

Triangle Presbyterian Tidings



Dear Friends,

It was a Tuesday morning. I went outside to get in my car to head for the church and was struck by the smell of smoke in the air. I wondered if someone close by was burning something. I got to the church and got out of my car and was surprised that I could still smell smoke. It seemed even stronger. I looked to the east and west and couldn't see any obvious signs of fire. Later on I went to the hospital and once again encountered the smell of smoke. A guy was standing at the door of the hospital and I asked him, "Have you heard where this smoke is coming from?" He hadn't.

Only later would I find out that we were smelling smoke from forest fires in other parts of our state. I read later that one of the larger fires was actually started when a car was being towed and a spark from some piece of metal on the car was dragging along the pavement and sending out sparks. Imagine, a tiny spark ignited some dry grass miles and miles away and yet every one of us was affected by it on that day. Everywhere I went that day, everyone was talking about the smoke.

The fires that happened that day in North Carolina were small compared to the fires that were continuing to rage through Arizona. It is amazing to see the damage and destruction that can be caused by a little spark. The effects of those fires are being felt states away and many are still raging out of control.

Smelling smoke and seeing fires on the news has caused me to pause and ponder the illustration James uses in his little letter concerning the tongue and the words we say. James wrote, "The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell." (James 3:5-6)

James gives us a pretty graphic warning about the damage that can be done when we don't mind our tongues. When a word leaves our lips...it is gone, never to be recaptured. Too often we speak before we think and say words that are unkind and hurtful. Too often we say things to others that tear them down in order to somehow build ourselves up.

In our day we are especially vulnerable because we have access to communication that goes far beyond the spoken word. I can, in a matter of seconds, communicate with someone on the other side of the world. At any time of the day or night we have the ability to send messages by email or text, not to mention talking to others on the phone that is a constant companion.

Perhaps today more than at any other time in history we need to heed this word from James and recognize that our tongues need to come under the lordship of Christ. The words we say and write can have far reaching consequences. You can smell the smoke for days on end.

1 Peter echoes James by saying, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech." (1 Peter 3:10)

Friends, we need to guard our tongues and make sure we ask the question, "Do I really want to hit 'send.'" Sometimes as followers of Jesus, "delete" is the appropriate key.

Together with you in Christ's service,

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Adult Education

For info or questions contact CaseyClark@TrianglePC.org.

Bible Study—Gospel of John Wednesdays 6:00PM, Room 206

We are continuing our study into this amazing book that introduces the reader to Jesus Christ. We meet for an hour each week, except when we have Ministry Team Nights. You're welcome to join anytime, all are welcome. Contact Casey for more information.

Sunday Morning Topical Classes

Reason for God

Facilitator: Casey Clark

Location: FLC

Following Timothy Keller's book and using his brief DVD sessions, this class will go through some of the major objections that people have to the Christian faith, and our response to them. Keller invites several non-believers to share their concerns and thoughts about Christianity and the viewer has the chance to see how those conversations go as Keller does his best to give an answer as to why we believe. Whether you have read his book or not, anyone is welcome to attend this summer.

HomeBuilders

Facilitators: Jon & Amie P.

Location: Media center

Parenting is a tough job. How can parents balance "Eat your carrots and peas" with "I love you" and have it make sense to both the child and the parents? Join us as we read and discuss Valerie Bell's *Getting Out of Your Kids' Faces and Into Their Hearts* to better understand which issues are really worth addressing.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Classes

FELLOWSHIP: Avoiding the Sin Word

Facilitator: Jeannie P.

Location: Fellowship Hall B

How do we deal with wrongdoing? We put criminals in prison, picket abortion clinics, and generally shake our heads at what we call the "ills of society." But have we forgotten that those ills are caused by people—by us? What has happened to the concept of sin? Why do we neglect to acknowledge our own personal faults? This study will examine these questions.

SALT (Single Adults in the Lord Together) Money Issues

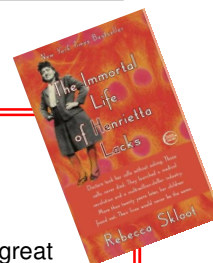
Facilitator: Wade W.

Location: Room 100

The SALT class is doing a study on biblical perspectives on money managing, tithing, and generosity. With the economy as it is, it is a perfect time to ask questions like "How does God want me to spend my money?" and "What does God want me to treasure?"

TPC Book Club—July 12 at 7:00PM in the Media Center

TPC BOOK CLUB invites you to discuss **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**, Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00PM in TPC Media Center. Combining science, biography and social history, author Rebecca Skloot brings to life the woman whose cells (harvested unknown to her family) fueled some of the 20th century's great medical breakthroughs. Join us as an attorney and a nurse walk us through the legal, medical & ethical questions raised by Henrietta's legacy. **August 9, we discuss Death Comes for the Archbishop, by Willa Cather.** Her chronicle of the struggles of two 19th century missionaries battling the religious chaos in the territory the US won from Mexico is rated as one of America's best novels. Questions? Contact the church office.



Announcing Triangle Presbyterian Church's Roads to Faith Tour # 2—Savannah, Georgia—March 23-25, 2012

featuring **HISTORIC CHURCHES** plus the opportunity to participate in
77th Annual Historic Homes & Gardens Tour

Savannah's



Savannah boasts the largest urban historic landmark district of the U.S. *TPC invites travelers to explore the sacred side of this 278 year old national treasure & enjoy its legends, gardens and oak-lined squares in the color and cool of spring 2012!*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ **Narrated City Orientation Tour by Privately Chartered Old Town Trolley**
- ▶ **Private Walking Tour of select colonial, Civil War, and Victorian period houses of worship:**
Christ Church - Lutheran Church of the Ascension - St. John's Episcopal - Wesley Monumental Church - Temple Mickve Israel
- ▶ **Trolley Pass with on/off privileges at 15 stops to access Savannah cultural, historic, shopping & dining attractions:** 22 charming city squares, homes of famous citizens, railroad, maritime and art museums, City Market & River St.
- ▶ **Private Guides for Savannah's 77th Annual Tour of Homes & Gardens**
- ▶ **Sunday Worship at The Independent Presbyterian Church**, organized 1755
- ▶ **Lodging** in Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Midtown Savannah
- ▶ **Transportation** by 50 passenger deluxe motor coach per Holiday Charters.
- ▶ **Meals included:** Two breakfasts, a "church" luncheon & a "Southern feast"



If interested, request the Savannah Tour Factsheet (schedule & cost) and give your name, address & phone to: TPC, 5001 Tudor Pl, Durham, NC 27713, 919-544-2872.

Finance & Budget

For info or questions contact NikkiGoss@TrianglePC.org.

Financial Report

May 2011

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$81,590	\$91,576	\$108,842	\$78,661	\$30,181
Year to Date				
Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$407,950	\$457,878	\$437,200	\$404,998	\$32,202

Small Groups

For info or questions contact Rachel Clark, RachelClark.

Resources

The small group ministry team is here to help you with suggestions for books to study with your small group. If you need ideas or help with ordering resources, don't hesitate to ask!

Small Group for Runners

The small group for runners is taking a break for the summer months due to schedules (and the heat!). When fall approaches, we'll gauge interest again and hopefully get the group started up again. In the meantime, feel free to let us know if you're interested and we'll get you on the contact list.

Common Interest Small Groups

- The small group ministry team would like to help folks form groups based around shared interests. Let us know if you would like to lead or facilitate a group and we will help spread the word.
- If you have an idea for a small group that you'd like to be a part of, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel Clark or Warren Saunders.

Weight Loss Small Group

There has been some interest in a small group for people who are all challenging themselves to lose weight and live healthier. If you are interested in being such a group, please contact Rachel Clark. This would be a group that studies the Bible together while also supporting one another reach their healthy lifestyle goals.



about Small Groups

Child care?

Have the logistics of "what to do with the kids" kept you from participating in a small group at TPC? If so, would you be interested in the possibility of the church providing subsidized childcare one evening a week in the nursery during which time a "family-friendly" small group could meet?

If this sounds like something for you, please contact Rachel Clark and let her know you're interested!

Summer Worship Schedule

Date	Location	Time
July		
3	Family Life Center	10:30 (No Sunday School)
10	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
17	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
24	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
31	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
August		
7	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
14	Family Life Center	10:30 (No Sunday School)
21	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
28	Sanctuary	8:45 & 11:15 (Sunday School 10:00)
September		
4	Family Life Center	10:30 (No Sunday School)

Children's Ministries

For info or questions contact NancyHolton@TrianglePC.org.

Vacation Bible School is terrific!

Yes, VBS is still going on as I write this. Here's the report as the teachers, tour guides and participants stream out the door each night. We love Vacation Bible School! We love the excitement of the kids as they visit a new story area each night. We love the smiling faces, the enthusiasm with which the kids make the crafts, play the games and listen to the Bible stories and skits. But we especially love the way it takes all of us to make VBS happen! I have the opportunity to marvel at the way God brings his people together. I would love to list everyone by name but there are so many that I'm sure I would forget someone, so I will just give you the number of volunteers who helped with each phase. There were 11 people who painted a total of 3 backdrops (several are on loan from Blacknall Pres). 7 people designed or painted props. There were 22 teachers, 1 music leader, 28 tour guides, 3 snack preparers, 2 photographers, and 20 people who helped with setting up the five theme areas and preschool room. That means at least 95 people offered their time and talents as an offering to God! WE thank God for their service and servant hearts!



Summer Sunday Clubs

Journeys with Jesus

Did you think we close down for summer? Join us at 10:00AM each Sunday with the exception of the Single Service Sundays. In the Children's Ministry area, there are groups for nursery and toddlers, 2 year olds, a preschool club, and an elementary club group format for children who will be in Kindergarten through fifth grades in the fall. Group locations are as follows: 2 years-109; 3's and 4's- 107; elementary club- 105. The elementary club group is exploring a series entitled *Journeys with Jesus*.



Sunday School clubs

Teacher Assistants

Teacher Assistant positions are available for the new Sunday Bible Clubs year, beginning August 28th. Being a children's Sunday Clubs teacher or assistant is an awesome responsibility. Fortunately, we have God's presence to guide us and mentors and resources at TPC. If you are interested in helping in our Sunday clubs ministry, call Nancy for an interview. Our safety policy for children's workers requires that each teacher or class assistant be a member for 3 months, and serve as an apprentice with an established teacher for three more months, before serving as a lead teacher. We use developmentally appropriate and engaging (fun) curricula, published by Gospel Light and approved by Session, for children 2 years old through 5th grade.

Upward Basketball Camp

August 8-12

You may pick up a registration flyer today from the narthex brochure rack or Welcome Desk downstairs OR download your form from our website at trianglepc.org. Camp dates are Monday, August 8 – Friday, August 12. Camp for kids who have completed K-2nd grade will be held from 6-7:15 pm each night. Camp for kids who have completed 3rd-5th grade will be held from 7:15-8:45 pm. Each evening the camp will emphasize basketball skills in small, age appropriate teams, and Bible devotions that foster developing godly character. Coaches are men and women who love Jesus, who love kids and like basketball, in that order!!! Registration for children is going on now through July 24th at the regular registration rate of \$40 per child. **Late registration will cost \$50, so get those registrations in now.**

Adult & Teen Upward Camp Helpers Needed!

Contact Taylor Thurman, Kevin Paramore, Teresa Meriwether or Nancy Holton to volunteer! Requirements are a love of kids and a willingness to lead by example! Basketball experience is very helpful, but not mandatory! **AND prayer partners are needed too!** It's time for a prayer team to begin daily prayers for the coaches and kids who will participate. Willing to pray for the camp and participants once a day??? Call or email Nancy.

Congregational Care



CHAPs Meeting

During the summer, Christians Helping Aging People (CHAPs) will meet for food, fun, and fellowship. There are no formal programs or speakers so it is a good time to find out more about CHAPs, get to know other TPC members, and have great fellowship together.

The next CHAPs meeting will be a dutch dinner at Spartacus Restaurant in Durham, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19. Sign-up sheets are posted on the sign-up boards upstairs and downstairs at TPC. **Please sign up by July 17 so we can confirm the number attending with the restaurant.**

The last summer meeting will be August 16. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to join in the fun. Watch the TPC Tidings for details relating to time and place.

CHAPs is a support group open to individuals of all ages who are dealing with aging parents or other loved ones or who are interested in ministry to older adults. To learn more about CHAPs, come to a meeting or call the church office.

HERB PAUL TPC 2011 OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES AWARD

Herb Paul is a quiet, gentle and honorable man with a strong faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, who throughout his life has willingly used his education and leadership capabilities to serve his country, church, and community and in these retirement years continues to bear witness to Christ by sharing his time, active mind, and unselfish spirit that is a visible model to young and old.

Born in McKeesport, PA in 1934, Herb has been a lifetime Presbyterian, whose mother had a big impact on the development of his faith and beliefs. After graduation from Georgia Tech., he married his wife Rose Marie and joined the US Air Force, retiring after 30 years with the rank of Colonel. During these years he also attended Harvard Business School. His technical expertise and leadership skills were used in various operational, managerial, and leadership positions in the US Air Force and has enabled him to do similar work for the churches for which he was a member.



In the past 25 years Herb has been continuously active within his community while working for UNC, The University system, and NC State University. After 10 years on the Board of the Interfaith Council of Social Services in Chapel Hill, Herb is now President of this Board.

During his years as an elected Elder at Triangle Presbyterian Church, Herb has called on new visitors, and been active in CHAPs (Christians Helping Aging People), all while chairing the site development committee responsible for the design and building of a \$2 million church enlargement project which added much needed space for offices, classes and recreation, expanding the use of the building for youth and adults. He also has participated in the purchase of three separate pieces of property which will ensure economic expansion in the future. He is now working on possible changes of the building's interior use.

"I have had a blessed life and want others to have a chance to succeed" remarked Herb, who by his actions and life has quietly and generously been a leader, and dedicated model for young and old, constant and faithful in all things asked of him. May God continue to use him and to bless him.

Community Outreach

Habitat for Humanity – July 30

Your next opportunity to participate in the build our church is currently working on will be July 30. Remember, TPC's workdays are the 4th Saturday of every month and both morning and afternoon shifts are available. We are building a house for Shanika Taylor and her three children. Please see the Sign-up Board off the Welcome Center to claim your opportunity to demonstrate your faith-in-action. Come out and enjoy the company and fellowship of fellow TPC'ers as well as that of people from other Presbyterian churches in the area, Immaculate Conception Church and the Durham Community Band. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

FOOD BANK - August Pantry Party

This August, the Community Outreach Ministry Team would like to invite the congregation to participate in an "empty your pantry party". Never heard of it? Well rather than focusing on one item during the month of August, we'd like to invite everyone to bring any non-perishable extras you have in your pantry that you are willing to share with the FOOD BANK. Anything goes, but, of course, they really like peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese and other staples. Please bring anything that you can to contribute starting August 1st. TPC's contribution as of mid-June was 801lbs. Let's break 1200lbs by the end of August! Challenge your neighbors and let's see how much we can collect during the month of August. We'll post the results on the Community Outreach bulletin board.



Housing for New Hope Bus Tour

Ever wonder what really goes on at Housing for New Hope? Heard of the Dove and Phoenix houses, but don't really know what they do? Worried about the homeless in Durham? Then come out and join us for a bus tour with the staff of Housing for New Hope. They are excited to show us their work on behalf of the homeless in Durham and how they employ the financial support TPC offers. We are in the process of scheduling a bus tour for August. Watch for details to come later.

Fellowship

Take me out the ball game.....

Our annual TPC Durham Bulls outing is coming on
Friday, July 29—fireworks after the game!

Mark your calendar now and place to join us for a great evening of baseball and fellowship. Tickets will be approximately \$8/person and will be on sale beginning July 10. Seats will be behind 1st base under the shelter. Watch the Tidings for further info.



Pathways

Pathways: a Christian journey through life. Pathways is a place where anyone is welcome.
Continue to look for specific information in the newsletter and weekly tidings. Coming up in July.

- 7/8 Game Night.....will be canceled this month.
- 7/11 Adult Volleyball starting at 6:30PM in the FLC. NOTE...volleyball will now be the second Monday of the month.
- 7/17 Adult Volleyball starting at 1:30PM in the FLC
- 7/21 Adult Volleyball starting at 6:30PM in the FLC
- 7/24 Sunday Brunch—meet at Rudino's after the late service (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.

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion 10:30AM Single Service 12:00PM SALT Brunch Youth Mission Trip	4 Holiday—Office Closed	5	6 6:00PM Bible study	7 6:30PM DivorceCare	8 Youth Mission Trip	9 Youth Mission Trip
10	11 6:30PM Adult Volleyball	12 7:00PM TPC Book Club 7:00PM Bridge Club	13 6:00PM Dynamic Marriage 6:00PM Bible study	14 6:30PM DivorceCare	15	16
17 Pennies for Hunger 1:30PM Adult Volleyball	18	19 Hosting Presbytery 6:30PM CHAPs Fellowship	20 6:00PM Dynamic Marriage 6:00PM Bible study	21 6:30PM DivorceCare 6:30PM Adult Volleyball 6:30PM Prayer Shawl	22	23 TPC Habitat Work Day
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24 12:45PM Pathways Brunch	25	26 7:00PM Bridge Club	27 6:00PM Dynamic Marriage 6:00PM Bible study	28	29 Durham Bulls Game	30
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