

May 2017



Dear Friends,

So what happens now? We spent six weeks together talking about what it means to be the church. I preached on being connected in Christ, in unity, in growth, through words, in service, and through prayer. You met in small groups and talked about those same topics. Before we even began I encouraged you to read a little book called, "I Am a Church Member." We bought 45 copies of that book and began passing them around the church. I heard from many of you that you read the book and it was not unusual throughout Lent to have all of those books out in circulation.

But what now? Is that it? We studied about what it means to be a member of the church. We talked about what it means to be a member of the church. I preached about what it means to be a member of the church. You read about what it means to be a member of the church. But the program has come to a close. We finished the study and will soon move on to something else. So I ask again, "Is that it?"

Too often we participate in programs such as this and when they are over, we allow life to go back to "normal." In some way we feel we have fulfilled our commitment to participate if we stuck with our small group for the six weeks or were in church as many Sundays as possible during those six weeks. We count ourselves successful if we read the book or filled in the blanks in our workbooks. Lent is over. Easter has come and gone. The Connected Series is now in our rearview mirror so we can simply check it off our "to do" list. I hope that will not be the case for you or me. In fact I'm hoping that you have been challenged in some of the ways I have been challenged by the texts we have studied in Ephesians. I hope you are in a discerning phase as you consider how you will respond to God's call on your life as a follower of Jesus and a member of his church.

It isn't about completing workbooks or listening to sermons. It is about how we live our lives and what priorities we allow to determine our thoughts and our actions. Let me give you a few examples of how this study has made an impact on our staff and elders and deacons.

Through this study we have been challenged to be a more deeply praying church. As a result I recently sent out a congregation-wide email to make sure everyone understands how our prayer chain works and to invite others to join that group committed to prayer. We have also decided that on the second Sunday of every month we will have a special opportunity for prayer after each worship service. Anyone in attendance on those days will be welcomed to come forward at the conclusion of the service so we can pray with and for them.

We have determined that we need to be more intentional in welcoming those who come to worship with us but who may be unfamiliar with our building and our worship services. Perhaps you've noticed the Welcome Center has been rearranged to make it a more welcoming environment. We are also seeking to identify and train a team of our members who will commit themselves to a ministry of extending a welcome to all who come through our doors on Sunday mornings.

We also want to continue enhancing and encouraging the small group opportunities at TPC. We are committed to helping small groups find appropriate resources so they can continue to meet if they desire to do so. We also want to make sure those who are not in small groups have an easy time finding out how to join one.

We will continue to seek out opportunities for reaching out to our community as we find ways to serve others. Coming up in May you will have opportunity to participate once again in providing food for children at Fayetteville Street School as they end their school year and begin their summer break. Also in May we will have our third "The Church Has Left the Building," worship and service day.

These are just a few of the ways this study has had an impact on us. What about you? Has the Lord used this study to challenge you concerning your worship and service? I'd love to hear from you about such things.

Let's not allow this to simply be the end of another program, but rather the beginning of a new day in understanding and living out what it means to be the church.

Together with you in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay".

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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.

Christian Perspectives on Poverty

Facilitator: Meredith Riedel, Location: Fellowship Hall A

Jesus tells the disciples, "The poor you will always have with you" (Matt. 26:11; Mark 14:7). Does this mean that poverty is inevitable and that we should respond with hopelessness? Whether poverty has long troubled your heart or this will be your first serious consideration of the topic, this study will help us see that the Bible has a lot to say about poverty. Far from excusing passivity, Christ calls us to action. Using materials developed by HOPE International, this interactive 8-week Bible study (not lecture class!) will discuss spiritual and material poverty, the identity and call of the church in response, and what "love in action" looks like in our historical moment.

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) Beginning May 14, 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.

Bible Study—1 Peter

Wednesday Nights at 6:00PM in Room 206

(except Ministry Team Night)

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, May 11 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.

Ministry Team Dinner

May 3 at 6:00PM

On the menu is Teriyaki Chicken, rice, green beans, salad bar, hot dogs and dessert. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2 per child with a \$15 family cap. Sign up today on the sign-up board or on-line!



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.



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| 5/7 | Volleyball at 1:30PM in the FLC |
| 5/12 | Friday night game night at 7:00PM - watch emails for location |
| 5/15 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC |
| 5/28 | 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.

Outreach

Food Bank—Juice Boxes

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| June—Rice | July—Personal Hygiene | August—Cereal |
| September—Peanut Butter | October—Canned Fruit | November—Mac & Cheese |
| 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



Youth Ministry

May

- 5/5-7 8th Grade Retreat
- 5/7 MLY Prayer Time (3:45PM)
MLY (4-5:30PM), Varsity (6:30-8PM)
- 5/10 Varsity Bible Study (6:30-7:30PM)
- 5/14 Happy Mother's Day—No Youth
- 5/17 Varsity Bible Study (6:30-7:30PM)
- 5/21 Church Has Left the Building
MLY Prayer (3:45-4:00PM)
MLY (4-5:30PM), Varsity (6:30-8PM)
- 5/24 Varsity Bible Study (6:30-7:30PM)
- 5/38 Memorial Day—No Youth
- 5/31 Varsity Bible Study Ice Cream (6:30-7:30PM)

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



Courage to SOAR!

MLY (Middle School)

meets from 4:00-5:30PM on Sunday. Girls meet from 3:45-4:00PM for prayer time with Annie & Jessica and boys meet with Pastor Jeff for their prayer time.

Varsity (Sr. High)

meets from 6:30-8:00PM on Sunday as well as 6:30-7:30PM on Wednesdays for Bible Study (except 1st Wednesday of each month).

The church has left the building



Sunday, May 21—Single Worship at 9:30AM

Join us for our 3rd Annual Church Has Left the Building. There will be opportunities for everyone to get involved. After a single worship service some will head to different places to serve (Spring Arbor, Fayetteville Street Elementary, Diaper Bank, just to name a few) and others will stay at TPC (writing notes, packaging meals, praying, just to name a few more). Details and signups will be coming soon! Mark your calendar now!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Monday, June 19 – Wednesday, June 21

6:00-8:00PM

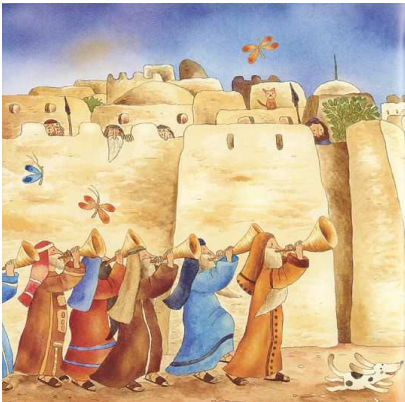


What is Vacation Bible School and why would my kids want to go to school in the evening?

For three consecutive evenings, elementary kids and preschoolers will experience the Bible stories, skits, crafts, games and snacks of Triangle Presbyterian Mighty Fortress. It's a fun and memory making way to hear God's word proclaimed and celebrate HIS power, might and goodness to us. Together we will discover that Jesus is our champion and king in every battle of life! Our lessons will focus on stories of God's deliverance in three unique and challenging situations. Bible stories include how God's might tumbles the walls of Jericho; God Delivers King Hezekiah's Kingdom and God's Word Changes the heart and the kingdom of King Josiah! Our Key Verse is Proverbs 30:5, **Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.**

We will meet three evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday, allowing folks to have their weekends for family and travel, and focusing on building our community of faith!

Middle School students will have their own team program during the same time period with teen appropriate activities. There will also be an adult class, led by our own Garry Crites.



You may register for VBS on the TPC website and/or submit your registration fee to the church office. Registration fees for children include a brightly colored T-shirt to add to your collection. Nursery and preschool classes are also available. Registration fees are as follows: Nursery and preschool- \$10; elementary and middle school- \$15. The family cap for children and youth is \$30.

Calling all VBS Volunteers

Want to participate? We are looking for theme room decorators, camp counselors/tour guides and more, so sign up now.

Adults and senior high students interested in helping as tour guides, craft team members, or room decorators should email Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org. To participate with kids/youth you must have completed a background check. Contact Nancy for information with the subject heading "VBS volunteer" !!! You can also send her a text at 919-630-1851. Just make sure to identify yourself!

Volunteer & Props Design

Lunch Meeting—May 7

Would you enjoy designing and/or making props for our Vacation Bible School settings? Would you like to volunteer to help us decorate our castle this year? Our VBS is set in a castle design and includes stories where God's power broke down huge walls. We have many cardboard boxes to cover with stone pattern paper and plastic sheeting. Our first VBS props prep luncheon will take place after church on Sunday, May 7 with pizza and salad provided. We will also be making "iron sconces" for the castle walls using black poster board.



Items to loan for VBS décor

We invite you to make our castle unique by loaning us any red or purple material, ironwork or metal wall hangings, tapestry looking pieces of cloth or curtains, a “throne” (chair that looks “fit for king”), candles/candleholders that have that medieval flair. We are counting on your imaginations to help us fill in our rooms!



Kid Lovers Wanted

Do you enjoy playing with little ones, reading Bible stories and coloring, and/or taking care of sweet and funny babies and toddlers? Maybe you are a grandparent whose grandkids don't live close enough to hang out often... or don't have grandchildren at all, like me, but enjoy the imagination, humor and joy kids bring to our lives. We have spaces in our Sunday morning worship nurseries where you can give the gift of time and attention AND fulfill the baptismal promises we make as a congregation. You will have to complete a background check in order to hang out with our kids, but it's worth it. The background check takes only a few minutes to complete, and the confidential information you provide online in an encrypted site is not stored on site at TPC!

We also invite you to consider leading or assisting in one of our Children's worship classes. We provide excellent curriculum to those who agree to be scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks, praise and worship DVD's are provided for those who like to sing with the kids (not required) and Nancy will provide a personal orientation tour!

Contact Nancy Holton in the church office at nancyholton@trianglepc.org or call her! She'll be happy to meet with you and help you determine the best fit for your gifts and talents!

Small Groups

Caregiver Support Group

The TPC's **Caregiver Support Group** will study "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:

- **May 7: Room 206 at 3:00PM.**

Chapters 1-3—Beginning the Conversations, The Conversation Within & Marital Conversations

- **May 21: Room 206 at 3:00PM.**

Chapters 4-5—The Voice of the Caregiver: Adult Children & Others, Conversations about Finances



Birthdays

- 1 Jackson Mercer
- 2 Stacey Richardson
- 3 Pam Norton
- 4 Cameron MacDougall
- Leigh Matan
- 5 Sherri Ellington
- Karen McIntyre
- 6 Sarah Cato
- 7 Van Jackson
- Lorre Koontz
- Bill Link
- 8 Nicholas Min
- 9 Kent Foerster
- Michael Owen
- Reuben White
- 10 Chris Fraser
- 12 Aireana Goust
- 13 Geoff Lloyd
- 16 Beth Durham
- 17 Archer White
- 18 Dan Fuchs
- Bobby McAdams

- 19 Mary Godwin
- Heidi Jo Hetland
- 21 Isaac Anderson
- Gail Nelson
- John Valgus
- 22 Natalie Jerkovich
- Nancy-Anne Potts
- 23 Rosa Lewis
- Anne Nolan
- 25 Jonathan Marx
- Haley Saunders
- Meagan Saunders
- 26 Diane Albert
- Betsy Batton
- Amanda Lee
- Richard Rosenberger
- 27 Jon Palmer
- 28 Tim Richter
- Joe Witt
- 30 Trace Barth
- Kapp Ogburn
- 31 John Min
- Lesley Woodall

Anniversaries

- 3 Bruce & Sarah Vance
- 16 David & Kathy Walmer
- Pedro & Christian Hill Zabala
- 17 Joe & Gretchen Mauney
- 18 Tom & Penny Bitsas
- Chip & Kathy Hill
- 20 David & Lesley McAdams
- 22 Bob & Pam Norton
- Eric & Melody Rodgman
- Bert & Lesley Woodall
- 25 Dirk & Alaina Barth
- Perry & Elaine Hinkle
- Mike & Jill Schultz
- 26 Lucinio & Helene Santos
- 27 Scott & Melanie Shadoan
- 28 Kim & Peggy Anglin
- 29 Mark & Jodie Lee
- Matt & Heather McLaughlin
- 30 Lee & Beth Murphy
- 31 Jeremy & Jennifer Mario

Finance

March Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$95,015	\$97,297	\$107,829	\$91,295	\$16,534

Year to Date

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$285,044	\$291,642	\$262,678	\$263,874	-\$1,196

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:45 AM Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed ■ 11:15 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner ■ 6:00 PM Wednesday Clubs Musical 	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8th Grade Retreat ■ Communion ■ 8:45 AM Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed ■ 11:15 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM Caregiver Support ■ 4:00 PM MLY ■ 6:30 PM Varsity 	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prayer ■ 8:45 AM Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed ■ 11:15 AM Worship 	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CHLTB ■ Pennies for Hunger ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM Caregiver Support ■ 4:00 PM MLY ■ 6:30 PM Varsity 	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ College Retreat ■ 8:45 AM Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed ■ 11:15 AM Worship ■ 12:45 PM Pathways Brunch 	29	30	31	1	2	3