

April 2019



Dear friends,

As we are making our way through our church-wide study, "More Than Enough," I hope, in addition to the texts for the study, you have been spending time reading the before and after texts in the Gospel of John. For me, not only has this study had me looking very intently at some of the "I Am" statements of Jesus, it has also caused me to spend some extra time in John's gospel. In doing so I have come to appreciate, all the more, that John's gospel is so different from that of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is interesting to me to notice the things John leaves out that the other gospel writers include, as well as the things that John includes that the others leave out. Have you ever noticed for example that John's gospel has no parables?

As we move toward "Holy Week" which leads up to Easter, I am especially grateful for one story that John includes in his Gospel that the other writers leave out. It actually happens at the time when the other gospel writers include a significant story that John leaves out. Matthew, Mark and Luke each penned a record of what we know as the Last Supper. There are some nuanced differences in their accounts which would certainly be expected, but they tell the story of how Jesus took the bread and cup after their meal together giving them a rich new meaning that the church continues to cherish today.

John simply does not record that event. In John's gospel there is no, "This is my body," or "This is my blood." John does, however, include a moment of drama that the other writers don't. He alone tells us, "Jesus rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciple's feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him." (Jn. 13:4-5)

John alone allows us to see this incredible act of service on the part of Jesus. In this action, Jesus was taking on the role of the lowest servant on the household staff. He was doing what nearly no one else was willing to do and certainly something no one else in this group had done. I think it could be said that in this instance Jesus himself becomes a parable of serving rather than being served. In a simple selfless act, Jesus continued to reveal to his disciples that he was not the kind of Messiah they had expected. They would later find that his servant heart would take him to the cross.

As we continue our journey through Lent by looking at some of the "I Am" statements of Jesus, let's also be aware of the texts that provide the context for those statements. My prayer is that together we will continue to find that Jesus is "More Than Enough" to meet our every need.

- Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with communion, April 18 at 7:00 PM
- Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden, April 21 at 6:45 AM (breakfast to follow)
- Easter Worship in the Sanctuary, April 21 at 8:45 and 11:15 AM

Together with you on this journey of faith,

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 Colossians

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

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: Faith, Hope, and Luck: Discover What You Can Expect from God

Facilitator: Donna Frank, Location: Room 101

Through this five-session study, Andy Stanley unpacks the power of faith and the need for maintaining your confidence in Jesus Christ amid the ups and downs of daily life. It is guaranteed to transform your thinking about FAITH. As you listen or watch you will discover the difference between faith and hope. You will be presented with a definition of FAITH that will shed new light on both the Old and New Testaments.

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)

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 7: CROP WALK. One goal for our family community service projects is to encourage family participation in the Durham CROP Hunger Walk. This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 7 at 2:30 pm. All ages can participate so we hope you and your family will join us in walking to fight hunger locally and globally! You can sign up in the Narthex or on our website.

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.

April 21 Easter Sunday Tradition: Would you like to help us "flower the cross"? A long standing tradition at TGC has been the flower cross on Easter Sunday morning. Folks bring flowers to insert in the chicken wire covering the cross, resulting in a beautiful reminder that Jesus brought beautiful, and eternal life to each of us through his death and resurrection. Many folks have family photos in front of the flower cross each year. If you would like to participate by bringing or helping insert the flowers on Easter morning, please contact Nancy in the office.

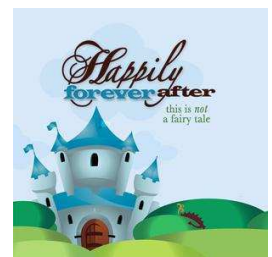
Join us for our Wednesday Clubs Dinner and Musical

Sunday, April 28 at 5:00PM

This is a delightful and thoughtful musical exploring life with our King Jesus in a fairy tale setting but with eternal, spiritual truths. A delicious spaghetti dinner will be served at 5:00PM, prepared and served by our talented Major League (Middle School) youth, leaders and parents. The musical presentation will follow dinner at approximately 6:00PM. We invite your generous donations, which will help send our MLY kids to the Great Escape summer camp in June. Please invite your friends and neighbors to share the message of God's grace and love through song and story.

Reserve childcare for kids 4 years and younger with an RSVP to Nancy at nancyholton@trianglepc.org.

Go to our website to sign up for dinner.



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!

8th Grade Retreat May 3-5

The Great Escape June 9-14

VBS June 17-19

Fun in the Sun July 8-13

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.

APRIL

- 3 6:00-8:00 Ministry Team
- 7 CROP Walk
- 8 5:00-6:30 Varsity Mission Meeting with dinner provided
- 10 6:30-7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 14 3:45-5:30 MLY, 6:15-8:00 Varsity
- 17 6:30-7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 21 Easter, No Youth
- 24 6:30-7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 28 3:00 MLY Spaghetti Dinner,
5:00 Dinner, 6:00 Musical, No Varsity

Fellowship

Just Older Youth—Thursday, April 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.



PATHWAYS GROUP: April 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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| 4/1 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC |
| 4/12 | Game night at 7 PM– location TBA |
| 4/15 | Volleyball at 6:30PM in the FLC |
| 4/28 | Sunday Brunch following late service around 12:45pm at Neo Japan |

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 - April 3 at 6:00PM

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 baked potato bar, 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!

Outreach

45th Durham CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday April 7, 2019 •Duke Chapel •2:30 start



Let’s get our friends and families out together to help support the 45th Durham CROP Walk. As part of our community outreach at Triangle Grace Church we have long supported this walk for hunger. 25% of all money received goes to work in Durham feeding hungry people. The other 75% goes to fund emergency relief and long-term development projects to end hunger in more than 50 countries around the world including the US.

This is a great time for fellowship with many other churches and organizations from Durham. Get your walking shoes on and help support a wonderful cause.

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).



Reflection and prayer

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

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

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.

Our study will conclude the week of April 7 in most small groups. We'd love to hear how this study/ your small group has influenced you personally in the last several weeks.

Caregiver Support Group

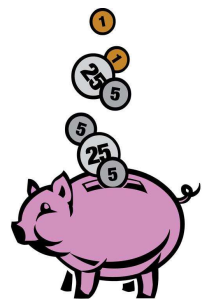
We will be rotating between support sessions and special presentations provided by the Triangle Chapter of the NAIPC (National Aging In Place Council). This small group discusses and shares ways to meet the needs of our older loved ones, with special focus on how to care for parents while providing understanding, 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:



- April 14 NAIPC Presentation: Technology for Seniors
- May 5 Support Session

***Please check out our Caregivers support page on our website for our tentative schedule for the year.

Finance



Budget Update

February Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$90,181	\$98,987	\$105,569	\$83,299	+\$22,270

Year to Date

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$180,362	\$197,974	\$172,571	\$204,817	-\$32,246

Birthdays

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| 1 Marcelle Gible | 15 Horace Grant | 25 Claire Wojoski |
| Carolyn Jerkovich | Lesley McAdams | Ella Woodall |
| Jennifer Krantz | 16 Eleanor Winfrey | 28 David Scott |
| 2 Jennifer Kirschner | 17 Elise Hetland | Morgan Shadoan |
| Rex Mercer | 20 Renee Wesson | Bert Woodall |
| 3 Jim Salerno | 21 Warren Saunders | 29 Logan Bennett |
| Leisl Rehder | 22 Rob Martz | 30 Perry Hinkle |
| 4 Dena Kornegay | 23 Jackie MacDougall | |
| 5 Dottie Taylor | Ledda Rosenberger | |
| 6 Noah Upchurch | Caleb Woodall | |
| 9 Mike Schultz | Kenneth Swart | |
| 10 Gail McMillan | Katherine Ksor | |
| 12 Alex Wilder | 24 Cheryl Jeanneret | |
| | Jen Walker | |



Anniversaries

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| 2 Kenneth & Annette Swart | 18 Grant & Hannah Harvey |
| 3 Stan & Retha Newbold | Michael & Karis Jackson |
| Roy & Marilyn Whitmore | 19 Ben & Susan Barker |
| 10 Derek & Emily Purr | 22 Chuck & Nancy-Ann Potts |
| 12 Walt & Jennifer Brittle | 23 Richard & Ledda Rosenberger |
| Joe & Carol Witt | 28 Will & Emily McAndrew |
| 13 Ray & Leslie Huml | |
| 15 John & Sherene Min | |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship 2:00 PM Confirmation Class/Prayer 3:45 PM MLY 6:15 PM Varsity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Faith and Fitness 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00 PM MTN 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Day/8:30-12:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communion 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship 2:30 PM Durham CROP Walk 5:00 PM Varsity Mission 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 11:30 AM JOY Group 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Pathways Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM McLaughlin Baby Shower
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennies for Hunger Easter Sunday 6:45 AM Sunrise Service 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Clubs/Adult Ed 11:15 AM Worship 3:45 PM MLY 6:15 PM Varsity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed Easter Monday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Drama Rehearsal 7:00 PM Session/Deacons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 6:30 PM ADHD Parent Support 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Wednesday Clubs Rehearsal
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