

Triangle Presbyterian Tidings



Dear Friends,

My Covenant Group is meeting early this year. This is the group of ministers that you have heard me talking about from time to time that I have been meeting with once a year for about 20 years now. These guys and I have covenanted together to meet throughout the course of our ministries to care for and support one another. Ordinarily our meeting takes place the first full week after Easter. This year, however, will be different. Our meeting begins on the first day of February...in Nicaragua. Usually we meet in Montreat but this year we decided to meet where one of our members is a missionary. Many of you have met Danny and Ann Sharpe who work with Young Life (Vida Joven) in Nicaragua. We have been supporting their ministry for several years now. Danny invited the group to come and we decided to take him up on the offer. What that means is this year's Covenant Group will be in part, a mission trip. My understanding is that we are going to be doing some maintenance and building work at the camp. We are going to spend some time working where they grow the coffee beans. Therefore, I've been busy collecting tools and supplies that will be donated to the camp after we have used them during our stay.

Another added dimension to our trip this year will be that at least for one night of our stay we will be in the home of a Nicaraguan family. The idea behind these "home stays" is to get a better grasp and understanding of the culture and to have an opportunity to interact with brothers and sisters in Christ in their own life settings. Since I speak no Spanish, I'm really hoping the family I stay with speaks at least some English. (Is that a legitimate prayer request?)

Needless to say this will be a very different experience for us as a group and for me personally. I have only been on mission trips to Haiti. It will be interesting and informative to see how God is at work in a different part of the world. Although we can hear missionaries talk to us from time to time and we can see the pictures and even videos that they show, there is nothing quite like taking a personal journey to spend time where they do their work and ministry. I'm fully aware that on such a trip, I am the one who benefits most greatly. I believe that is generally the case on short term mission trips. Someone has suggested that such trips be called, "Go, Learn, Return and Respond," trips. My hope is that as I return I will be able to adequately help you understand the needs of this vital ministry so that our support will continue.

An interesting side note is that our Senior High Youth will be going on a mission trip this summer to the same place I will be visiting in February. I look forward to hearing the experiences of our young people and being able to discuss with them the needs that they have seen. My hope is that their trip will plant a seed in each of their hearts that will call forth a response to those in need through the rest of their lives. (Now that is a legitimate prayer request.)

Together with you in this adventure called discipleship,

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Adult Education

For info or questions contact CaseyClark@TrianglePC.org.

Sunday Morning Topical Classes

Incarnation

Facilitator: Casey Clark

Location: Fellowship Hall A

At Christmas Jesus Christ was born. But what does it mean that God became flesh, and what does that mean for us? This class will discuss these important questions of the faith based on what we learn from Scripture. Come with any and all questions and learn about the miracle of Immanuel—God with us.

ESL Sunday School

Facilitator: Helene S., Jennifer M.

Room 204

This class is for speakers of other languages. In this class, we go over the very same topics covered during the church service—the Scripture text, music, and sermon—in a format that will be easy for ESL (English as a Second Language) speakers to understand and internalize. Feel free to invite any ESL speakers you might know!

HomeBuilders

Facilitators: Mark & Juliellen S.

Location: Media center

New study beginning February 6! This ongoing class focuses on God's will for our families and households, with discussion-based studies on topics such as parenting, marriage, finances and other issues. Starting February 6, the class will begin a study from Will Davis Jr.'s book, "Pray Big For Your Marriage." Those at any age and stage of homebuilding are welcome!

Parent Care

Facilitator: Bob W.

Location: Fellowship Hall C

Are you in the midst of helping provide care for your parents, either hands-on, long distance, or somewhere in between? At the same time, are you caring for children of your own? Do you wonder where you might get answers to your concerns? If you have answered yes to one or more of these questions, you are not alone. A number of TPC members are in the midst of caring for aging parents or others while caring for their own families. Couples in this category have been appropriately termed the "Sandwich generation." If you are in this group, here's something that might help!

Sunday Morning Fellowship Classes

SALT (Single Adults in the Lord Together)

The Sinai Code

Facilitator: Donna M.

Location: Room 101

Thirty-five hundred years ago Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with a short list of rules that has shaped the values of men and nations for centuries. We know them as the Ten Commandments, but do we really know them? Some would argue that it is the Ten Commandments that set the stage for mankind to feel as if we must perform our way into God's graces, but was that the reason they were given?

FELLOWSHIP: Daniel

Facilitator: Ron K.

Location: Fellowship Hall B

The book of Daniel tells the story of Jewish exile. Daniel is among the many who were taken from their home and exiled in Babylon. There his faith is tested, he becomes well known for interpreting dreams, and rises in power in the empire. Come join this class and learn about this fascinating book.

Bible Study—Gospel of John

Each week you're welcome to come and take part in the study and discussion of this great book. There is no required homework or required Biblical knowledge to come—all are welcome. Contact CaseyClark@TrianglePC.org with questions.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday mornings 6:30-7:30AM at McDonalds (Hwy 54/Hwy55)

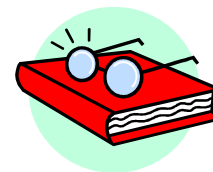
RESUMING FEBRUARY 17

Walk Thru the New Testament

Having done the Old Testament almost two years ago, we're now bringing back Walk Thru to have the same, exciting seminar to teach us about the New. This event will be Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 1 and 2. By the end we'll know the New Testament better than ever. Mark your calendars for this unique opportunity.

TPC Book Club

READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN is Azar Nafisi's memoir of how she and her students dared exercise intellectual freedom in totalitarian Iran. **Join TPC Book Club on February 8 at 7:00PM in the TPC Media Center** to discuss this testament to the vitality of great literature and her revelation of Iran's violent transformation into an Islamic state. Meet **March 8** (same time and place) to discuss **SISTERS OF SINAI**, Janet Soskice's true story of intrepid 19th century Scottish Presbyterian sisters who dug up a valuable artifact from the Gospels. For more information, contact the church office.



Remaining meetings and books:

March 8	<i>Sisters of Sinai</i> by Janet Soskice
May 10	<i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese
July 12	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> by Rebecca Skloot
August 9	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> by Willa Cather
September 13	<i>The Sabbath World</i> by Judith Shulevitz
November 8	<i>The Invisible Bridge</i> by Julie Orringer

SALT—Single Adults in the Lord Together

- Sunday, Feb. 6 First Sunday Brunch at Nantucket Grill in Sutton Station on Fayetteville Road
Meet there after second service
- Sunday, Feb. 13 Valentine breakfast at TPC – hosted and served by the men of TPC – no charge.
Serving 7:45-9:30AM No reservation needed.
- Sunday, Feb. 20 Come hear renowned potter, Mark Hewitt speak – “A Few of My Favorite Things About North Carolina Pottery” at 3 pm., Southwest Regional Library, 3605 Shannon Road, Durham. Car pool from back TPC parking lot at 2:30 pm.
- Tuesday, Feb. 22 SALT Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., Room 101.

Children's Ministries

For info or questions contact NancyHolton@TrianglePC.org

Coming Events

There's still time for your elementary age child to sign up for Wednesday Clubs for Kids. We'll have our first club meeting of the spring semester on Wednesday, February 9th from 4:30 pm- 7:30pm. Meals are served each week, and are included in the registration fee of \$50 for 2nd-5th grades, and \$35 for Kindergarten and 1st grade. You may pick up a registration form or register online on our website under RESOURCES. Clubs provide Bible study, recreation, meals and music and drama preparation for our spring musical, May 1st. Call Nancy to volunteer or to request more information. Childcare for children of volunteers is provided each week at no additional cost.

Running on Faith Girls Running Club

We are inviting elementary-middle school girls to participate in The TPC Girls' Running Club, "Running On Faith" beginning February 27th for girls ages 8-14 who want to glorify God through running, while also discussing healthy decision making and learning more about His plan for their lives. The club combines a brief Bible devotion, individual and group reflection and games, along with training for a 5k running event. The program will meet once a week for an hour and a half on Sundays, from 2- 3:30 at Solite Park on Fayetteville Road. The program will conclude on May 21st with the girls participating in the St. Francis of Assisi Run for Peace. There is a \$25 registration, which covers T-shirt, study materials, and weekly healthy snacks. Registration for the program will begin in early February. Questions? Contact Nancy.



Calling all Dads & Sons!



The Children's Ministries Team is planning an overnight camping experience for Dads and Sons this spring, and we need your input! If this doesn't apply to you, but you know someone who might be interested please share this information.

The event will take place at Jordan Lake and is for ages 5 and up. What we need to know from you is when. To help us with our planning and provide us YOUR input, please visit our survey at the following location: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PRMXWXT>. Dates under consideration are the following Saturday afternoons to Sunday mornings (sunrise service with breakfast will end the event): March 19th, April 9th, April 16th, May 7th or May 14th. You will be able to tell us weekends that are good for you, what activities you might suggest or be interested in, and more. It will only take you 5 minutes, but the possibilities for creating camping memories are endless!!! And Jordan Lake is practically in our backyard, so the travel time is minimal!! Questions? Contact Nancy Holton at nancyholton@trianglepc.org.

Daddy Daughter Dance

It's that time again! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 4th for our Daddy Daughter Dance! We've heard many girls and dads ask about it so we are excited to offer this special evening again! The dance will be from 6:30 -9:00 and it will be for girls 5 and up and their dads. It will be a wonderful evening for girls to spend with their dads. Watch for signups to happen February 6th through the 20th. We are looking forward to seeing them hit the dance floor! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Nancy Holton



SAVE THE DATES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011. Each evening Sunday, June 19th-Thursday, June 23rd from 6:30-8:30PM elementary kids and preschoolers will experience the Bible stories, applications, crafts, games and snacks of the Triangle Presbyterian Sonsurf Beach Camp. Middle School students will have their own team program during the same time frame with interest appropriate activities. There will be an adult class, with the topic to be announced.

Adults and senior high students interested in helping as tour guides, craft team members, or room decorators should sign the volunteer registration list on the sign up board upstairs or in the Welcome Center. Middle School students will have their own team focus during the same time frame.

Haiti Vacation Bible School Trip Possibility: Would you consider helping with Vacation Bible School in Haiti this summer? **A VBS trip sponsored by Family Health Ministries and led by Nancy and Jesse Holton is being planned for July 16-24.** You may learn more by checking out the FHM website at <http://www.familyhm.org/>. Click on Mission Travel to learn specifics. Call or email Nancy in the office with questions about the specific itinerary, the places we go and the ministry of the people we work with in Haiti.





Below are the offerings for TPPK. Church enrollment will be held February 6-13. Nicolette Granata would be happy to meet you Monday-Thursday during that week. Come and see a school where teachers, parents, and children share in a participation Christian environment. If you have any questions please call her at the church on Monday-Thursdays at 544-2872 or e-mail her at NicoletteGranata@TrianglePC.org. Our website is www.tppk.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Fellowship

Pathways

Pathways: a Christian journey through life.

A place where anyone is welcome.



- 2/8 Adult Volleyball starting at 6:30PM in the FLC
- 2/11 GAME NIGHT starting at 7:00 pm
- 2/17 Adult Volleyball starting at 6:30PM in the FLC
- 2/20 Adult Volleyball starting at 1:30PM in the FLC
- 2/27 Sunday Brunch— meet at Rudino's around 12:45PM

If there are any questions or you would like to be added to the Pathways email list, please contact the church office at 544-2872.

Ministry Team Dinner

Our next Ministry Team Dinner is Wednesday, February 2. Dinner is served from 5:30PM to 6:15PM and our Ministry Team's meet from 6:30-7:30PM. We'll be having lasagna, salad bar, hot dogs and dessert. Make your reservation now on our website: http://www.tpcnc.org/forms/mtn_signup.html

Calling All Men

TPC'S annual Valentine breakfast will take place on Sunday, February 13th. This is an event that the men of the church have presented for over 25 years. Needs include cooks, servers, and kitchen clean-up. Breakfast will begin being served around 7:45AM and conclude around 9:30AM. Many of you have participated in this event in the past and are very familiar with the procedure. There will be a planning meeting at the Golden Corral on Highway 55 on Saturday, February 5th at 7:30AM. Men, if you are able to take part in the breakfast and/or would like more info, please contact the church office. .



Valentine Breakfast—February 13



If you've been before, you'll be there again. If not, make plans now to attend. Breakfast will be served by the men of the church from 7:45AM—9:30AM in the Family Life Center. You have your choice of eggs, omelets, sausage, pancakes, sweet bread and the list goes on. This is a great opportunity for food and fellowship before heading to worship.

Youth Ministries

For more info or questions contact Jeff Spainhour, jeffspainhour@trianglepc.org.

February Youth Groups

- 2/6 No Groups
- 2/12 Youth Sunday Rehearsal—9:00-11:00AM
- 2/13 Youth Sunday—7:15AM until
- 2/20 Varsity Lunch at Rudinos
Regular Youth Groups
- 2/27 Regular Groups

Varsity Small Group

6:30-7:30PM

Wednesday 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Congregational Care

CHAPs February Meeting

The next meeting of Christians Helping Aging People (CHAPs) will be on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Jackie Jaloszynski, a Doctor of Audiology, will present a program on hearing loss, its correction, and recent advancements in technology all directed toward an aging population. Dr. Jaloszynski is recognized among her colleagues as an authority in the area of speech and hearing. She is currently serving as President of North Carolina Academy of Hearing Rehabilitation and has served on several legislative committees relating to hearing. This promises to be an outstanding program that will be of interest to those who have some hearing loss or who care for someone who does.



CHAPs is a support group open to all individuals who are dealing with or have an interest in ministry to older adults. If you have an interest, you are invited to an evening of fellowship and support the third Tuesday of each month. For more information call the church office.

Yummy food. Respite from one worry. A smiling face and a warm hug.

When you or a family member is recovering from surgery, illness or another of life's whirlwinds, you could really use these things and Triangle Presbyterian Church has a meal ministry to offer support and love. We are looking for members to join our team of volunteers to prepare (or get take-out) and deliver a meal to other congregation members in their time of need. Here is the way it works: You will get a call and/or email asking if you could prepare a meal on a certain day (or one day of your choice in a range of days). You are welcome to say "no" if it doesn't fit your schedule that week. If you can do it, you will be provided with information such as the address, contact information and size of the family and any dietary restrictions. You make a call to the family to confirm the time you plan to bring the meal. Then you can either make a simple meal or you can pick up something at one of the fabulous local restaurants in the area. Drop it off with a smile and warm greeting. That's all! And we usually only contact you once or twice a year unless you ask to serve more often. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please either call the church office.



Community Outreach

Durham Rescue Mission Luncheon—February 26

The Community Outreach Team requests that you hold the date of Saturday, February 26, to participate in a special lunch being served at the Durham Rescue Mission's downtown men's shelter. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, serving, fellowship with the men, clean up and especially to provide those wonderful homemade desserts the men appreciate so much. All ages are welcome. Please join us! Sign up sheets listing various opportunities to help will be in the Welcome Center and on the upstairs sign-up board. For more information, contact the church office.

Put On Those Walking Shoes!

Spring is right around the corner and so the 2011 Durham Crop Walk. Sunday March 20th folks from across the area will gather at Duke Chapel to walk 5 miles as they raise money to support Church World Service's efforts to alleviate world hunger. One third of the money raised stays in the community and supports organizations including Urban Ministries and Genesis Home.

Here's what some of your fellow TPC'ers have to say about why they participate –

"I'm walking to raise awareness of what people in other countries have to do just to get food and water. And also too experience for myself a little bit of that walk." – Aireana G.

"I walk because I can. Hunger is a huge problem that I alone cannot make a difference. In a group it makes a big difference." – Diane C.

"I walked in my first Crop Walk to experience what it might be like to have to walk this far every day for food or water. While I still have a sense of the effort required to cover the Crop Walk distance, I also have a better appreciation for Durham as seen on foot!" – Jim P.

Crop Walk participation isn't just limited to folks who lace up their sneakers and walk –

"I haven't actually walked in the Crop Walk. I've sponsored people who walk and have sold t-shirts every year for the past 4 years. But here is the why...I believe that we can make a difference. I believe that this little sacrifice makes a world of difference in the lives that this program benefits. Coming together as a church, community, and city shows our commitment to this epidemic. Knowing that much of the money raised stays local means that we are more likely to see the benefits reflected in the faces of our own hungry citizens." – Kerri G.

Watch for the Registration/Information table appearing in the FLC lobby at the end of the month to sign up, purchase a t-shirt, or to learn more. Or be an early bird and register for Team TPC online at www.churchworldservice.org/goto/TPC2011CropWalk – select (1) sign up, (2) join a team, and (3) pick Team TPC from the list of teams.



We walk because they walk.

Food Bank—2011 Monthly Items

February—Canned Tuna / Chicken	March—Soup	April—Stews
May—Ravioli	June—Rice	July – Personal Hygiene Items
August – Cereal	September—Peanut Butter	October—Canned Fruit
November—Mac N Cheese	December—Potluck	

Finance & Budget

For info or questions contact NikkiGoss@TrianglePC.org

Financial Report

December 2010

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$84,081	\$90,356	\$129,360	\$141,478	(-\$12,118)

Year-to-Date

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$1,008,977	\$1,084,268	\$1,052,049	\$1,018,214	\$33,835

Thank you for helping us erase our deficit for 2010!

Remember you can pay your pledge using online bill pay. Your offering envelope number should be used as your account number.

Bridge Group

If you like to play cards or just shuffle them, there is a group looking for you. Several TPCers have formed a bridge group that meets at 7:00PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Don't know how to play? There are excellent teachers in the group who would be glad to teach you. It is an evening of fun and fellowship. For more information on be-



Looking Ahead



February

- 2 Ministry Team Night
- 8 Ronald McDonald Meal
- 9 Wednesday Clubs Begins
- 13 Valentine Breakfast
- Youth Sunday
- 26 DRM Luncheon

March

- 2 Ministry Team Night
- 4 Daddy Daughter Dance
- 9 Ash Wednesday Service
- 13 Older Adult Tea
- 20 CropWalk

April

- 1 Walk Thru the Bible
- 2 Walk Thru the Bible
- 4 Ronald McDonald Meal
- 6 Ministry Team Night
- 9 TPC Work Day
- 21 Tenebrae Service
- 24 Easter Sunday

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30PM Volleyball 7:00PM Session 7:00PM Bridge Club 7:00PM Book Club	2 5:30PM MTN 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	3	4 9:00AM CMIMO	5 7:30AM Men's Breakfast Planning Meeting 10:00AM
6 Communion 12:45PM SALT Brunch	7	8 6:30PM Volleyball 7:00PM Session 7:00PM Bridge Club 7:00PM Book Club	9 4:30PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00PM Bible Study 6:30PM Varsity Small Groups 7:15PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11 9:00AM CMIMO 7:00PM Pathways Game Night	12 9:00AM Youth Sunday Rehearsal
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