THEIR PARENT'S MARRIAGE

When I speak on marriage, I'm always asked if I intentionally taught my kids about marriage.

The answer is yes... and, no.

Yes, there are times when we've talked specifically about marriage (either ours or ones that our kids have observed). But, for the most part, Cathy and I have been wise enough to know that our kids are constantly watching and learning from us. Our actions (both good and bad) are always teaching them about marriage.

I would be thrilled if my kids had a similar type of marriage that Cathy and I share... it's definitely not perfect, but we're both very proud of what we've developed over 30 years.

Here are 10 actions that I know my kids have observed from us over the year:

Affection: Cathy & I are very affectionate and I like having my kids see me holding their mom's hand, hugging, kissing, cuddling, etc... as often as I can.

Saying "I'm sorry": I want to be quick to use this phrase and I want my kids to hear me say it (and I have to say it a lot more than Cathy).

Affirmation: this is my primary love language so it's easy for me to dish out encouraging words. My kids get a lot of verbal affirmation, but they also hear me directing it toward my wife (which is really easy).

Attraction: I think Cathy is hot... and, I make it known around our family. I'll regularly say, "Isn't your mom beautiful?"

Time: our kids know that we like to spend time together. When they see us steal time away to sit in the backyard and talk, or go in the hot tub, or go on a date night, or sneak away for the weekend...that's a good message I want them to see.

Laughter: we laugh a lot in our house and my wife's cute sense of humor cracks me up. I like having my kids see that my wife makes me laugh.

Respect: opening the door for Cathy, saying "thank you" and "please" and showing her simple signs of respect.

Faith conversations: we're not always praying in front of our kids, but they hear and see our faith conversations and know that we're always talking about Jesus and what it means to be a follower.

The value of friends: our house is well worn from the traffic of friends in/out of our house. We love having people over and the Fields' house is a regular hangout for some incredible friends.

Servanthood: I know my kids have had a better example in Cathy than with me because she's the ultimate servant. Always asking, "How can I help? What do you need to make life better?" Serving one another is seen in the daily, little things and there's many opportunities to serve.

Kids are always watching their parent's marriage and yet too many marriages underestimate the power of modeling! Children are taking daily recordings of what a marriage looks like and those recordings are definitely influencing and shaping their view of marriage.

- Doug Fields



MIKE'S MINUTE

It's so easy for us to get worked up over our plans changing. For some people change is nothing crazy; they just go with the flow. But if you're anything like me, when plans change, it's usually a huge deal. Lately I've been coming into the realization that awesome things can happen when your plans change and when you're in a place of surrender. Allowing God to make changes always ends up being for the best.

Having plans change is usually hardest to deal with for the person who loves making plans in the first place. It's so easy to just plan our lives and place things where we would like them to be in our heads, almost as if we were playing some type of strategical game like chess. We do this with big things in our life like deciding where to go to college, what age we want to get married, have kids, buy a house, where we'd like to work, when we'd like to retire, and the list goes on and on. We might as well plan our own funerals at that rate! We also do it just as much with the small things; planning out everything down to the minute of our time away on vacation or hanging out with friends, or whatever it may be.

God has a plan for our lives that is so much greater than anything we could ever imagine. Sometimes, it turns out that our plan that we've so carefully crafted and put together in our heads is different from the even greater plan that God has for us. When we come to discover this, we can react in one of two ways: We can get crazy and totally stress out that things are not the way that we intended. Or, we can submit to God's authority and higher calling on our lives, no matter how uncomfortable it might seem or feel at times. God wants to stretch us and we need to remember that stretching is uncomfortable! It really comes back to a simple question: Do we trust God?

Romans 8:28 says *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* We sing this all the time in the song *Your Love Never Fails*. Be reminded today that we have every reason in the book (literally, the Bible) to trust God. My friend Matt wrote an amazing song called "Abandon Myself," and the bridge of the song says, "Your ways are higher than mine, Your thoughts are greater, far greater than mine."

Be encouraged today to be someone who is constantly surrendering their plans to God. Allow Him to change what He wants, and learn to be His servant who trusts Him without hesitation.



Learn to joyfully accept what He wants for your life, because what He wants is always for your best.

- Michael Fenimore

PETE'S PIECE

I heard a message recently about the importance of intimacy with Jesus Christ and it really made me reflect on my own life. As Christians sometimes I think we misunderstand what it means to spend time with God.

When I was a student I remember having this idea that spending time with God meant praying for at least 15 minutes and reading a chapter of the Bible every day. If I didn't live up to those standards in my quiet time, I thought it wasn't sufficient; that it didn't count.

As I've gotten older I realize that spending time with God is anything *but* regimented as I had thought it was. I realize that by putting so many constraints on what time with God had to look like, I actually never got intimate with Him.

Reading the Bible and prayer are so important. Without those things we can never truly have a relationship with God. However, daily intimacy with Jesus Christ goes far beyond those constructs. If you were to spend time with a friend you wouldn't just talk at them telling them all of your needs and everything you did wrong followed by reading through all their previous text messages to you, would you? Of course not! You'd have a conversation, a back and forth, you'd go out and do something fun and enjoy being in the presence of your friend. Well that's what true intimacy with Christ looks like. It's having conversation with God, allowing Him to speak to you, giving Him room to actually get some words in.

For myself, sometimes I like to do this while going on a walk. Sometimes I'll throw on some worship music and shoot around at the basketball court. Sometimes I'll lay in bed and just be quiet. My point is that it differs every day. Hanging out with Jesus is so important but it's not the routine we've made it. It's an amazing time to truly just hang out with our Savior and enjoy being in His presence.

- Peter Ladenheim



BEKAH'S BIT

James 2:14-19 says, *"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.'"*

Often times many people, including myself, get confused by these verses because growing up in church I learned that we don't earn our salvation by following a set of rules like many other religions — that Jesus already paid the price for our sins. But James is saying that it is not that we do good works in order to be saved. It's that we are already saved by grace and therefore we do good works to show our faith. Actions help us to see that our commitment to God is real. If we only talked about our faith and about Jesus but our actions did not follow what we preached, then we would be setting a bad example of who Jesus is to the people around us. Especially as Christians people are constantly watching and judging Christianity based on our actions.

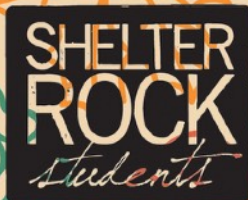
When you're in a relationship with a friend or family member, simply telling the person you are their friend but not acting like it or showing them would have no impact on them. People would simply not believe it. But living it and actively being apart of the relationship would show people that you are in fact who you say you are. James says that's exactly the way our faith in Jesus should be like. Lastly, James says in verse 19 that many people can believe in Jesus but choose not to follow him and that's what sets followers of Jesus apart from people who are simply fans of Jesus.

Finally, I want to encourage you to not be afraid to live out your faith in every situation you come across even if it may seem like the "uncool" thing to do. Whether at school or work be active in following God's word so that people can see Jesus through you. As school begins again, ask God to bring you opportunities to show your friends who Jesus really is by your actions.

- Rebekah Tanas



HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!



7-12th Graders

FALL 2017



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Weekly Gatherings

(*Unless Otherwise Noted on Calendar*)

Sunday Morning Youth

7-9pm at SRC Westbury Campus
2nd Service
Each Campus

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Meets @ Ban Suk Korean
United Methodist Church
11 Powells Lane
Old Westbury, NY

September

- 13 - Wednesday Night Kickoff Party (Westbury)
- 16 - Equip to Serve
- 17 - Sunday Morning Youth Kickoff
- 24 - Celebrate Life Nick Martone Kickball Tournament
- 30 - Group SYM Local Youth Leader Training

October

- 7 - Cycling 4 Change Bike-A-Thon
- 8 - Family Sunday (No Sunday AM Youth)
- 9 - Burgers & Laser Tag 4-7:30pm
- 14 - World Vision 1/2 Marathon
- 20 - IMPACT Youth Rally with Tedashii
- 28 - Serve at Fall Festival

November

- 3 - Adult Leader Game Night
- 11 - Student Leader Breakfast
- 12 - Youth Missions Bake Sale
- 16-19 - National Youth Workers Convention
- 22 - No Youth Group (Thanksgiving Service)

December

- 1 - hrt<3 & manUP (YAC)
- 3 - Adult Leader Christmas Party (YAC)
- 9 - Student Leader Breakfast
- 15 - Church Christmas Party
- 24 - Family Sunday (No Sunday AM Youth)
- 27 - No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

Full Details of All Events in Weekly Student Ministry Update! To Receive e-mail: Students@ShelterRockChurch.com

OCTOBER 14
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

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IMPACT

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

10.20.17

FEAT. TEDASHII

7pm

CenterPoint Church, Massapequa, NY

\$20.....By 10/9/17

\$25.....After 10/9/17