

# September 2017



Dear friends,

It captured the nation's attention in an absolutely positive way like nothing I've seen or heard about in a long time. News organizations sent reporters to a variety of places to make sure the event was properly covered. All of them went live as the event began to unfold. People of all kinds found themselves coming together to observe and to celebrate. The anticipation was electric. Those who planned for it did so with great expectation. It was a national event and it seems everyone in the country, to greater and lesser degrees, became participants. I'm talking, of course, about the solar eclipse.

On Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, the country paused to look skyward to see the moon make its way between the earth and the sun creating a solar eclipse. I remember on the Sunday before this great event hearing people before and after worship talking about who had gotten the special glasses and who were looking for the special glasses and where they were planning to go and see this great thing. Some were driving several hours in order to be in that treasured pathway that would be marked by a total eclipse.



After it was all over, especially in those places where people were able to see the total eclipse, it was interesting to hear news reporters gathering reactions. I heard people use superlatives that ranged from "awesome" to "life changing." Don't get me wrong, I thought it was a very cool thing to experience and granted we were only in the 94 percent or so range of eclipse...but "life changing?" Really? You looked at the sun through some special glasses. The moon began to move in front of the sun until you could only see a halo of light around the edges of the moon and now, somehow, your life has been changed?

I wonder what Tuesday was like for those people making such a claim. How was life different? Did they get up and go to work or school as they had done days prior? Did their priorities suddenly shift causing them to commit themselves to some noble cause for the rest of their lives? As cool as it was to observe, I don't really believe a solar eclipse has what it takes to bring about that kind of radical change in a person's life. Staring at the sun, even during an eclipse, doesn't have life changing capability.

There is, however, a SON who does have that kind of life changing power. He, in fact, has the power to transform the darkness of our wayward lives to the light and peace of God's presence and purpose. It is in looking to the SON, Jesus Christ, that we find life abundant and eternal. Only this SON is able to make the old things of life pass away and all things become new.

John writes, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (Jn. 1:4-5)

God has provided the special lenses through which we can see the Son in all his glory. Those lenses are called grace and faith and they are in ample supply. The good news is that we have all been invited to the viewing party and looking into this SON really is life changing.

Together with You in serving the Son....

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.

### Bible Class: The Book of Titus

*Facilitators: Harry Albert, Pam Catlin, Warren Saunders, Location: Fellowship Hall A*

In this Book of the Bible series, Chip Ingram unpacks the book of Titus. He challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor. When the gospel has truly taken root in our lives, it produces the fruit of godliness. As we pass these things on to future generations, the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world."

### Fellowship: Abiding in Christ

*Facilitator: Jeannie Phelps, Location: Fellowship Hall B*

The Fellowship Class is continuing their study "What's Fueling Your Anger," examining anger issues and biblical passages on anger. It is important for us as Christians to examine our hearts, be aware of anger issues, and discern how best to deal with them. A second study will begin mid-month called "Looking for Rest, Is Sunday Just Another Day?" in which we will examine scripture in order to answer questions such as "Whose idea was it in the first place that we should rest? What does slowing down look like? What challenges will we face?"

*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.*

### SALT—Single Adults in the Lord Together

#### All the Places to Go

*Facilitator: Donna Frank, Location: Room 101*

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become. Join the SALT Class for this six-session video and discussion class. Bestselling author, John Ortberg, opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

## Bible Study

### Wednesday Nights at 6:00PM

(except Ministry Team Night)

Bible study with Pastor Ray will begin a new session on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00PM in Room 206 studying the book of Luke. All are invited. For more info, contact the church office.

## Wednesday Clubs for Kids: Register NOW!

September 20—December 3

(Register through September 17)

Explorers (Kindergarten-1st Grade)	4:30-6:30PM	\$40
Kids Club (2nd-3rd Grade)	4:30-7:30PM	\$60
Youth Club (4th-5th Grade)	4:30-7:30PM	\$60

Recreation

Bible study

Dinner

Musical Preparation

Community Service projects

and More!!!!

Pick up forms for your kids and the neighbors' kids too from the Welcome Center desk **or register on our website**. Registration is completed upon receipt of the registration fee for 10 weeks of clubs program. Dinner is prepared and served each week by parents under the direction of our meals team. Each participating family helps with one week's meal. Contact Nancy with questions or to volunteer to help.

## What is/are Sunday Clubs?

We have heard that question floating around TPC recently, so here's some information!

Sunday clubs (formerly Sunday School) are age and grade based groups who study God's Word together, pray together and play together!

Dedicated teachers and assistants prepare for each class, pray for the kids, and become good friends as they encourage one another to live for Jesus each day.

Class time is from 10:00-11:00AM. What a great way to develop church friendships within your peer group, and be reminded that JESUS IS LORD!

All children's groups use study materials that are Bible based, kid friendly and developmentally appropriate curriculum, approved by our Session.

Parents, this opportunity to develop friendships with other Christians applies to you, too! Check out one of the great offerings in Adult Sunday School! And yes, we do call it Sunday School when talking to adults! But it's still interactive, meaningful and encouraging!





## Sunday Clubs Offering

As we live our lives for Jesus, our money is His too! Encourage your child to bring a portion of his “income” to Sunday Clubs to put in the class offering can or special container. The session approved the children’s Sunday Clubs offerings to be used to help a different ministry each year, chosen from one of the ministries that TPC already supports. This year we are collecting funds to help purchase food items for the Backpack Buddies program at our partner school, Fayetteville Street Elementary. We may be collecting and bagging items for the Christmas holidays and/or the spring break session in late March.

## Thank You

A big thank you to our Summer Sunday Clubs volunteers. These folks taught our summer combined classes for preschoolers and elementary classes. Thank you for giving your time and devotion to Jesus and His children at TPC!

Susan Ailman

Lori Bray

Beth Canada

Kelley Crabtree

Marcelle Gible

John & Sherene Min

Missy Owen

Julie & Taylor Thurman

Noah & Suzanne White

## Prayer Champions Are Prayer Partners!

The Children’s Team is so thankful for those folks who have been praying for families in 2017! We believe God is leading us to commit to pray for our children and families on a regular basis. We believe that the Holy Spirit will empower us to pray, and will remind us as well! We are inviting those who are willing to pray for one of our Sunday Clubs classes or Children’s Worship classes to let us know! There are 5 classes. This year we had five volunteers who committed to pray for families and special needs of our congregation. Thank you! God knows you by name. We have a prayer guide to help you with specific ways to pray if you choose to use it. Please contact Nancy in the office or Mironda Divers if you have questions or would like to volunteer.





## Sighting Children’s Ministries Volunteers around TPC!

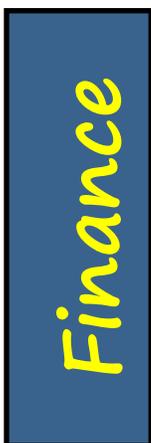
Did you know it takes a community of faith to provide Christian education for kids and adults? Look at some of the volunteers in action spotted this month! Consider whether you might be able to donate a couple of hours per month to help with these or similar activities. Contact Nancy with your ideas, your questions or to volunteer.

♥ Mike Martin, Rob Martz, Doug Steele, Dan Fuchs, Wally Guertin, and Bill Robbins helping with facilities improvements, repairs and seasonal adjustments. Thanks, gentlemen!

♥ New bulletin board displays, hand crafted by Andy & Betsy Batton!

♥ 17 Sunday Bible Clubs teachers and assistants busily planning, preparing and praying for new and familiar class friends.

♥ TPC and TPPK staff sprucing up our children’s classrooms in appealing ways in preparation for a new church and school program year. TPPK staff members are Alana Scott, director; and teachers, Julie Anderson, Tara Carew, Bobbie Jaeger, Kathy Ramsey, and Linda Sheer. Class assistants are Karen Earley, Ann Nickodem, and Amy Rhoads. Please pray for our TPPK staff as they begin a new year of ministry to families and as we welcome new staff members, yet to be announced.



<u>July Budget Report</u>				
Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$88,651	\$97,214	\$81,429	\$81,823	(-\$394)
<u>Year to Date</u>				
Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$620,557	\$680,499	\$586,376	\$594,928	(-\$8,552)



50 YEARS of Ministry is nothing short of a big reason to celebrate what God has done, and continues to do, in and through our congregation! Our 50th Celebration member committee is continuing to work hard behind the scenes to plan the celebration, and you should already have Sunday, September 17 starred on your calendar! Single service at 10am, followed by a family photograph in the Sanctuary and then enjoying a true Pig-Pickin' celebration together in the FLC!

T-shirts are on sale—stop by the table the next several Sunday mornings to purchase yours! T-shirts are just \$6 a piece and we're asking everyone to wear it to worship on September 17.



The Children's Ministry Team will also be hosting a photo booth during the Pig-Pickin', for everyone to capture the joy of the day!

The committee is still looking for some help from the congregation:

- \* *Who is an historian and/or highly skilled at collecting history to write a history highlight for bulletin?*
- \* *Who is able to be on clean-up committee?*
- \* *Who is able to help serve food and drink during pig-pickin'?*
- \* *Who is able to help coordinate transport for folks who may need rides to church on 9/17?*

If you can help with any of these requests, please send an email to [nicolle@movewithmercer.com](mailto:nicolle@movewithmercer.com) or call Nicolle Mercer at 919-632-5671. Thank you!



# 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!

## **VARSITY 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.

Contact Pastor Jeff for more info on youth activities.

[jeffspainhour@trianglepc.org](mailto:jeffspainhour@trianglepc.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					1	2
3	4	5	6 6-8PM Ministry Team Dinner & Meeting	7	8	9
10 1-3PM MLY Kick-Off 3-5PM Varsity Kick-Off Invite your friends!	11	12	13 6:30-8PM V Small Group for ice cream	14	15	16
17 50th Anniversary Celebration 4:00-5:30PM MLY 6:30-8PM Varsity	18	19	20 6:30-8PM V Small Group	21	22 Varsity Freshman/Sophomore Mixer	23 Varsity Jr/Sr Mixer
24 4-5:30PM MLY 6:30-8PM Varsity	25	26	27 6:30-8PM V Small Group	28	29	30

## Small Groups

### Caregiver Support Group

This group will kick off a new study on September 10 in Room 101. They will meet bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. This session the group will study and discuss ‘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](mailto:harrydiane@nc.rr.com) or 919-949-1375. Upcoming meetings:

- September 10 Chapter 1: When Death Arrives
- September 24 Chapter 2: Gradual Dying and End-of-Life Care



Do you know a single parent who is struggling to juggle the many duties that 2 parents would normally share? Please invite them to our “Single & Parenting” class, beginning September 7 in Room 100 from 6:00-8:00PM. This is a 13-week video series by Christian counselors and parenting experts, followed by discussion. It is open to separated, divorced, widowed and never married, custodial and non-custodial parents. View [singleparenting.org](http://singleparenting.org) or contact Donna Monzon at [monzon006@gmail.com](mailto:monzon006@gmail.com)

## Outreach

### Food Bank—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**



## Gleaning for Sweet Potatoes

**Sign up NOW** for the Sweet Potato Gleaning on Saturday September 30! We'll be gleaning sweet potatoes from Sullivan Farms in Lucama to feed the hungry ... and then feed ourselves lunch out on the farm! All ages are welcome to this kid-friendly event! Please sign up by September 24, on our church website or on the bulletin board. We'll carpool from the church at 8:30am SHARP or you can meet us at the farm (8444 St. Mary's Church Road, Lucama)! Wear clothes and shoes/boots that can get muddy, work gloves, small bucket (up to 2 gallon) or bags for gathering potatoes. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship out on the farm and then return in the early afternoon.



Fellowship

### Just Older Youth—Thursday, September 14 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: September 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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| 9/10 | Volleyball at 1:30PM in the FLC                               |
| 9/8  | Friday night game night at 7:00PM - watch emails for location |
| 9/18 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC                               |
| 9/24 | 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](mailto:kelleycrabtree@nc.rr.com) or call the church office at 919-544-2872.

## Like to play Bridge?

There is a Bridge group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00PM in different homes. Beginners, intermediates and advanced players are welcome. Come and join the fun and fellowship. Call Marilyn Whitmore at 919-544-7739 for more information.



## Ministry Team

### Night Dinner

September 6 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 at a very low cost (\$5/adult, \$2 children 4 yrs-High School with a \$15 family cap). This month is baked spaghetti, 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.



## It's not too early to 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 need to be turned into Nikki Goss by Sunday, November 5.



# Birthdays

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|----|--|----|--|----|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Susan Ailman<br>Brad Barnes                                    | 14 | Ann Nickodem<br>Justin Riley                                 | 22 | Turner Sipe<br>Ben Yunker       |
| 3  | Julia Bales<br>Donna McBrite<br>Howard Plemmons<br>John Watson | 15 | Brent Hetland  | 24 | Tim Shafer<br>Roberta VanDalen  |
| 4  | Steve Christopher<br>Phil Ficks<br>Reagan Roeber               | 16 | John Chaney<br>Ginna Messer<br>Tracy Wang<br>Roger Yunker    | 25 | Kathy Hill<br>JD Swinney        |
| 5  | Ted Pease<br>Jeff Spainhour<br>Arles Taylor                    | 17 | Ashley Marx<br>David Walmer                                  | 28 | Chip Hill<br>Allan Ward         |
| 6  | Dustin Ellington   | 18 | Kathy Tapp   | 29 | Jill Pafford<br>Julianne Wesson |
| 7  | Reid Mario<br>Jose Monzon                                      | 19 | Craig Kornegay<br>Russ Savre                                 | 30 | Sara Krantz                     |
| 11 | Lindsay Cole   | 20 | Mark Bullock<br>Theresa-Marie Rhyne                          |    |                                 |
| 12 | Bailey Shadoan   | 21 | Grant Gibble<br>Hannah Harvey<br>Brett Lewis<br>Andrew Pease |    |                                 |
| 13 | Deanna Hamilton  |    |  |    |                                 |

# Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|----|---|
| 1  | Josh & Courtney Schwimer  | 20 | Jon & Amie Palmer<br>Walter & Connie Storholt |
| 4  | Chris Fraser & Lesa Hall  | 29 | Leland & Donna Myers                          |
| 5  | Ken & Roberta VanDalen    |    |   |
| 6  | Roger & Susan Ailman      |    |   |
| 7  | Won-Kyoo & Mihsong Lee    |    |   |
| 9  | Detlev & Meredith Riedel  |    |   |
| 10 | Aaron & Ginna Messer      |    |   |
| 12 | Bill & Mindy Myers        |    |   |
| 15 | Andy & Kristen Williamson |    |   |
| 19 | Phil & Susan Ficks        |    |   |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Super Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed</li> <li>10:00 AM Welcome Team Training</li> <li>11:15 AM Worship</li> <li>12:45 PM Pathways Brunch</li> </ul>	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Single Service</li> </ul>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>Youth Kick-Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/ Adult Ed</li> <li>11:15 AM Worship</li> <li>1:30 PM Inquirer's Class</li> <li>1:30 PM Volleyball</li> <li>3:00 PM Caregiver Support</li> </ul>	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>17</p> <p>50th Anniversary</p> <p>Pennies for Hunger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Single Worship Service</li> <li>4:00 PM MLY</li> <li>6:30 PM Varsity</li> </ul>	18	19	20	21	22	23
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						<p>30</p> <p>Cleaning</p>