

March 2019



Dear friends,

Maybe you've seen a truck like the one pictured here. They patrol certain interstate highways just looking for people who are in trouble so they can lend a helping hand. I had a personal encounter with one just a few weeks ago. Let me share my story.

I was on my way back from Winston-Salem after a meeting with some pastors there. I had just gotten on the by-pass that goes around Greensboro. If you are familiar with that road you know it is about 5 lanes wide and I was in the middle lane when I noticed my car began to decelerate. I looked and none of my warning lights were flashing and my gas gauge showed a bit over a quarter of a tank. I had the presence of mind while I still had some momentum to pull over to the side of the road. What I discovered was my car's engine had simply shut down. While sitting on the side of the road I tried to restart it but to no avail.



I first called Diane and told her to head that direction and gave her my whereabouts. I then called AAA in order to get them headed my direction for what I thought would be a tow to a service center. Then it happened! Within 10 minutes of coasting to a stop on the side of the road, a truck like the one pictured came up behind with big amber lights flashing.

By this point I was trying to diagnose the problem with my car. I came up with two things I thought were possibilities. I thought there could be a problem with my fuel injector or there was a problem with my gas gauge. Before he had a chance to come up to my car, I got out and went to the window of the driver of the truck. His name was Jerry. I told him my suspicions and asked if by chance he had any gas with him since that would quickly eliminate one of my possible problems. He said he did and immediately got out of the truck, retrieved a gas can and dispensed it into my tank. I got in my car, turned the key and it sprang to life. Jerry came to the passenger side window of my car and I asked him what I owed him for the service he had provided. He responded "nothing at all," but he did say if I wanted to tell my story I could do so and that would be welcomed. He handed me a card which had his information on it and a website I could visit to tell my story. He then gave me very explicit directions to the nearest gas station and off I went.

The AAA driver called just as I had successfully started my car so I was able to let him know he was no longer needed. As I headed to the gas station, I called Diane back and told her she didn't need to drive to Greensboro for which she was thankful. The timing of each thing that happened was absolutely perfect. On my way back to the church, which was still well over an hour away, I paid attention and looked for another one of those "helpful trucks." I didn't see a single one. As I think about it, I've been on the interstate numerous times and haven't seen another one since. But the day I needed one, it was there within ten minutes.

I thought about what a "grace filled" encounter this was.

I was in need. Someone came alongside to help, not because I had earned or deserved this person's kindness. He stopped because that is what he does. His business is to help people. My need was quickly met and when I inquired there was nothing I could do to pay for what he had done. He didn't even charge me for the gas. All I could do was respond to the grace I had received that day. You can believe as soon as I got to my computer the first thing I did was go to the website that had been provided so I could sing the praises of "Jerry."

When we encounter such acts of grace, it can be a nice reminder that our lives have been transformed by grace on a far grander scale. How will we respond?

Together with you on this journey of faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "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.

Bible Class : The Book of Colossians - Begins March 10

Facilitator: Aaron Messer Location: Fellowship Hall A

We will study and discuss one of the most important letters ever written. Penned by Paul from behind prison walls, Colossians beautifully lays out the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. This God-inspired letter to a church instructs us that what we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. Join us as we worship, learn, and fellowship together.

Fellowship: Angels

Facilitator: Jeannie Phelps, Location: Fellowship Hall B

Thirty-four of the Bible's sixty-six books talk about angels in detail. The word angel occurs more than 250 times in Scripture. Jesus himself referred to angels as real beings who were involved in every realm of human activity. The Bible also makes it clear that angels fall into two distinct groups, the holy angels of God and the evil angels who followed Satan in his rebellion. Join us on this adventure as we are reminded of things we have learned before and we will learn some new truths to this wonderful ministry that God's angels have in our life.

HomeBuilders: Forgotten God - Begins March 10

Facilitator: Mark Simpson-Vos, Location: Room 100

Join us for a seven-week video and discussion series based on Francis Chan's book, *Forgotten God*. This study from Right Now Media focuses on the presence and ministry of God the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. It reminds us that the church's true power comes from the Holy Spirit and focuses on how we can live more aware of the God's presence with us in the Spirit. The book is not required for this class, and everyone is welcome!

SALT: Kindness - Reaching out to Others

Facilitator: Donna Frank, Location: Room 101

Kindness: Reaching Out to Others, from the Fruit of the Spirit bible studies by Phyllis J. Le Peak is a story of how the Good Samaritan is reenacted every day. Whether it's a family on the side of the road with car trouble, a homeless person sleeping over an outdoor heating vent, or a panhandler asking for spare change, we either pass by or reach out in kindness. This Fruit of the Spirit Bible study will inspire kindness toward others by revealing God's kindness to you.

The SALT Class (Single Adults) is designed to help single adults apply biblical truths in all their relationships. This class uses a variety of resources including videos and group discussion.

Bible Study will resume after Easter!

The Book of Acts– Will take a break to do the Lenten Study

Wednesday Nights at 6:00PM (except Ministry Team Night)

Children's Ministry

Lenten Special Events for Kids during Sunday Clubs and Children's Worship

April 7: Seder Meal celebration—Each elementary aged class will experience tasting the elements of the Seder/Passover celebration as they explore the origin of our Lord's Supper/Communion remembrance each month. Each food item is a visual and sensory reminder of how God rescued His people from Egypt. Our Lord's Supper celebration reminds us of how Jesus rescued us from sin and death through His body and blood given for us on the cross.

April 14: Resurrection Station Walk in the Family Life Center. Each class will take a scheduled journey through the experiences the women had on their way to the empty tomb. Stations include visual or sensory symbols and a scripture reading as they make their way to Easter morning. Why are we doing this on Palm Sunday? To prepare our hearts for Holy Week. Church family members may visit the stations following the 2nd service.

April 18: Tenebrae Service of Darkness on Maundy Thursday, 7:00PM. Children 4 years through 10 years can participate in a kids Maundy Thursday service of prayer and reflection, walking through Jesus' last night before the crucifixion. Adult worship includes scripture readings and meditations by various church members as well as meaningful musical selections.

Childcare for children 3 and under will be provided upon request. Contact Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org in order to sign your child up for childcare or the Kids' Prayer Service.

Christian Education Leaders Appreciation - March 17

We are so blessed to have faithful teachers and leaders of adult education groups, youth programs, and children's discipleship groups.

Do you like to bake? We are recruiting bakers and cooks for two tables of yummy goodies. We're looking for cookies, coffee cakes, fruit trays, cupcakes, banana bread OR you can donate juice or punch ingredients. Is your mouth watering yet? Call or email Nancy in the office to volunteer.



Mark your calendars NOW for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Monday, June 17 – Wednesday, June 19 from 6-8 pm

Each evening elementary kids and preschoolers will experience the Bible stories, applications, crafts, games and snacks.

The curriculum is entitled, **ROAR: Life is Wild and God is Good!**

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!

Our key verse will be Nahum 1:7, "The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes." The main bible point is When Life is Unfair, God is Good! We will focus on the ways God worked in the lives of His people in Egypt and the wilderness, faithfully taking care of them, even when they were unfaithful!

Middle School students will have their own team program during the same time frame with interest appropriate activities. There will be an adult class, with yet to be announced class foci.

Interested in helping with VBS, either now or later?? We'll be looking for teachers, decorators, camp counselors/tour guides and more in the months ahead. Adults and senior high students interested in helping as tour guides, craft team members, or room decorators should sign the volunteer registration list on the sign up board upstairs or in the Welcome Center or email Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org. There are three theme areas and Bible stories. Volunteers to help plan theme settings, teacher volunteers? Teachers will be able to select which story they would like to teach.



Children's Ministry Dates To Reserve in 2019

- ◆ Durham CROP Walk, Sunday, 4/7
- ◆ Easter Sunday, 4/21 with 6:45am Sunrise Service and breakfast
- ◆ Wednesday Clubs play and Middle School Youth spaghetti dinner fundraiser, Sunday, 4/28
- ◆ Vacation Bible School 2019, Monday, 6/17 – Wednesday, 6/19, 6:00-8:00pm



Partner with Family Health Ministries in supporting the Carmelle Voltaire Health Center for Women and Children in Tom Gato, Haiti!

We invite you to join us for our Annual Gala and Silent Auction, Saturday, April 27th from 6-9 pm. You may purchase your tickets at www.FamilyHM.org or call 919.382.5500. Tickets are \$85 for adults, \$50 for students. Our meal will be catered by Rocky Top Catering from Raleigh with vegetarian options available upon request. Music and dancing provided by EG Peters Band! Join the fun and bid on cool stuff in support of desperately needed care for Haitian families!

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.

VARSDITY 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.

The Great Escape 2018 June 9-14

Fun in the Sun 2018 July 8-13

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- 3 2:00-3:30 Confirmation Class, MLY 3:45-5:30,
5:30-6:30 Varsity Mission Meeting,
6:15-8:00 Varsity
- 6 6:30 Ash Wednesday / Ministry Team Dinner
- 10 2:00-3:30 Confirmation Class, MLY 3:45-5:30,
6:15-8:00 Varsity
- 13 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 15-17 Jr/Sr Retreat
- 17 2:00-3:30 Confirmation Class,
MLY 3:45-5:30, 6:15-8:00 Varsity
- 20 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 24 2:00-3:30 Confirmation Class,
MLY 3:45-5:30, 6:15-8:00 Varsity
- 31 2:00-3:30 Confirmation Class,
MLY 3:45-5:30, 6:15-8:00 Varsity

Fellowship

Just Older Youth—Thursday, March 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: February 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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| 3/4 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC |
| 3/8 | Game night at 7 PM– location TBA |
| 3/18 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC |
| 3/24 | Sunday Brunch following late service around 12:45pm at Moe’s |

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 /Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 at 6:00PM

Join us for a combined Ministry Team Dinner and Ash Wednesday service. Dinner will be served from 6-6:30PM followed by a brief service at 6:30PM. After the service you can join one of our Ministry Teams (with childcare provided) from 7:00-8:00PM. 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. On the menu is Lasagna, salad bar, hot dogs and dessert. The cost is \$6 per Middle school and up, and \$2 per child with a \$20 family cap. Sign up today on the sign-up board or on-line!

Special Events coming up

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Church Work Day - April 6

We have an opportunity to gather for some good exercise and fellowship! From 8:30 AM to noon, please consider joining your fellow TGC'ers in completing a variety of cleanup tasks inside and outside the church. Members of your facilities team will be on hand to provide direction. The planned tasks require more desire and effort than any special ability or knowledge. Cleaning supplies will be available, but for outdoor work, you may wish to bring gloves, rakes, etc. Call Mike Martin (919-493-8103) if you have questions.



Master Gardeners

Calling All Gardeners

Our facilities committee has some terrific volunteers to help keep the inside of TGC running and looking good. We are currently seeking people who have experience gardening. Knowledge is helpful, and muscle is needed. Your commitment could be weekly, monthly or quarterly. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Julia Bales. (919)360-9092 is her cell, and email is julialovesmocha@gmail.com



Church Wide Baby Shower

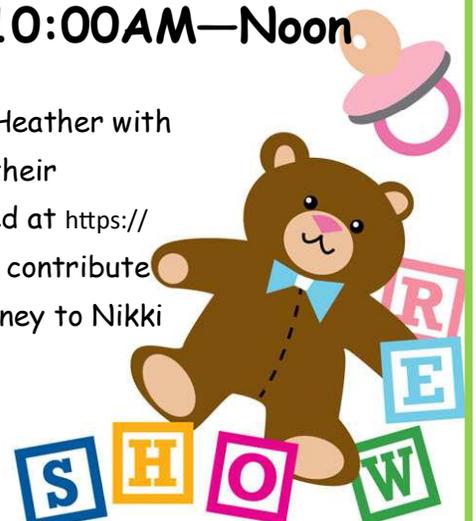
honoring

Matt & Heather McLaughlin

Saturday, April 13 from 10:00AM—Noon

Drop by any time that morning to shower Matt & Heather with love and good wishes as they await the arrival of their daughter in June. Their registries can be accessed at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-reg-heather-mclaughlin> or you can contribute money toward one of the larger gifts (give the money to Nikki Goss).

Please RSVP by April 7 so we know how many to plan for (nikkigoss@trianglepc.org or 919-418-4897).



Lent and Holy Week/Reflection and prayer

You will fill me with joy in your presence! Psalm 16:11

Come and enjoy one or two quiet mornings for reflection and prayer in the sanctuary during this season of Lent:

Saturday, March 6, 9am-12 noon

Saturday April 20, 9am-12 noon

Devotional materials will be provided or you can bring your own.



Small Groups

2019 Church-wide Lenten Study

MORE THAN
ENOUGH
HOW JESUS MEETS OUR DEEPEST NEEDS



Jesus came to tell us about Himself. We can find our satisfaction in a relationship with Him, the Person, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we can find peace, security, and fulfillment — everything we need. He is the great "I Am."

In this six-session study, group members will delve into the Gospel of John and learn that Christ is truly more than enough.

You should have received an email as to what small group you were placed in by now. If you still need to join a small group, call the church office and we can get you into an existing group.

Some groups are starting early but most groups will begin the week March 3. Our Sunday sermons will be a preview of what is to come each week.

Caregiver Support Group

We will be rotating between support sessions and special presentations provided by the Triangle Chapter of the NAIPC (National Aging In Place Council). 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 in Room 101:



- March 10 Support Session
- March 24 NAIPC Presentation: Its all about Posture by Marie Snider

Finance



Budget Update

January Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$90,181	\$98,987	\$67,002	\$121,518	-\$54,516
<u>Year to Date</u>				
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Birthdays

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| 1 Annie Mitchell | 6 Ken Smith | 16 David Borasky | 25 Judy Fleming |
| Marilynn Whitmore | 7 Megan Dice | 17 Will Thurman | Andrea Radford |
| 2 Kim Cato | 8 Beth Canada | 18 Sam Taylor | 27 Steve Bennett |
| Michael Jackson | Isaac Palmer | 19 Kelley Crabtree | Jean Stasi |
| Julia Martin | Alana Scott | 20 Benny Hutchins | 28 Cathy Martz |
| 3 Iva Barnes | Ken Van Dalen | 22 Jeremy Mario | 29 Matt Canada |
| Patty Yunker | 13 Reni Robbins | Will Sipe | 30 Mark Granata |
| 4 Analisse Kirschner | Beverly Salerno | 23 Pat Roeber | 31 Dick Gage |
| Nikki Goss | Pedro Zabala | Jenny Shafer | Marie Vogel |
| Noah Williamson | 14 Ethan Green | Michael Slack | Christine Smith |
| Donna Frank | 15 Jim Huber | 24 Donna Monzon | |
| Randy Hartwell | Garret Nelson | Drew Roeber | |
| Kristen Williamson | Randy Pafford | | |
| 5 Ray Huml | | | |



Anniversaries

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| 5 Dusty & Sherri Ellington | |
| 6 Pat & Ellen Roeber | 27 Becki & Scott Green |
| 14 Robert & Caroline Flinn | 28 Roger & Patty Yunker |
| 18 Cliff & Alice Decker | |
| 20 Vin & Julie Anderson | |
| Bill & Peggy Pulley | |
| Scott & René Riley | |
| 25 John & Ursula Valgus | |



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/Adult Ed 11:00 AM Pathways Brunch 12:45 PM Pathways Brunch 1:15 AM Pathways Brunch 2:00 PM Confirmation Class/206 3:00 PM Caregiver Support/101 3:45 PM MLY 6:15 PM Varsity 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Faith/Fitness 6:15 PM Alpha/101 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Financial Peace/100 7:00 PM Session/Deacons 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00 PM MTN/Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
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