



The Navigators Calling

Advancing the Good News of Jesus and His kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost



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Jackie (Joe out of town) Bob and Jen

Jackie says, *"Every week I went home from class feeling like I had a golden nugget to implement in our family. I could hardly wait to tell my husband, Joe. I also found myself sharing with friends all of the benefits from the class. One day I was telling Jen, my neighbor, about the class and found out she also knew Amy and had taken the class ten years earlier!"*

Jen had been wanting to retake the class anyway so she and Jackie organized a group to meet in Jen's and Bob's home. They invited friends and neighbors and fourteen parents signed on! We have met twice monthly during September through May for the twelve sessions of my course.

These parents have continued to share with others the benefits they are receiving. As a result, several new opportunities for in-depth ministry have emerged through the life-on-life coaching I do. One mom says, *"I knew I loved my child but I didn't really like her very much. You have helped me understand myself and her better. I am now reconnecting and rebuilding. I have hope."* Another mother shares, *"I needed my own internal compass. I parented by being pushed and pulled by everyone else. I am gaining my own sense of balance and direction. Little by little, our family is changing and growing."*

This story of parents being helped and then telling others is how my ministry through *Parenting with Purpose (PwP)* has enlarged over the past 14 years. These parents are not only making a difference in the lives of their families, they are going on to live and tell a better story.

PARENTING WITH PURPOSE

"Parenting with Purpose – a parenting course designed to strengthen families and build healthy relationships" -- Jackie read and pondered the course flyer she received at her daughter's preschool. What really caught her attention was the description of the Sessions on Discipline: 'Understanding the Causes of Misbehavior and Learning How to Develop Self-Discipline and Internal Motivation in your Child.'

Jackie and Joe had just moved to the area and the transitions had taken a toll on their family. With daughters, ages 2 and 5, she knew she had been less than effective in handling misbehavior. When signing up, though, she had no idea on what a journey this course would take her!

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

These ladies pictured are a special part of my life. Every other Wednesday we meet for two hours. First hour is to catch-up with one another, sharing our lives and our stories – a place to be; a time to be present for one another. Second hour is for studying the Scripture.

This year we have studied the Gospel of John using N.T. Wright's book, John for Everyone. Dr. Wright gives his personal as well as a rich historical viewpoint. These friends are just beginning to search the Scriptures and they are so enthusiastic. One shared, *"I am just hungry for more and more. It seems I can't get enough!"*



**Beth, Suzie, Amy, Michelle, Maribeth
(Missy not present)**

We support each other and in this special place of safety, bear each other's burdens. These women are finding that having a place 'to be' is rather unique and is certainly becoming more and more essential for living. Together, we are seeking and challenging one another to experience the presence of Jesus each day.

FAMILY

Mary Catherine, our eldest, loves living in California. She waits tables in an upscale steak house and is preparing to continue her college studies in the Fall. We stay connected and are missing one another. Becca and Tommy find great joy in married life! Tommy thrives as a teacher and coach at their high school alma mater and Becca is excelling in her Human Resource work with FTI Consulting in Annapolis.

Nathan finds his life quite full with teaching high school Spanish, working toward his Master's Degree in Intercultural Communications, maintaining his own home and waiting tables on most Saturday nights. Jon Nye completed his course-work (and hand-crafted four beautiful guitars!) at the Galloup School of Lutherie in Michigan and is now at the Northrop Grumman Apprentice School for Shipbuilding. He is living with my brother, David, and his wife, Susan. They have generously opened their lives and home, helping Jon 'get his feet on the ground' as he begins work and college in Newport News, Virginia through this unique program. My twin brothers, David and Danny have had 37-year careers with Newport News Shipbuilding.

Sarah is finishing her junior year in high school. As an avid soccer player, she continues training during the off-season and as SGA Vice President, loves rallying students for community service projects. She also works as a hostess and busses tables at the same restaurant as Nathan. Garrison hangs with his buddies, plays lacrosse and has helped us host his middle school Bible study on Monday nights. It is 90 minutes of high energy when 14 pre-teens descend on our home for fun on the trampoline, a pizza supper, and Bible study.

Your prayer is so important! Will you continue to pray for us?

- 1. Sarah and I travel to Brooklyn July 11-17 with teens from our church to help lead a Bible camp. This will be Sarah's third trip. Please pray for Jesus to plant His hope in this federal housing project as the children come to know Him more fully.**
- 2. Ask Jehovah Rophe (the Lord our Healer) to bring growth and healing for generations of families through my PwP ministry.**
- 3. Ask God to strengthen our Bible Study Group for knowing and following Jesus.**

*With Our Love,
Amy and Tim*