

June 2017



Dear Friends,

It may sound as if I am rushing us through the year, but as we head into the summer I want you set aside a special day in the fall. That day is Sunday, September 17. Put it on your calendar. Highlight it with multiple colors so it cannot be missed. And whatever you do, don't schedule anything out of town on that day. You need to be here. You need to be at TPC on that day. It will be a significant day that will never be repeated and you simply cannot miss it. Let me give you a little background.

In the early 1960's the Research Triangle Park was beginning to grow and with it the workforce that would staff the many companies that would make their home in this part of North Carolina. During those same years a group of Presbyterians began thinking about forming a church in the growing area of southwest Durham County. After a series of interest meetings and some door to door visits to gauge the interest, the group first worshipped on March 5, 1967. In those days they met at the old Lowe's Grove School on Alston Avenue. At that point they were not as yet officially a church but would be recognized as such in September of that same year. There were 31 charter members when Triangle officially became a church. They continued to worship at the school for a couple of years and then built their first building on a piece of property that had been purchased at auction from the Board of Education in 1969. That building was "home" for twenty years until 1987 when the church moved to its current location.

If you quickly do the math you will recognize that this September will be the 50th anniversary of Triangle Presbyterian becoming a church and that is something to celebrate. A lot has happened in those years. The church grew in membership,...the decision was made to change locations,...buildings and building additions were accomplished,...and for 30 years in the "new" location we have unashamedly proclaimed the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Through these fifty years, some have come to faith through this ministry. Children and adults have been baptized and nurtured in the faith. Couples have gotten married. Friends and loved ones have gathered to celebrate the lives of those who have transitioned from this church to the church triumphant. Meals have been shared. Prayers have been prayed. Worship has drawn us into the presence of God.

September 17 will be a special opportunity to not only look back and remember the goodness of God and how we have experienced it as a congregational family through the years, but also to look ahead to the exciting future that God has placed before us. As we get closer to that day you will hear more about details concerning worship and celebration. For now...mark your calendar and plan to be here. We hope this will be a homecoming of sorts. We want those who have spent time with us but have moved away to join us for the celebration. Our hope is family members whose lives were touched by the ministries of TPC but who now live in other places will make their way back to be a part of this special day. Let's get the word out and save the date!

Joyfully sharing with you in the ministry of TPC,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray".

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JOIN AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS!

On Sundays at 10:00 AM there are a variety of classes open to anyone who is interested.

Thriving in Babylon

Facilitator: Pam Catlin, Richard Rosenberger, Warren Saunders, Location: Fellowship Hall A

Traditional biblical values are not only rejected today, it seems as if they're attacked on every front. This leaves many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation? In this series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived.

HomeBuilders: Sacred Marriage

Facilitators: Kristen Cole & Juliellen Simpson-Vos, Location: Room 100

Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.

Homebuilders is a class that is open to all, interactive and conversational, focused on fostering fellowship and discipleship in such areas as marriage and family relationships, parenting, financial stewardship, and other parts of our daily walk with God.

Fellowship: Abiding in Christ

Facilitator: Jeannie Phelps, Location: Fellowship Hall B

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Join the Fellowship Class as they explore ways various authors stay on the vine. Whether it's through the practice of spiritual disciplines or the simple day to day activities. Come and find renewal in both the peace and power that comes from remaining in Christ.

The Fellowship Class is a group that values conversation and offers hospitality as they gather to study God's word.

SALT—Single Adults in the Lord Together

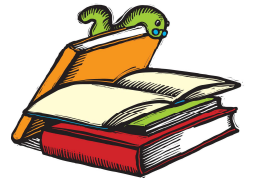
Fishers of Men

Facilitator: Donna Frank, Location: Room 101

This is a study intended to teach you about Jesus' command to each of us to share his good news. We're told to go and make disciples and witness to what we know about Jesus Christ. Come and learn about ways that we should and should not share our faith with others.

TPC Book Club is back!

This Triangle Adult Education program requires no joining. From the books that we zero in on (fiction and non-fiction; old and new authors), just read and come discuss those that provoke your interest. Our aim is to enlighten and enrich our own spiritual life by reading about the successes and failures of others who reveal why and how they navigated this challenge. For reader convenience we'll provide multiple copies that can be checked out from the TPC office. The first meeting will be July 9 at 2:30PM in Room 100 where we will discuss "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines. Or for a personal heads up, send your email to Donna Frank, mammachubbs@gmail.com.



Bible Study—1 Peter

Wednesday Nights at 6:00PM in Room 206

Meeting June 7, 14 & 28

As much as we enjoy our relationship with Jesus Christ, imagine what it would have been like to be his BFF! Join Pastor Ray as you visit the places where Jesus and Peter interacted and study the intricacies of their friendship.

Fellowship

Just Older Youth—Thursday, June 8 at 11:30AM

Come out and have lunch with those of us who are... "Just Older Youth" or who enjoy having lunch with our older members and friends. We normally meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55 at 11:30AM. It's a wonderful time of great food and fellowship topped off with a short devotion led by one of the Pastors.



PATHWAYS GROUP: May Events!

'Pathways: a Christian journey through life.' Pathways is a place where anyone is welcome. Continue to look for specific information in the newsletter and bulletin.



6/5	Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC
6/9	Friday night game night at 7:00PM - watch emails for location
6/11	Volleyball at 1:30PM in the FLC
6/25	Sunday brunch following late service (Location TBA)

If there are any questions or you would like to be added to the Pathways email, please contact Kelley Crabtree kelleycrabtree@nc.rr.com or call the church office at 919-544-2872.

Summer 2017

- June 11—16 MLY to Great Escape
 - June 19-21 MLY Vacation Bible School
 - June 24—July 1 Varsity Haiti Mission Trip
 - July 9-14 Varsity Fun in the Sun
 - September 10 MLY & Varsity Pool Party
- Watch your email for the Fall calendar.

Contact Pastor Jeff
for more info on
youth activities.
jeffspainhour@trianglepc.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Monday, June 19 – Wednesday, June 21

6:00-8:00PM

What is VBS? It's like an evening summer camp for kids and youth and a wonderful speaker for adults!

When is VBS? Each evening Sunday, June 19–Wednesday, June 21 from 6:00-8:00PM, elementary kids and preschoolers will experience the Bible stories, applications, crafts, games and snacks of the Triangle Presbyterian **Mighty Fortress: In Jesus The Victory Is Won.**

What about Middle School students? They will have their own team program during the same time frame with challenging and appropriate activities.

Is there anything for Senior High Students? They can attend the adult class OR help with the children's classes as a tour guide (class assistant) and get to participate in all activities!

How do I register? How much does it cost?: Registration fees: Nursery and preschool- \$10; elementary and middle school- \$15. The family maximum for children and youth is \$30. Registration fees for youth and children include a brightly colored T-shirt to add to your collection, provided that you register by June 11. Nursery classes are available only for children of participating adults. You may easily complete your registration this year by accessing the following link on our website at www.TrianglePC.org.

VBS offering focus 2017

The Session has approved our VBS offering to go to sponsor Haitian boys and girls for VBS the week of July 17-21. The approximate cost per student is \$25 and includes all supplies used for Bible story skits, 2 crafts each day per person with supplies needed to make the crafts, game supplies and a snack for each child and adult who participates in the VBS program in Blanchard, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The enrollment is usually 180 students with 40 adults participating as well. You may donate \$25 to cover one scholarship OR you can give any amount toward the total cost. All donations are greatly appreciated. Many of the adults who help in the program were not able to participate in anything comparable when they were kids, so we try to provide enough for them to make some crafts too. We also provide snacks for all workers in the compound who are part of the VBS program: cafeteria workers, class helpers (monitors), and other staff at the church compound.



Opportunities to help with Mighty Fortress VBS

→ **Join the VBS team today!** Adults and senior high students interested in helping as class assistants (tour guides), craft team members, or room set up decorators may sign the volunteer registration list on the sign up board upstairs or in the Welcome Center. Need more information about volunteer opportunities? Email Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org or call her in the office.

→ **Make play dough for our preschool VBS class.** We'll provide the recipe if you will make the play dough. Your color choice. . . . call Nancy to volunteer or email her for the recipe!

→ **Help transform TPC into the following venues:**

Room 101: King Hezekiah's Palace

Room 102: The Walls of Jericho

Room 105: King Josiah Restores the Temple

Props are needed as loans or donations! We invite you to make our castle unique by loaning us tapestry looking pieces of cloth or curtains, silver or gold small items for the temple treasurer or the palace treasure chest, wrought iron wall decorations, candlesticks and other "royal" items. We are counting on your imaginations to help us fill in our rooms! We will begin collecting your loans and donations Tuesday, May 30. Call Nancy or bring your items to room 106 in the children's hallway and let Nancy know that you have dropped off items. Label your items, please!!!!

→ **Set-up and decorate.** We're looking for folks to help with moving tables and chairs, hanging backdrops, and decorating rooms during the days or evenings from June 13– 17. Do you have a couple of hours available? Final touches on decorating the rooms will take place Saturday, June 17 from 10-2 pm. Contact Nancy in the church office or email her at nancyholton@trianglepc.org.

→ **Volunteer opportunities to do at home or at other times.** I'd like to help but can't do so during VBS week. What can I do and how do I volunteer? Adults and senior high students interested in helping with making directional signs, , labeling T-shirts, organizing teacher supply baskets, or craft material preparations, please email Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org or call her in the office. Need more information about volunteer opportunities? Contact Nancy!



Summer Sunday Clubs

The Children's Ministries Team is gearing up now for our multi-age summer Elementary Club and Pre-Readers/ Preschool Club program. The combined Elementary Club will begin June 11 and run through August 20.

This club will include kids who are going into 1st-5th grades and will feature curriculum entitled *Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer*, including Bible stories and skits, games and prayer. Interested in learning more or helping with this exciting program? Call or email Nancy in the office. We also have opportunities to work with our Pre-readers Club. Pre-readers Club will include kids from ages 3- 6 who are not yet reading. This club group will be using our favorite curriculum from Gospel Light!

*****Please NOTE that kids who completed 5th grade this semester will move up to the Middle School for summer Sunday School on June 11.**



Children's Ministry Team

Fall Planning Dinner Meeting

Dates will be set based on the number of folks available to attend. Options include Wednesday, August 9 from 6:00-8:30PM or Tuesday, August 15 from 6:00-8:30PM. The goal of the meeting is to share a meal, fellowship, brainstorming, and a planning session with Children's team members, parents and teachers. We will have a tropical potluck dinner with jerk chicken, rice and beans, fruit salads, and anything else that says summer fun! Bring your favorite summer dish! Contact chair Mironda Divers for more info and look for an email with the opportunity to vote for your date preference..



Small Groups

Caregiver Support Group

The TPC's **Caregiver Support Group** is studying "Necessary Conversations Between Families and Their Aging Parents" by Gerald & Marlene Kaufman. This small group discusses and shares ways to meet the needs of our older loved ones, with special focus on how to care for parents while providing understanding, support, and fellowship. The group operates under the small group ground rules of confidentiality. If you would like more information, contact Diane Albert at harrydiane@nc.rr.com or 919-949-1375. Upcoming sessions:

- **June 11: Room 206 at 3:00PM.**
Chapters 6-7—Where to Live, Conversations about Health
- **July 9: Room 206 at 3:00PM.**
Chapters 8-9—Left Behind, A Legacy of Family Conversations
- **August 20: Room 206 at 3:00PM.**
Recap of what helped you the most



Outreach

Food Bank—Rice

July—Personal Hygiene
October—Canned Fruit

August—Cereal
November—Mac & Cheese

September—Peanut Butter
December Baby Formula/Cereal

Food can be placed in the marked bins in the Welcome Center & Narthex. Monetary donations are collected the 1st Sunday of each month. Food Bank can provide 5 meals with each dollar donated.

Pop Top Cans & Microwavable Cups Preferred
No Glass Containers

Birthdays

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| 1 Kerri Goust | 17 Michael Lee | 28 Andy Batton |
| 2 Ali McAlister | 18 Ann Pittard | Charlie Mario |
| 5 Teena Sessoms | Denise Saunders | David McAdams |
| 6 Christopher Ellington | 19 Gretchen Mario | Landon Wilder |
| 8 Lula McAdams | Mark Simpson-Vos | 30 Betsy Englishman |
| Keith Spring | 21 Mili Swinney | |
| 9 Abigail Valgus | 22 Stan Cole | |
| 10 Christy Hill | Julie Thurman | |
| Caleb Jackson | Isabelle Valgus | |
| 11 Eric Rodgman | 23 Ruthie Harvey | |
| Helene Santos | Jake Kirschner | |
| 12 Karen Dever | 24 Elaine Hinkle | |
| Glynda Blair Wilder | Joe Mauney | |
| 14 Dawn Hutchins | Melanie Shadoan | |
| 16 Danielle Borasky | 26 June Min | |
| Nathan Jerkovich | 27 Conor MacDougall | |
| Donna Myers | Detlev Riedel | |
| Roselyn Palmer | Liz Swinney | |



Anniversaries

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| 2 Jackie Stonebraker & Art Lindsey | 22 Terrye & Alvin Oakley |
| Dottie & Arles Taylor | Jenny & Tim Shafer |
| 8 Nicolle & Robert Mercer | 24 Loren & Ted Pease |
| 10 Nancy & Jesse Holton | 25 Diane & Harry Albert |
| 14 Betsy & Herb Englishman | Julie & Taylor Thurman |
| 16 Betsy & Jim Huber | 26 Nicolette & Mark Granata |
| Catherine & Kyle Rehder | Juliellen & Mark Simpson-Vos |
| 17 Judy Fleming & Wally Guertin | 27 Beth & Kevin Durham |
| 18 Sandy & Dan Fuchs | Ann & Kevin Nickodem |
| 21 Denise & Warren Saunders | |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 College Retreat 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship 12:45 PM Pathways Brunch	29 Office Closed	30 5:00 PM Mom's small group 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Poverty Class Video	31 5:00 PM Mom's small group 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Poverty Class Video	1 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM DivorceCare	2	3
4 Communion Graduate Recognition 10:00 AM Single Service	5	6 5:00 PM Mom's small group 6:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 5:00 PM Mom's small group 6:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 11:30 AM JOY Group 6:00 PM DivorceCare	9 7:00 PM Pathways Game Night	10
11 The Great Escape 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Caregiver Support	12	13 7:00 PM Session	14 5:00 PM Mom's small group 6:00 PM Bible Study	15 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM DivorceCare 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl	16	17
18 Pennies for Hunger 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship	19 VBS	20 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Deacons	21 5:00 PM Mom's small group	22 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 6:00 PM DivorceCare	23	24 Varsity Haiti Trip
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