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**Merry Christmas, from our family to yours !!!**

This has been an amazing year for this ministry. We have had a few challenges, but it really has been a great year. We get a lot of calls from pastors and churches in Pennsylvania asking for concerts. Most of the time, it is hard to fit them on the calendar because we are off touring in other parts of the country. This year we dedicated the calendar to the list of churches we had in PA and surrounding states. It was nice to be close to home and not be gone on long tours. 2016 will not be the same, with tours all over the country, I think we will visit every corner of the U.S. except the New England area.

The best part of this year is the number of people that have received and changed their lives for Christ. As I write this update, just before Thanksgiving, there have been over 1,800 people who have made those life changing decisions. I share that number with you, not to brag, but to let you know that your prayers and support for this ministry are making a difference in the Kingdom. Thank you.

As we look at this past year and begin to look upon next year, we do need to ask for some help. Since we didn't have longer tours this year, we were able to keep travel costs way down, but that will obviously change next year. Our biggest challenge in finances is our health care. Our renewal always happens in August. This past year, our monthly premium went up an extra \$420. Without writing a long explanation, there are several reasons as to why we can't change carriers. This new increase has been a huge burden that has left Kelli and me with fewer pay checks than ever before. It's hard to provide for a family of 6 when you're not receiving paychecks.

Please continue to pray for this ministry. Pray for safe travels, a well working truck to travel in, safety for my family as I am away from them, and for us to be as effective in ministry as ever before. Please also pray about partnering with Chiz Rider Ministries by becoming a monthly donor or consider a onetime end of the year donation. All donations are tax exempt, and receipts will be mailed to you. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.



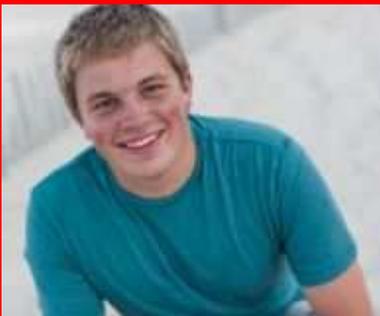
# Family Matters

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2015. I feel like this year has passed so much quicker than any of the years in the past. I guess it has a lot to do with our kids, and the season of life that we are in.

Kaitlin is an official Penn State student. Since we live just a few minutes away from PSU, she commutes daily. She is working at TJ Maxx to help put herself through college, and when she has some spare time, she loves hanging out with her friends. Please keep her in your prayers. She is feeling a lot of pressure trying to keep up with college, homework and her job.



Chase is a junior in high school and has been enjoying being part of the school's marching band. He has been out on the road with his Dad a lot this year and is doing a great job performing. He is taking woodshop again this year. Last year he made us a beautiful table and some cutting boards for several family members. We are looking forward to seeing what kinds of projects he will be working on this year.



Ryan is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and still holds the title for being the family's funny man. He has been showing an interest in drawing and is doing an awesome job. We weren't aware of his talent until we walked into his school a few months ago and saw his self-portrait hanging on the wall. We knew he liked to doodle and draw cartoon characters, but were blown away when we saw his picture.



Brooke is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Girl Scouts. She just started taking viola lessons and will hopefully have the opportunity to perform a song during one of her dad's upcoming concerts. She has always loved to sing, so when she heard about the opportunity to join the school choir, she jumped right in. Brooke has a huge heart for animals and is hoping to find a new pet under the tree this year.



Chiz and I are just trying to keep our heads above water, so to say. He is getting ready to hit the road for his Christmas tour and I'm trying to get everything caught up in the office so that we can take some time off over the holidays. It's not only important to take the time off to rest, but we feel it's important to invest time in our family. Chiz travels throughout the year, and is away every weekend. When he is home, the kids usually have some sort of event going on. You can only imagine how much we are all looking forward to the time off, and our time together as a family. We like to hibernate in our basement with no phones, no interruptions - just our family, some games and a bunch of movies. I also love that we can go to church together - all 6 of us. It's a rare privilege and I can't wait!

It's not always easy trying to keep up with life on the road, in the office and with our family, but I am so very thankful for this crazy life that God has blessed us with. Please keep us in your prayers as we follow where God leads.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*~Kelli*

## Chiz's Corner

Have you ever had the chance to hang out with someone you really looked up to and admired? Someone you really wanted to impress? So, you tried hard to be on your best behavior and make yourself look good.

Perhaps a police officer pulled out and started to follow you. You decide to be extra careful, use your turn signals, and go the speed limit. You don't want to get pulled over. You want to look like a good driver.

Those little moments in life are the way we are supposed to live all the time. The Bible does not talk about driving a car well just when police are around. However, the Bible does talk about living your life so you may be blameless and pure children of God.

Philippians 2:12-16 says:

*"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence- continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life- in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing."*

I see things like this happen all the time, especially with my kids. They will be doing something together and be picking on each other and not know that Kelli and I are right around the corner. As soon as they see us and know we are there, they change their behavior.

You probably already know where I am going with this.

Philippians 3:17-4:1 says:

*"Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."*

*Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!"*

I didn't pick this topic to write about because I was reading Philippians during my quiet time. I actually picked it because of a funny conversation that I had a few days ago with friend of mine.

We were talking about the TV reality shows that are on, and were trying to come up with other crazy ideas for new reality shows. One of our ideas was to have a "judge" follow a few people around in their everyday lives. Whoever was the kindest, hardworking, best person, would win a million dollars. It would be fun to see if people could actually be generous and kind.

Let me tell you this ... We do have somebody watching over our every move, our every action, and our every thought. It is God. At the end of our life, it won't be a million dollars that we will receive if we're good and obedient, what we will get is eternal life with Christ in Heaven. Now let me be 100% clear. Being a good person, being kind and a hard worker is not going to get you to Heaven. The only way to get to Heaven is to accept Christ as your Savior. Once you have done that, you are forgiven of your sins and are granted eternal life.

Once you accept Christ, seek Him and draw close to Him in all you do, you can't help but be a kind, forgiving, passionate, loving person.

I love James 2: 14-18. It says:

*"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his 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 what I do. "*

Some people misinterpret those verses and think that our good deeds are our ticket to Heaven. I understand those verses to tell us to do what we can with the love of Christ because of our relationship with Him, and not be lazy Christians.

So what is my point? How can I conclude this column in a simple way that will bring everything together? Well...it's all about Christ. It's all about Him, because when you receive Christ and have a close relationship with Him, everything else comes easily. I'm not saying that you will have a perfect life with no trials or troubles. What I am saying is that when you have a relationship with the Son of God, the God that invented love, and Christ - who truly shows us that love, there is no other way that you can keep from having that love radiate in your own life.

We all have areas in our lives that we need to work on. We all have moments that we can be nicer, more generous, or even be an example driver. I encourage you to seek and draw closer to Christ and more like Him. He is our ultimate example of love, forgiveness and compassion!

Thanks for your time, Chiz

# Ministry Schedule

## December

- 2 Family Fellowship Christian Church, Acme, PA
- 3 Bates Fork Baptist Church, Sycamore, PA
- 5 Synergy Group, North Huntington, PA
- 5 Hamilton Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA
- 6 Calvary Baptist Church, Byesville, OH
- 7 Cambridge High School, Cambridge, OH
- 7 SALT Factory, Cambridge, OH
- 10 Northwood Baptist Chapel, Tyrone PA
- 11 Calvary Wesleyan Church, Bethlehem, PA
- 13 Bethany United Methodist Church, Hamburg, PA
- 14-15 The Arbor Company, Philadelphia, PA
- 19 Coalport First United Methodist Church, Coalport, PA
- 20 Somerset Alliance Church, Somerset, PA

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## January

- 3 Altoona Alliance Church
- 8 Clearfield Christian School, Clearfield, PA
- 10 Clearfield Alliance Church, Clearfield, PA
- 17 T Portage Alliance Church, Portage, PA
- 24 First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores, Gulf Shore, AL
- 27 T Redemption Church, Mobile AL
- 29 Christ Community Church, Winter Haven, FL
- 31 Brooksville Wesleyan Church, Brooksville, FL

## February

- 1 Lakeland Christian School, Lakeland, FL
- 4 Rincon School District, Rincon, GA

## February (cont.)

- 5 Rincon United Methodist Church, Rincon, GA
- 6 Richmond Hill United Methodist Church, Richmond Hill, GA
- 7 Calvary Baptist Church, Florence, SC
- 9 Southmont Nutrition Sites, Davidson County, NC
- 10 First Alliance Church, Winston Salem, NC
- 12 Temple Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
- 14 North Point Community Church, Wilmington, NC
- 21 Green Grove Brethren In Christ, Spring Mills, PA
- 29 Cascade Christian High School, Medford, OR

## March

- 1 Medford Neighborhood Church, Medford, OR
- 2 Veneta Alliance Church, Veneta, OR
- 5 T Calimesa 7-Day Adventist, Calimesa, CA
- 6 Outdoor Resort Chapel, Cathedral City, CA
- 7 T Palm Springs Health Care, Palm Springs, CA
- 9 Desert Foothills Lutheran School, Scottsdale, AZ
- 13 First Christian Church, Miami, OK
- 20 Brockway Alliance Church, Brockway, PA
- 26-27 Daybreak Church, Mechanicsburg, PA

## April

- 3 United Methodist Church, Newtown Hamilton, PA
- 10 Sayre Christian Church, Sayre, PA
- 13 N. Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City, PA
- 17 Nittany Bible Church, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA
- 24 Maysville Baptist Church, Maysville, MO
- 25-30 National Bible Quiz, Colorado Springs, CO