

March 2022



New Territory

At the end of the book of Deuteronomy and the beginning of the book of Joshua, Israel was faced with a major transition. They had been blessed with leadership from Moses for over 40 years and found themselves standing before a place where they knew they were called to go. It was a land that offered so much hope that it was called the “Promised Land.” This new territory was central to the plan of redemption, and God himself had decreed that his people would settle in it and flourish. There they stood, the wilderness behind them and the Jordan River in front of them. Moses told Joshua and the people that he would not be going any further. (Dt 31:2)

This was not the first time they stood near this location. Forty years earlier a few Israeli spies had entered this land and returned to the people with a foreboding report. In it were fierce warriors larger than life. Prospects looked grim even though it truly was a land of great wealth and resources. The people shrunk back, put their tail between their legs, and spent decades wandering aimlessly in the desert. We can only imagine the debacle which occurred forty years before was running through the minds of this new generation as they deliberated about their next steps. The same fearsome obstacles still lay before them.

The Lord had a word for Israel and their newly minted leader, Joshua. “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Jos 1:9) Fast forward twenty-five years and Israel would call the Promised Land their home. Years later God would direct David to Jerusalem, Solomon would build a great temple, and God himself would dwell among his people in an unprecedented way. Peace and prosperity was realized. Israel became a shining light to the nations of God’s goodness, grace, and power.

Triangle Grace Church is entering into new and unfamiliar territory. Great possibilities and promise are what we know in our hearts are on the horizon. But we also need to acknowledge that what lay before us is unsettling. We are going forward without the amazing shepherd who had protected and provided for us for over 30 years. Even more, we are walking in the midst of an unparalleled time of cultural division that surely rivalled the giants of the land of Canaan. Enemies seem ready to pounce around every corner.

Here is the right word for Triangle Grace Church in this moment, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” We can be strong and courageous because God is with us on this journey. We need not fear, nor should we get discouraged because God is the one who will ensure we arrive at our ordained destination in the coming days. Truth be told, that is how it has always been for Triangle Grace Church. As gifted as a leader Ray Cobb is, it has actually been the Lord who has provided for and protected this church since its inception. And regardless of the deficiencies and failures of your new senior leader, it will continue to be the Lord who will guard and care for and ensure the wellbeing of Triangle Grace. He is the great shepherd who will lead his flock to green pastures and living water.

“Be strong and courageous” became the rallying cry of God’s people throughout scripture. Joshua repeated this phrase to his army battle after battle during the conquest of Canaan. (Jos 10:25) David encouraged his troops with these same words. (2Sam 2:7) David told Solomon to be strong and courageous as he passed on the leadership of the kingdom to him. (1 Ch 22:13) King Hezekiah emboldened his army as they battled their fierce enemy Assyria by exhorting them to “be strong and courageous.” (2Chr 32:7) An angel fortified Daniel with these words. (Da 10:12) The prophet Haggai repeated this statement to the remnant who returned to Judah to rebuild the temple. (Hag 2:4) Paul even spoke these words to the Corinthians. (1Co 16:13)

As we move forward together, Triangle Grace Church, be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you. Know that it is the Lord who promises to protect and provide for you. May good cheer and optimism reign among us as we trust in him and see to what flourishing fields he may lead.

Kris Perkins

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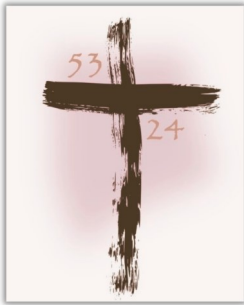
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JOIN AN ADULT EDUCATION IN-PERSON/ZOOM CLASS AT 9:45 AM!

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

During Lent we encourage all of you to participate in-person or online in our LDI. Get all the details below!



LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

A Study of Isaiah 53 and the last 24 hours of Jesus' life

It is hard to make sense of suffering and hardship. Yet we read of these realities as one of the central experiences of Jesus. Both the Old and New Testaments speak of Christ as one who “was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” (*Isaiah 53:3*) He overcame, so that we might overcome.

Join us for our Lenten Discipleship Initiative (LDI) as we consider the sufferings of Jesus during his last 24 hours leading up to the cross from Luke 22 and 23. LDI small groups will meet every Sunday morning in the Family Life Center from 9:45-10:45 am, March 6 - April 10. [Click here](#) to find out more information about the Lenten Discipleship Initiative.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Nights In person (Fellowship Hall) & via Zoom at 6:00PM

Will not meet during Lent



SCIENCE SATURDAY

Mark your calendars for a family event we are calling Science Saturday on Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 am on our big playground. We will do messy science experiments and learn spiritual applications as we experience the wonders of God's world together. There will be snacks available for outdoor consumption as well as fun and friendship building activities. Activities will be tailored to elementary school age groups AND will also include preschool friendly options.

Honoring the season of Lent



Lent is a time for remembering what Jesus did to give us salvation, and to prepare our hearts to rejoice at EASTER when we celebrate His triumphant victory over death! The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and culminates on EASTER Sunday, April 17th. The Children's team has planned a series of special activities for kids on specific Sundays during the Lenten season, as well as study topics for Children's Worship and Sunday Clubs, aligning with the events of Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' earthly life. Look for information on the Seder meal for kids, coming April 3rd! We will also highlight the last week of Jesus life from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. We will walk through a Resurrections Stations journey on EASTER Sunday during the Discipleship Hour, and also during Children's Worship small group meeting times.

Communication opportunities:

Want to receive periodic family ministry updates from Children's team? Please make sure you are on Nancy's mailing list so you can receive the most up to the minute plans. Please register with Nancy by texting 919-630-1851 or emailing at nancy@trianglegrace.org.



Ongoing Sunday morning opportunities:

Nursery care: We are so happy to be able to offer nursery care for infants through 3 years, with bible stories at both early and late services in the toddler nursery. Our nursery is staffed each week by one of our capable and dedicated paid caregivers and one of our faithful volunteers. To volunteer to help with our youngest church family members, please contact Nancy at nancy@trianglegrace.org or text or call her at 919-630-1851.

Children's Worship is available for ages 4-9 during worship, following the Children's message. We include our children in the first part of communal worship and offer an age appropriate children's bible study during the sermon portion of sanctuary worship.

Sunday Morning Clubs: During the Adult Discipleship Hour, from 9:45-10:45 Children's Ministries offers small group bible study for 3rd-5th graders in room 100. The small group study for 4 years-2nd graders meets in room 107. Each room allows enough space for kids to distance around a table. Groups are led by teams of experienced and loving teachers.

Children's Ministries Opportunities to put on your calendar for 2022!

Lenten Season Seder Meal: Sunday, April 3, for Children's Worship and Sunday Clubs

Walk Through Resurrection Stations: Sunday, April 10, during Children's Worship and Sunday Clubs

Easter Sunday: April 17 with 6:45 am Sunrise Service

Wednesday Clubs Musical: Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 PM

Vacation Bible School 2022: Monday, June 20 – Wednesday, June 22, 5:30-7:30 pm

Want to volunteer or get more specifics? Contact Nancy at nancy@trianglegrace.org.

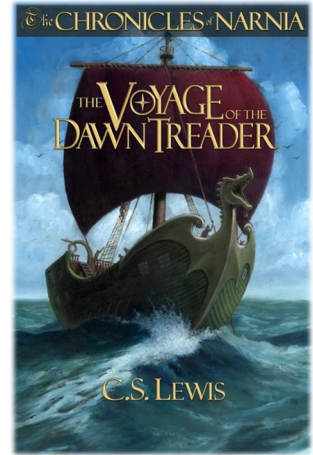
"The Voyage of Truth"

WINTER 2021 Calendar

Varsity & MLY

March

- 2 6:00 – 7:30 Ash Wednesday Dinner/Service (FLC)
- 6 1:30 – 3:00 Confirmation Class, 3:30 – 5:00 MLY,
5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 9 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 13 1:30 – 3:00 Confirmation Class, 3:30 – 5:00 MLY,
5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 16 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 20 1:30 – 3:00 Confirmation Class, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 23 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 27 1:30 – 3:00 Confirmation Class, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 30 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study



Contact Pastor Jeff for more info on youth activities.

jeff@trianglegrace.org

Discipleship Hour

Both MLY & Varsity Sunday School meets together in- person in the Varsity room at 9:45 AM and will offer a hybrid option as needed each week. Please let us know if you require a zoom link.

Iglesia Food Pantry

We continue to collect monetary donations as well as food for our sister church in north Durham. They recently service almost 600 people. Earmark your checks Food Pantry or give online on our website.



2022 CROP Walk

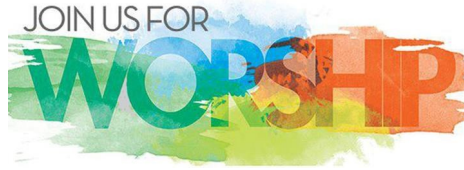


Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, impacting families in the United States and beyond. But it doesn't have to be that way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime.

It is time to get excited about the **48th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk**! The 2022 walk will take place on **April 10th** at Duke University. Step-off is at **2:30 p.m.** from Duke Chapel and the route is 5K (new this year). Individuals can also walk virtually if they are not comfortable walking with a group.

Join the TGC walking team or make a donation by using this link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/triangle-grace-church>. Questions? Contact Jenny Shafer at tandjshafer@gmail.com or 919-423-6653.

Announcements



Our service times are now at 8:30 and 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary. Our Discipleship hour begins at 9:45 AM. If you are ready to come back to in person worship but prefer less people, at this point the early service may be your best option. We will also have Sunday Worship every Sunday at 11:00 AM on [Facebook Live](#). You can also access our service on the [LIVE STREAM page](#) on our website each Sunday as well as to access all previous sermons on our [Sermons page](#) at any time. Remember to refresh our website if you are on before 10:50 AM. Feel free to share our Livestream link with those you'd like to invite through email. Don't forget to "like" and "share" our livestream experience as we seek to share the good news of the Gospel with a world that needs to experience God's grace. Perhaps you have a Facebook friend who might benefit from joining us on Sunday. We look forward to worshipping with you!



Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service at 6:00PM on March 2

There will be a meal along with an Ash Wednesday service with communion on Wednesday, March 2nd in the FLC. We will have baked spaghetti, hot dogs, salad bar, bread and dessert. The cost is \$6/middle school and up, \$2/child, with a family cap of \$20. [Click here to sign up.](#)



This group is currently meeting monthly via ZOOM. We discuss and share ways to meet the needs of our older loved ones with special focus on how to care for others while providing understanding, support, and fellowship with each other. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you are interested in being on our TGC Care Giver distribution list, contact Beth Murphy at bethmurphy228@gmail.com.

Next meeting is March 20 at 2:00 PM



The JOY group (Just Older Youth) will meet in person for a luncheon on **Thursday, March 10** at 11:30 AM in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come and enjoy this special time of fellowship together. A box lunch will be provided from Honey Baked Ham for \$9/person. Please RSVP by March 8 to Beth Murphy at bethmurphy228@gmail.com.

Finance



January Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$84,361	\$92,116	\$43,477	\$117,029	-\$73,552)+

Birthdays

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| 1 Marilyn Whitmore | 8 Beth Canada | 17 Will Thurman | 27 Steve Bennett |
| 2 Kim Cato | Isaac Palmer | Martina Gargard | 28 Anthony Dilweg |
| Michael Jackson | Alana Scott | 19 Kelley Crabtree | 29 Matt Canada |
| Julia Martin | Ken VanDalen | 20 Benny Hutchins | 30 Mark Granata |
| 3 Iva Barnes | 9 Parker Odell | 22 Jeremy Mario | 31 Marie Vogel |
| Patty Yunker | 12 Barbara Fields | Will Sipe | Christine Smith |
| 4 Analisse Kirschner | 13 Reni Robbins | 23 Pat Roeber | |
| Nikki Goss | 14 Ethan Green | Jenny Shafer | |
| Donna Frank | 15 Jim Huber | Michael Slack | |
| Randy Hartwell | Garret Nelson | Randy Trumbower | |
| 5 Ray Huml | Randy Pafford | 24 Donna Monzon | |
| 6 Ken Smith | 16 David Borasky | Drew Roeber | |
| 7 Megan Dice | Anna Greico | 25 Judy Fleming | |



Anniversaries

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| 5 Dusty & Sherri Ellington | 25 John & Ursula Valgus |
| 6 Pat & Ellen Roeber | 27 Becki & Scott Green |
| 14 Robert & Caroline Flinn | 28 Roger & Patty Yunker |
| 17 Anthony & Jamie Dilweg | |
| 18 Cliff & Alice Decker | |
| 20 Vin & Julie Anderson | |
| Scott & René Riley | |



donate blood
DONATE LIFE

Blood Drive
Triangle Grace Church
Held in the Family Life Center
5001 Tudor Place
Durham, NC 27713
Thursday, March 31, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



SIGN UP TODAY!

www.redcrossblood.org keyword TriangleGrace
Contact Lesley at Lesley@westandwoodall.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live 1:30 PM Confirmation 3:30 PM MLY 5:30 PM Varsity 	<div>28</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs 5:30 PM Praise Rehearsal 6:00 PM Ash Wed Dinner/Service 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<div>3</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 7:00 PM Facilities/209 	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
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<div>13</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daylight Saving Begins 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live 1:30 PM Confirmation 3:30 PM MLY 5:30 PM Varsity 	<div>14</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Deacons 	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<div>17</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>
<div>20</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live 1:30 PM Confirmation 2:00 PM Caregiver Zoom 3:30 PM MLY 5:30 PM Varsity 	<div>21</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Session 	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	<div>24</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>
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