

May 2022



Thank You and What's Ahead!

I think May is always the right time to say thank you to so many people who have given themselves sacrificially to make Triangle Grace Church who we are. From the sound and streaming crew, to the music and worship team, to those in congregational care and outreach, to our financial team, to our children's and youth teams, our security and welcome ministries, pre-school staff, IT team, facilities and gardening, the deacons, elders, and staff and so many others - I thank God for you, and I thank you on behalf of the congregation for sharing your gifts, time, and skills in fantastic ways that bless us so much!

After a meaningful season of Lent and a great celebration throughout all of Holy Week, where do we go now?

In our Sunday worship content we are continuing on through the end of the gospel of Luke which has been a focus of our small groups in the Lenten Discipleship Initiative. After three sermons in chapter 24, we will hop over to Luke's second book, Acts, which is the continuation of the story of what transpired after the cross and resurrection. Things should time out perfectly for us as we will reach Acts 2, the story of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, on Pentecost Sunday, June 05. We will continue on in June for a few more sermons in Acts to consider the nature of the early church as it was birthed out of the Pentecost experience. This is a wonderful section of scripture to study focusing in on the transformative work of the Holy Spirit among God's people at a transitional and transformative moment in the lives of those who were following Jesus. There are good lessons to take to heart for us as we live through both a transitional and transformative moment in our corporate life together as the people of God at Triangle Grace Church.

The staff has been working on plans for the summer. Our primary focus this coming summer will be on fellowship, community, and relationship building as we seek to live our lives out for Jesus. The summer is an ideal time to offer opportunities to gather, for recreation, refreshment, and renewal before plunging back into active, focused ministry at the end of August and beyond. Keep your eyes out later in May for specifics of events and gatherings! As soon as plans are set for the summer, the staff and Session will begin to look towards the fall to set priorities and objective which will guide our worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission experiences for the coming church year.

Our Music Director, Ledda Rosenberger, will be returning to her home country of the Philippines for the summer after a three-year absence to visit family and work on a doctoral degree. She will be away from the end of May through most of August and will return to lead our music team after what we hope will be a refreshing time away for her. We have an amazing music team who will fill the gaps during Ledda's trip under the competent coordination of Matt McLaughlin. We also hope to secure an "Artist-In-Residence" for the summer adding a fresh voice and leadership to our already gifted praise team. You can look at the job posting on our website about this. If you know anyone who may fit the profile, forward a link of that page to them ASAP!

Our children will enjoy our VBS in June! Let Nancy Holton know if you can help out by emailing her at nancy@trianglegrace.org. An adult component will run in conjunction with it as well. Our youth are looking forward to summer camp opportunities.

A significant focus will be on rebuilding our hospitality and welcome ministries this summer along with offering opportunities to gather for refreshments before and after our services. Our intern from Duke Divinity, Joe Bustamante will be serving with us 25 hours a week this summer and will be focused on this objective. If you are interested in helping with these efforts, contact Joe to let him know at joe@trianglegrace.org.

I am looking forward to a vibrant summer of activity and life together at Triangle Grace Church!

Your Brother in Christ,

Kris Perkins
Senior Pastor

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

Fellowshipping Disciples: Psalms

Facilitator: Jeannie Phelps

Location: Fellowship Hall B

Beginning May 1, the Fellowshipping Disciples Class will be studying the Psalms, with similar content as the class Led by Pastor Molly Williamson. The Fellowshipping Disciples Class is a group that values conversation and offers hospitality as they gather to study God's Word. New participants are welcome anytime.

Equipping Disciples: Psalms

Facilitator: Molly Williamson

Location: Family Life Center

Did you know that the Psalms are the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament? Despite this, many of us don't know how to approach it or apply it to our lives, especially when the psalmist expresses emotions - like anger or hopelessness - that we might not feel comfortable bringing with us to church on Sunday morning.

Our time together will focus on how this song- and prayerbook of the Bible can enrich our prayer lives and our understanding of God. As we do so, we plan to incorporate prayer practices, music, art, and time in nature! The Sunday morning class will be split between a lecture and small group discussions.

*Note: Our Young Adult class is joining this class each Sunday.

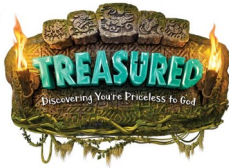
We are hoping that this class will be able to accommodate different levels of "covid comfort" within our church body. If you are comfortable being unmasked or being around those who may be unmasked, please join us in the Family Life Center. If you would like to be in person but masked and be in a room where all are masked, please join us in **Room 100**. If you would like to join online, please join us via the Zoom information below (which will be the same every week). All will participate in the same class with the same content. When it comes to small group time, those participating in in room 100 and online will have a hybrid discussion led by Amie Palmer.

Wednesday Bible Study

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

1 Samuel

Taught by Molly Williamson



REGISTER TODAY!

You are invited to our outdoor
Summer Vacation Bible School 2022!

Monday, June 20 - Wednesday, June 22
5:30-7:30 pm



Each evening elementary kids and preschoolers will experience Bible stories, life applications, crafts, games and snacks. Our camp bible theme this year is TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless to God! We will meet outdoors on our TGC campus three evenings from 5:30-7 pm, Monday through Wednesday, allowing folks to have their weekends for family and travel, and focusing on building our community of faith! We are so excited about looking for Jesus and following Him as we travel to different outdoor areas around our property.

You do NOT have to be a member of Triangle Grace to participate.

We have a registration fee of \$15 per child with a \$30 family cap. There are also classes for adults during the same time frame, so we encourage you to stay and join us.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

ATTENTION: WANT TO HELP WITH VBS?

There are opportunities to serve as a tour guide with a specific age grouping; help with snack prep and serving, and help with setting up Team areas and greeting. Contact Nancy at nancy@trianglegrace.org for more information or to volunteer to help with preparations or in person with the kids.



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.



JESUS LOVERS AND KID LOVERS WANTED

Do you enjoy playing with little ones, reading Bible stories and coloring, and/or taking care of sweet and funny babies and toddlers. We have spaces in our Sunday morning worship nurseries where you can give the gift of time and attention AND fulfill the baptismal promises we make as a congregation. You will have to complete a background check in order to hang out with our kids, but it's worth it. The background check takes only a few minutes to complete, and the confidential information you provide online in an encrypted site is not stored on site at TGC! We also invite you to consider leading or assisting in one of our Children's worship classes. We provide excellent curriculum to those who agree to be scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks and Nancy will provide a personal orientation tour! Contact Nancy Holton in the church office at nancy@trianglegrace.org or call her at 919-630-1851! She'll be happy to meet with you and help you find where God is calling you to use your gifts and talents!



HELP US CELEBRATE AND SHOW SOME LOVE TO OUR TGC PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN! On Sunday, **May 22nd** we will offer a special reception in the Welcome Center in honor of our parents (really of all ages) between services from 9:30-11:15. We invite you to join us in providing fruit platters, baked goods, breakfast casseroles, and punch! We will present special gift bags to each family with kids in Children's Ministries, but would love to host the whole congregation in joining us to share food and fellowship! That means we need your baking skills, and artistic arrangements of fruit platters, and sausage balls and other savories! Contact Nancy at nancy@trianglegrace.org. Look for a Sign Up Genius. Keep your eyes open and warm up your ovens!

Youth Ministry

“Evidence and Action”

Varsity & MLY

MAY

- 1 3:30 – 5:00 MLY, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
(Pick up your 2nd Harvest Home Box)
- 4 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 8 Mother’s Day, NO YOUTH
- 11 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 15 3:30 – 5:00 MLY, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 18 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 22 3:30 – 5:00 MLY, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 25 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 29 NO YOUTH, Memorial Day Weekend



Contact Pastor Jeff for more info on youth activities.

jeff@trianglegrace.org

Discipleship Hour

Both MLY & Varsity Sunday School meet together in the Varsity room at 9:45 AM.

Outreach

Pick up your Baby Bottle in the Narthex or Welcome Center starting May 8, fill it with silver change (or a check) and return it by **June 19**. You can also donate [online](#). This fundraiser supports the ministry of Pregnancy Support Services which provides honest, helpful and accurate information to women who are considering their choices in an unplanned pregnancy and education for middle and high school students about healthy relationships.



2022 CROP Walk



I just wanted to thank all of you for participating in the 2022 Durham CROP Hunger Walk. Thanks to your efforts, TGC raised \$8020 for hunger-relief around the world and in Durham. If you have any outstanding cash or checks (made out to CWS/CROP) please turn them in to Nikki or Karis in the office. Thank you again!

Blessings and Peace,
Jenny Shafer

THANK YOU

“To the most wonderful, caring church family I’ve ever experienced, my heartfelt thank you for your healing prayers, cards, and phone calls after my fall at Duke after the Crop walk. Although my body hurts and I my face is scary, my heart is full. You all are truly a loving and kind congregation”.

In appreciation,
Annie Pixley



Be on the lookout for an announcement coming with
a Summer Single Service Schedule

Mark your calendars
for Adult Vacation Bible School
June 20– June 22

More information will be forthcoming as we will have an Adult VBS class during our children's VBS time period, 5:30-7:30 PM.



On March 8, the Session approved moving to **Mask Optional** indoors as of March 9, 2022. Children who are 5th grade and under should continue to wear masks indoors in all children's programs (following Durham Public schools) until further reviewed April 12. On April 5th, the TGC Session voted to follow the recommendation of the Durham Public Schools, which will start a Mask Recommended but optional policy on Monday, April 11th.

Therefore, the children and families at TGC may adopt a Mask Optional/ Mask Friendly status in children's program areas on Sunday, April 10th. It is a parent's prerogative to determine whether they wish their child/ren to wear a mask or not.



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 May 22 at 2:00 PM



The JOY group (Just Older Youth) will meet in person for a luncheon on **Thursday, May 12** at 11:30 AM in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come and enjoy this special time of fellowship together. A box lunch will be provided by Café Meridian for \$10/person. Please RSVP by May 8 to Beth Murphy at bethmurphy228@gmail.com.

Finance



March Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$84,361	\$92,116	\$76,584	\$114,166	(-\$37,582)

Year to Date

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$253,084	\$276,349	\$185,178	\$297,745	(-\$112,567)

Birthdays

1 Jackson Mercer	12 Aireana Goust	23 Anne Nolan
Shayne Ruffing	13 Julie Anderson	Jennie Boysen
3 Pam Norton	17 Archer White	25 Jonathan Marx
Hudson Wojoski	18 Dan Fuchs	Meagan Saunders
4 Leigh Matan	19 Mary Godwin	Haley Saunders
5 Sherri Ellington	Heidi Jo Hetland	26 Diane Albert
Karen McIntyre	Lisa Messer	Betsy Batton
7 Van Jackson	21 Isaac Anderson	Richard Rosenberger
Lorre Koontz	Gail Nelson	Amanda Lee
Bill Link	John Valgus	27 Jon Palmer
9 Kent Foerster	22 Natalie Jerkovich	28 Tim Richter
Reuben White	Lyle Trumbower	Joe Witt
	Nancy-Anne Potts	30 Kapp Ogburn
		31 Lesley Woodall



Anniversaries

17 Joe & Gretchen Mauney	26 Lucinio & Helene Santos
18 Tom & Penny Bitsas	27 Scott & Melanie Shadoan
22 Bob & Pam Norton	28 Kim & Peggy Anglin
Eric & Melody Rodgman	29 Mark & Jodie Lee
Bert & Lesley Woodall	Matt & Heather McLaughlin
25 Perry & Elaine Hinkle	30 Lee & Beth Murphy
Mike & Jill Shultz	31 Jeremy & Jennifer Mario



Covenant made and continued

In spite of hurricanes, historic devastation and loss of lives resulting from the earthquake in 2010, a global pandemic and civil unrest caused by political instability, Pastor Leon Dorleans has managed to continue to influence generations of Haitians (and Americans). The three churches founded from the modest Bible study he led in the 1980s continue to grow and have served as beacons of hope in their communities in the poorest sections of Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Pastor Leon and his wife, Jacky, recognized that education and training were the fundamental tools needed to help the people realize their potential. They led the efforts to establish rigorous educational opportunities to the next generations of Haiti's leaders. Since the parents had little income to pay the full cost for that education, Leon and the leadership team assumed the task of raising sponsorship funds for each student. In fact, much of Pastor Leon's energy was directed toward encouraging individuals and churches in the United States to identify one or two students whom they would be willing to sponsor for at least one year.

Hearing Leon's and Jacky's story and seeing the schools in action, in 2009 a small team from Triangle Presbyterian Church was moved to seek a better way to raise the necessary support. This group (which included Garret Nelson, Grant Harvey, Won Kyoo Lee, Jim Pease and several others) returned from their trip to Haiti and shared an exciting vision concerning the possibility of sponsoring an entire class of pre-k students who were about to begin their academic careers at the school(s) administered by Madame Jacky Dorleans (Pastor Leon's wife). Instead of looking to raise funds for a few students for one or two years, the team felt that agreeing to provide funds for the entire class would relieve Leon (and Jacky) from the burden of finding ongoing support for these students. And, as an additional benefit, the congregation would have the chance to follow these students throughout their careers.

The covenant that they presented was to agree to sponsor these 29 children as long as they remained in a school supervised or validated by Pastor Leon and Jacky Dorleans and the response from the congregation was enthusiastic. Some Triangle folks wanted to be paired with a particular student and have followed that student's progress over the years. Of the original 29 students, 17 are still in school and currently attend the Barye Fe secondary school (high school).

Just as some of the original students have not been able to continue with the class, some of Triangle's initial supporters dropped out, but Triangle Grace intends to be faithful to the promises made back in 2009. Through memorial contributions and individual participation, TGC has been able to stand beside the students and their families to encourage the development of these future leaders of Haiti. The current cost, \$720 per year for each student, is really a worthwhile investment. If you would like to join this effort, please designate your contribution of any amount to Haiti School sponsorship and help keep the covenant strong!

Garret Nelson, Elder for National and International Outreach
garretgail@bellsouth.net

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour 11:00 AM Worship/Face- book Live 3:30 PM MLY 5:30 PM Varsity	1 	2 	3 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregational Care/100 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K 7:00 PM Facilities/209	5 	6 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/ 208
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Parent Appreciation 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour 11:00 AM Worship/Face- book Live 2:00 PM Caregiver Support Zoom 3:30 PM MLY 5:30 PM Varsity	22 	23 7:00 PM Session	24 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 	26 	27
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