

November 2017



Dear Friends,

Unintended consequences. We all experience them from time to time. We do something or we say something and whatever we have done or said has some consequence that goes beyond what we ever intended. On occasion the consequence is negative and hurtful and therefore quite unfortunate. We really do need to be careful with our words and actions. Sometimes they can bring hurt or disappointment that we never intended. There have been times when I have had to apologize for the unintended consequence of something I have said or done.



Sometimes, however, our unintended consequences can be quite surprising and pleasant in a positive way. Here is my most recent example.

Many of you know that I created a stained glass window for the stairwell of the church. For a long time I've looked at that window and thought it would be the perfect place for a stained glass window. As a gift to the church for the 50th anniversary, many months ago I began designing and creating the window which was put in place the week before we were having our 50th anniversary celebration.

With the help of a few of our guys, we hoisted the window up and set it in place making sure it was well secured. That being done I admit that I was pleased with the finished product. I also admit that I was a bit nervous about making that window. It was by far the largest stained glass work I had ever attempted and I wondered how it would turn out. I even made a smaller proto-type that is now hanging in my office window to make sure I thought the colors looked right and the design would work.

After the window was installed, I think it was a day later, I happened to find myself needing to go downstairs for something. Most often when that is the case I take the stairs rather than the elevator. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and when I entered the staircase I was greeted with the unintended consequence of putting a stained glass piece in that window. The sun was shining brightly through the window and the colors were being projected onto the wall of the stairwell and it was absolutely beautiful. The actual design was not discernable but it didn't matter. Just color; beautiful, vibrant color splashed on the wall. A beautiful unintended consequence that caused me to pause and ponder.



I wonder if by taking certain actions we can help create an atmosphere where unintended consequences of a positive nature can more easily flourish? What if we were more positive with our words to those around us? Would that create an atmosphere where they might see their day in a more positive light? What if we were slower with our criticism and quicker with our praise? Would that create an atmosphere where others felt affirmed and appreciated in ways that might prove at times to be life altering?

Psalms 19 ends with these words, "Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgressions. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Ps. 19: 13-14) Perhaps if that became our prayer the Lord could use it to create positive "unintended consequences" in the lives of those around us.

Together with you in Christ's service,

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

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Shoebox Drop-Off– November 12

In the Welcome Center

Don't forget to make your \$9-per-shoebox donation online through [Follow Your Box](#) and receive a special tracking label to discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

JOIN AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS!

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

Adult Education

Bible Class: Free to Run the Race

Facilitators: Richard Rosenberger, Location: Fellowship Hall A

This class will be based on the book by the same name by Gary Ventimiglia, "a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a psychoanalyst in private practice in Van Nuys, California. The class will explore what it means to shed those things from our past that weigh us down and keep us from "running the race marked for us."

HomeBuilders Class: Gracious Debates: Bridging our Political and Social Divides

Facilitators: Harry Albert, Garry Crites, Sherene Min, Location: FLC

In this world of divisive politics, we as Christians are called to rise above the rancorous discussions that occur in all facets of society and debate the hot topics of the day in a way consistent with Biblical principles. Using the early church in Acts as a model of unity in the body in the face of disagreement, we will learn how to debate like Christians by discussing hard questions of our day. The focus of this study is not to determine the "right" answers on these issues but rather to be a witness to the larger culture that is paralyzed by partisanship and discord, maintaining unity in the face of faithful disagreement. This class begins October 22.

Fellowship: Understanding & Applying the Bible

Facilitator: Jeannie Phelps, Location: Fellowship Hall B

We grow in relationship with God as we see him in a variety of situations. This study will help us to learn how to get the most out of reading and studying the Bible with the goal of getting to know God better.

The Fellowship Class is a group that values conversation and offers hospitality as they gather to study God's word. All studies are centered around group discussion of biblical topics.

Bible Study: The Book of Luke

Wednesday Nights at 6:00PM

(except Ministry Team Night)

Remarkable for its rich detail, precise language, and meticulous research, the Gospel of Luke contains insights into the life and ministry of Jesus that only a master historian could have uncovered. Dive into this book and feel the amazement of the people in Luke's gospel as they encountered firsthand the Messiah of Israel.

An Early Birthday Gift for Jesus Backpacks of Food!



This year the Children's team is sponsoring a food collection for 50 families from our partner school at Fayetteville Street Elementary for the Christmas holidays. You may remember that we helped families who don't have enough food to feed their kids during the spring break in 2017 as part of our Lenten season service emphasis. This year the principal has requested help with food for Christmas. Collection bins will be available from November 1st (Ministry team night) through Sunday, December 3rd. The Wednesday and Sunday Clubs kids will inventory and bag up the food for the 50 families, but they need all of us TPC'ers to help by donating food items. If you purchase the food items from Kroger or Walmart you can get the entire list for less than \$40. We are also happy to receive any single items, multiples of a specific item or any number of food items that you would like to contribute from the following list ONLY.

Food items for each family (50 families):

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| 1 pound bag white rice | 1 pound bag dried pinto or black beans |
| 1 pound spaghetti noodles | 1 box Chicken Helper |
| 1-16 oz can spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please) | 1 shaker Parmesan cheese |
| 2-12.5 ounce cans white meat chicken | 3 cans vegetables (corn, green beans, mixed veggies) |
| 3 cans Campbell's tomato or chicken noodle soup | 2 cans canned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli) |
| 1 box instant oatmeal or grits | 1 box granola/cereal bars |
| 1 pack applesauce or fruit cups | 1 plastic container peanut butter |
| 1 plastic container jelly | 1 can Campbell's cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup |
| 2 cans canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, mixed fruit) | |

TPC's Dinner Theatre Sunday, December 3

Mark your calendars now for a TPC Christmas classic! *Sunday, December 3 will be our annual Wednesday Clubs play and Varsity (Senior High) chili dinner fundraiser.* This year our Wednesday Clubs will present a celebration of the miracle of Jesus' birth, entitled, *Camel Lot*. Come, enjoy dinner and celebrate as our youth and children serve you, entertain you and sing songs of praise to our God. Mark your calendar for dinner at 5:00PM and show time at 6:00PM! You can sign up on the bulletin board or our website beginning November 12!



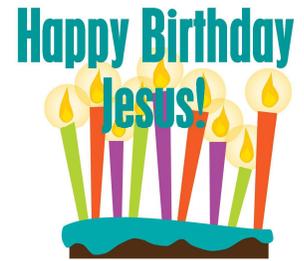
TPC MakerFest for Families

Saturday, January 27 from 2:00-4:30PM

We will engage in unique and zany competitions and activities where we play games galore, create structures with Legos (donations are welcome) and conduct science experiments reminding us that God is our Maker, Savior and King. There will be food, fellowship, fun and lots of laughter! You can sign up beginning January 3. The registration fee of \$20 per family unit will cover materials and snacks!

Children's Sunday Clubs Birthday Parties for Jesus

If you are interested in providing cupcakes, cookies or juice for one of our Sunday School classes on December 10, please contact Nancy in the church office or email her at nancyholton@trianglepc.org. We are also looking for folks who might be willing to prepare a gluten free snack for those children who are not able to eat wheat products. As part of their celebration the old classes will help sort and bag the food collection items for the Backpack Buddies program.



Advent Wreath Devotion Booklets for Families!



Pick up a family devotional booklet containing a brief devotion and stickers for each day of Advent. These booklets will be available in the Welcome Center beginning November 19. We ask that you make a \$1 donation toward the cost of these materials.

Children's Ministry Dates

To Reserve in 2018

- ◆ Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) begins a 13 week session, Thursday, January 11, 6:00-8:00pm
- ◆ Saturday, January 27, 2:00-4:30pm, MakerFest for Families
- ◆ Wednesday Clubs Spring session begins February 7, 4:30-7:30pm
- ◆ Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event (formerly STOP Hunger Now) Saturday, February 17
- ◆ Resurrection Stations and Durham CROP Walk, Sunday, March 25
- ◆ Easter Sunday, April 1 with 6:45am Sunrise Service and breakfast
- ◆ Wednesday Clubs play and Middle School Youth spaghetti dinner fundraiser, Sunday, April 29
- ◆ Vacation Bible School 2018, Monday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 27 , 6:00-8:00pm



COMPLETE THE PASS!

As in the past the congregation is divided up into geographic/neighborhood teams. Each football has a quarterback that oversees its journey. Each football contains a proposed budget and estimate of giving cards for each family. You have 4 weeks to move the football from home to home, just make sure someone gets it back to TPC on November 12. **Don't fumble by leaving it at someone's house without them knowing it. That does not work!** If you have trouble passing, contact your QB or Nikki in the church office.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! SOUP POTLUCK DINNER



November 12 @ 5:00pm

On Sunday, November 12 all footballs (and estimate of giving cards) will be collected during worship. That evening we will gather at our annual TPC Souper Bowl dinner to celebrate all those "completed passes". This is a great time to show off your creative cooking skills! Bring your favorite soup or chili or bread to share with your TPC family members who will gladly sample your delicious creations! You can sign up on our website to let us know you're coming and what you plan to bring.



November Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$88,651	\$97,214	\$101,643	\$82,182	\$19,461
<u>Year to Date</u>				
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\$794,072	\$874,927	\$758,992	\$772,142	(-\$13,150)

Youth Ministry

MLY Major League Youth

Middle Schoolers hang out every Sunday night from 4:00-5:30PM at TPC. We always have a blast—come join us!

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

VARSIY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High Schoolers meet up every Sunday night from 6:30-8:00PM at TPC. We'd love for you to come and join in! If you're looking to learn some more—stop by our high school Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM at the church.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00PM Ministry Team Dinner & Meeting	2	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 4-5:30PM MLY 6:30-8PM Varsity	6	7	8 6:30-8PM Varsity Small Group	9	10	11 
12 5pm- Souper Bowl	13	14	15 6:30-8:PM Varsity Small Group	16	17	18
19 5:00PM-Thanksgiving Service	20	21	22		24 Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29 6:30-8PM Varsity Small Group	30		

Small Groups

Caregiver Support Group

This group is currently studying and discussing “The Art of Dying: Living Fully into the Life to Come,” by Rob Moll. 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 with each other. 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 meetings from 3:00-4:30PM:

- November 5 Chapter 5: The Spirituality of Dying
- November 19 Chapter 6: The Hardest Conversation you’ll ever have



It’s that time of year again. That’s right; it’s time for the TPC Angel Tree to go up in the Welcome Center lobby on Sunday, November 12. Hurry on down to pick your Angel from the Christmas tree. Please remember to complete your contact info on the white part of the ornament and leave the white part in the basket provided near the tree. Please return gifts wrapped (no glitter, please) and return to the tree by Tuesday, December 5. Questions, contact Missy Owen at 502.526.2994 or jumpx30@yahoo.com.

Outreach

November Food Bank— Mac & Cheese

December Baby Formula/Cereal



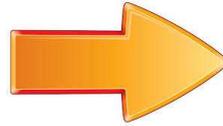
Food can be placed in the marked bins in the Welcome Center & Narthex. Monetary donations are collected the 1st Sunday of each month. Food Bank can provide 5 meals with each dollar donated.

**Pop Top Cans & Microwavable Cups Preferred
No Glass Containers**



Send in your Advent Devotion for 2017

The 2017 Advent Devotional can’t happen without you. If you think God has taught you something you want to share, then think about writing a short (no more than 1/2 page) devotional that will be put together to lead the church as we prepare for Christmas. You can even use a poem or a writing that has meant something to you during the holidays. Devotions needs to be turned into Nikki Goss by Sunday, November 5.



Sunday, November 5th

Fellowship

Just Older Youth—Thursday, November 9 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: November 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.



- 11/10 Friday night game night at 7:00PM - watch emails for location
- 11/12 Volleyball at 1:30PM in the FLC
- 11/20 Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC
- 11/26 Sunday Brunch following late service around 12:45 pm - 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.

Ministry Team Night Dinner

November 1st at 6:00PM

If you don’t come out for Ministry Team Night.....WHY? You get a delicious home cooked meal, with dessert, from 6:00-6:45PM. This month is ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, hot dogs, salad bar, rolls and dessert (we keep that a surprise). From 7:00-8:00PM, you can participate in one of our Ministry Teams (with childcare provided). We are all called to use our talents in service to God and participating in one of our Ministry Teams is a great way to do this. There is a team that will definitely fit your skills and talents.

PRICE CHANGE! Prices have stayed the same for many years and we find we are running in the red so session has approved a slight price increase for our monthly dinners. The cost is now \$6/middle school and older, \$2 for children 4yrs-5th grade, with a family cap of \$20.



Thanksgiving & Advent

Opportunities of Worship and Fellowship

November 19

Thanksgiving Service & Dinner with Triangle Grace Korean Presbyterian Church

5:00PM

December 3

Worship at 8:45 & 11:15AM, Sunday School for all ages at 10:00AM

Sr. High Chili Fundraiser Dinner at 5:00PM (FLC)

Wednesday Clubs for Kids Musical at 6:00PM (FLC)

December 10

Worship at 8:45 & 11:15AM, Sunday School for all ages at 10:00AM

Open House at the Cobbs from 1:30-4:00PM

December 17

“Everlasting Light” Christmas Cantata at 8:45 & 11:15AM, Sunday School for all ages at 10:00AM

December 24

Single Worship service at 10:00AM, No Sunday School

Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 & 8:00PM

Communion at both services, candle light at 8:00PM service.

(Childcare provided for children 7 and under at the 4:00PM service)

December 31

Single Worship service at 10:00AM, No Sunday School

**Triangle Presbyterian Preschool
6th Annual
Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair
Saturday
November 4, 2017**

**5001 Tudor Place
Durham NC 27713**

**10 am - 2 pm
Family Life Center
alana.scott@tpk.org/919-544-2872**

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| NC Pens | Shop4Hope |
| Bobby Crews Stained Glass | Haven and Lucy |
| Find Your Glo | Paparazzi Accessories by Diane |
| Beaded Blue Handcrafted Jewelry | Hicks Homemade |
| The Grain Factory | Handbagz and Gladragz |
| Knitted Neckware | Diana Kever Jewelry |
| Shining Lights Crafts LLC | Purple Squirrel Crafts |
| Simply Mud | Blissful Beads |
| Arbonne International | Real Time Pain Relief |
| Must Bead It Jewelry | Pillows with Pockets |
| Christine Holton Fine Art | Meredith Frey |
| Mary Kay | Bahama Cive |
| Chickenscratch Designs | Poetic Glass |
| The Kupkake Fairy | Shea4She |
| My Homemade Dolly | Christmas Canvases |
| Gifts Galore | Design Safety 4 U |
| Bird and Branch | SK Arts |
| LuLaRoe | The Garden Salon/Lip Sense |
| Sassy Belle Posh | Timberlyne Handcrafters |
| Durham Toffee Company | |

Birthdays

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| 2 Beverly Robbins | 18 Rebecca Rose White | 26 Jodie Lee |
| Beth Upchurch | Sarah Yunker | Bruce Vance |
| 4 Walt Brittle | 19 Lynne Ogburn | 28 David Wilder |
| 6 Anna Borasky | Wade Winstead | 29 Nicholas Jerkovich |
| 11 Kevin Mercer | 20 Liliana Barker | Andy Williamson |
| 12 Missy Owen | Bill Hotchkiss | 30 Scott Owen |
| 13 Bonnie Hicken | Emily Purr | |
| Beth Owen | 21 Keenan Thungtrakul | |
| 14 Leslie Huml | 22 Lee Murphy | |
| Lelah Kanour | 24 Pete Catlin | |
| 15 Kim Anglin | Nkoyo Ekanem | |
| 16 Russ McLauchlan | Susan Elliott | |
| Paul Sipe | Mike Martin | |
| 17 Thomas MacDougall | 25 Elizabeth Bitsas | |
| 18 Tommy Cocke | Barbara Lewis | |
| Kristen Cole | Josh Schwimer | |



Anniversaries

- 1 Andy & Betsy Batton
- 3 Bob & Janie Ward
- 6 Steve & Donna McBrite
- 11 Patty & Kent Foerster
- 13 James & Cortney Nall
- 15 Rob & Lori Bray
- 23 Steve & Sharyn Bennett
- Pat & Ray Rutledge
- 30 Bob & Linda Hannon



We welcomed **Karis Jackson** to our staff to assist with our communications needs on a part-time basis. From items such as the newsletter, website and other media, she will primarily help continue to organize and disseminate updates on the life of the Church. As members of TPC since 2012, Karis and husband, Michael, have three children, Van, Caleb and Laurin who actively participate in our youth programs.

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5 Communion 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Congregational Vote 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs 11:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Caregiver Support 4:00 PM MLY 6:30 PM Varsity	6	7 Election Day	8 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 4:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir	9 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 11:30 AM JOY Group 6:00 PM Single & Parenting 6:00 PM Alpha	10 7:00 PM Pathways Game Night	11
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