

# KGPC ENEWS

## Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together



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### Ready or Not, Here I Come!

I remember shouting these words after I had covered my eyes and counted to twenty while several other kids hid with giggles and excitement. "Ready or not, here I come!" It was a warning of things to come. Whether they were ready or not, I was coming and I would find them.

Pentecost is just around the corner as we celebrate the arrival and the gift of the Holy Spirit on May 24. I feel like the Holy Spirit smiles and says to us, "Ready or not, here I come!" It is a warning of things to come. Whether we are ready or not, the Spirit is coming and will find us.

The winds of the Holy Spirit are already blowing in our midst. Three powerful Easter services celebrated with 455 people in attendance. Children's choirs bursting at the seams and enriching our worship services. Scripture experienced in a variety of ways. More small groups forming. More members joining. Winter Shelter, Blitz Day, the Yard Sale all helping our neighbors. And now Session has made a bold decision to upgrade, enhance, and expand our technological abilities to improve our worship experience and reach out to more people through our website. Yes, ready or not the Holy Spirit has come and is coming.

On a personal note, the Spirit continues to blow in the life of my family. Christian will go to a new school next year. Nelio starts a new job next week. Our house has sold in Charlotte. And we are now proud new homeowners here in Virginia Beach. Starting Memorial Day weekend our new home will be 413 Jonathans Cove Court off South Military Highway in Virginia Beach. May will be full of change as we take up residence in our permanent home and start to become fully settled.

Yes I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life as well as the life of this church. I have also felt the nudging of the Spirit to step out of my comfort zone for the summer sermon series. From June through August, I will be preaching the People's Choice Sermon Series. As the name implies, I will take your suggestions of scripture, themes, current events, or questions that you would like to hear a sermon about. For every Sunday in May you may drop a note with a sermon idea or suggestion on it into the suggestion box in the Connection Point. It can be anonymous or you may sign your name. One person has already warned me, "Be careful what you ask for!" Of course while you may suggest the topic or scripture, I will be listening to the Spirit on how God wants me to preach on that subject. This is an opportunity to hear about that scripture you've never heard a sermon on, or that topic you wish would be addressed from the pulpit. I look forward to hearing how the Spirit moves you as you submit your suggestions in the wooden box in the Connection Point for the month of May.

Ready or not, here we come! As we boldly step into the future God has planned for us, we do so with excitement and anticipation. It's a great time in the life of this church. I am thankful every day that I have the privilege to serve you and lead you into this next chapter of our life together. May you feel the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life and in this church, not just at Pentecost, but throughout our many years together.

**Rev. Chris Carrasco**



## May Birthdays!!

Dan Duquette, Claudia Moorad, Dot Martinette, Sarah Vandeveer, Vivian Phelps, Alex Balke, Kathy Duckworth, Jenna Smith Murray, Julie Seipel, Christian Carrasco, Amanda Hall, Zachary Dickerson, Ally Meeker, Izzy Powell, Aly Powell, Sandy Poland, Ashley Perry deLalla, Bob Smartschan, Donna Bremer, Elaine Donaldson, Vaughn Hatfield, Kelsey Garner, Gretchen Allmond, Brandon Trojahn, Tommy Garrenton, Carole Waters, Sandi McCrory, Heyleigh Holbert, Scott Trojahn, Dean Sheppard, Carter Huff, Lorraine Jordana, Jan Betsch, Diane LeCroy, Alex Hartman, Mildred Anderson, Nelio Carrasco

## May Worship Schedule

There will be two worship services each Sunday during the month of May with Communion served on May 3; Services will be 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service & 11 a.m. Traditional Service.

### Post-Easter Sermon Series: “Encounters with the Risen Christ”

After Jesus’ resurrection, many people encountered the risen Christ. Each one had a different reaction. Each one has a lesson to teach us. The post-Easter sermon series from Easter to Pentecost reflects on four different encounters Jesus had with four different people: Thomas, Peter, Cleopas, and the group of disciples. The series ends with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as well as Trinity Sunday with an exploration of our Trinitarian God. Come, hear, and learn from the different encounters with the risen Christ. You might just have an encounter of your own.

#### Sermon topics:

- May 3 Luke 24:13-35 “Cleopas’ Encounter with Jesus”
- May 10 Luke 24:36-53 “Disciples’ Encounter with Jesus”
- May 17 Guest Preacher
- May 24 Acts 2:1-36 - Day of Pentecost
- May 31 Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27, John 16:4b-15 - Trinity Sunday



## Keep a Lid on it, Please!

We are asking everyone who takes a drink out of the Connection Point to **please put a lid on their drinks.**

Numerous stains are starting to appear in the sanctuary and classrooms. Property tries hard to keep God's house as clean and presentable as possible. We thank you.

*An Afternoon Tea for the Ladies of the Church  
A time for fellowship with all the ladies of the church*

When: May 16 at 1PM  
Where: KGPC Fellowship Hall

*Women and young girls welcomed!*

*Bring a teacup, an appetizer or finger food to share and your fun dressy hat and gloves*



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## CALLING ALL MEN: 22nd Annual MEN'S CHORUS

Once again, a special chorus is being formed to sing for our Worship Service, June 21st at 10:00 a.m. (first one service Sunday). All men who enjoy singing are invited to join. The music has been carefully selected and arranged. A willing voice is all that is needed.

**Three Thursday rehearsals: June 4, 11, 18 (6:30-7:15 p.m.)**  
(I know some cannot attend all 3 rehearsals so just come when you can.)

Thirty men participated last year and they were outstanding. Join us for a memorable experience. Please call Janet Phelps at 580-5899 or at church, 340-2840 if you have questions. Hope to see you on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Church Summer Outing

Join us for our 3rd annual Church Summer Outing at the Norfolk Tides Game

When: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Cost: \$9.50 per person

RSVP and monies due by June 15, 2015. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Connection Point.

There will be fireworks right after the game. You don't want to miss this event!

For more information, contact Jacque Camlet or Becky Otto





To our Church family,

We are so grateful for the many cards and expressions of love and sympathy on the passing of my mother. They were such a comfort in a time of great need.

Love in Christ,

**Lilly & Bruce Bradley**

Have you been yearning to join one of those *Paint Nite* parties?

Here's your opportunity!!

Join KGPC for a *Paint Nite* to benefit the KGPC Youth Mission

When: May 29, 6-8 PM

Where: KGPC Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$45, includes all supplies to paint, appetizers and beverages

Invite friends!!

We will be painting the picture you see below.



## Christian Education & Development

### Children's Ministry

**Sunday School:** Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School in room 121, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School in room 119, Club 567 in room 118. Each class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. and all are invited to attend. The first Sunday of the month has a special Mission Time and the other Sundays include a special Music Time at the beginning of each class. As the children study the same lesson as the adult “Feasting on the Word” class, don’t forget to start a wonderful discussion during lunch or dinner about what your family learned at church. Join us soon!

**Children's Church:** during the 11:00 a.m. service in room 120 is recommended for children ages four through second grade. The children focus on New Testament lessons and the way Jesus teaches us to live our lives.

**CHOW (Church on Wednesdays):** CHOW resumed April 29<sup>th</sup> and will continue through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and the cost is \$4.00 person with a cap of \$15.00 per family. Children 3 yrs. and under are free. The children will study “Blessed are the Peacemakers”.

**Club 567 Adventure Program:** Club 567 is a new program for our 5th, 6th & 7th graders. The kids met to bake cookies to sell at the church yard sale and enjoy pizza in April. They will participate in OTW Blitz Day landscaping at King’s Grant Elementary School on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Stay tuned for June!

**Eva:** We continue to sponsor Eva in Malawi, so please consider a birthday donation or a celebration of another successful year of school in your child’s name. What a special way to honor your child and support Eva. We are now collecting empty medicine bottles as a part of this mission.

**VBS 2015:** Jesus in Nazareth VBS will be held Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 17th. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Contact Marie Garrenton ([marie.sauer@gmail.com](mailto:marie.sauer@gmail.com)) if you would like to volunteer. There is a volunteer sign up outside of the Connection Point. We are looking for donations of small hotel size soaps. Registration is now available on the website. **Reminder:** Want a way to always remember what is going on with the children of the church? Text **571-248-3846** and put **@81e2b** in the message field. And Voila! You will now receive a text to remind you of upcoming events. How easy is that? See Becky Otto ([rotto2@cox.net](mailto:rotto2@cox.net)) with questions.

**Summer Sunday Club (Sunday School) and Primary Church - TEACHERS NEEDED.** We are looking for volunteers to teach or assist in Sunday School or Primary Church beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have been feeling the call to teach, but you didn’t think there was a place for you, then think again. The sign up is on the bulletin board outside the Connection Point and across from the parlor.

## GOLDEN GUYS & GALS

The Golden Guys and Gals will have their last meeting until September on Wednesday, May 20th. This will be a tour of the refurbished Chrysler Museum which all who have visited it have said it is beautiful and a wonderful outing. The Lincoln Photography exhibit will be a special treat. We will plan to leave the church at 9:15 a.m. and carpool from the church. We have two docents lined up to give us the tour, Carolyn Sale and Glenda Knowles, both longtime docents. The Cafe at Chrysler Museum has also been redone and we will have lunch there around 12:00 p.m. Please sign up in the church office so we can get an idea of the number attending for the tour and lunch.

## **King's Academy of Fine Arts: Super Heroes Summer Camp**

Music, Art, & Dance, June 22-26, 2015, 9:00-11:30am

Ages 2 ½- 5 years Cost: \$125 (\$50 holds your place, \$75 due 1st day of camp)

Call the church to register:  
340-2840



## Youth News

Saturday, May 2... Yard Sale helping... come at 11:30 to help cook & eat hot dogs & to clean up

Sunday, May 3...NO PYF

Saturday, May 9...Blitz Day...8:00 a.m.-2 p.m...meet in the Fellowship Hall @church in paint clothes

Sunday, May 10...Mother's Day...NO PYF

Sunday, May 17... TBA...watch your emails...

Sunday, May 24...NO PYF...Happy Memorial Day

Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31...Mission Trip Retreat with 1st Pres...Cost: \$50...IF YOU ARE GOING ON THE MISSION TRIP YOU NEED TO COME ON THIS RETREAT! DETAILS COMING!

PYF mission Trip to West Virginia: Sunday, June 20-Saturday, June 27, 2015.

## Upcoming College Mission Trip

A team of 8 Kings Grant adults & young adults, along with Caitlyn Riner and 2 First Presbyterian Church young adults will be leaving on May 17 for a week long mission trip to West Virginia. Please pray for safe travels and safe work!

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our Book Club gathers the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parlor and anyone who can read is invited to join us. Upcoming reads are: May 26, The Irish Duke by Virginia Henley; June, The New Colossus by Marshall Goldberg. Let Julie Seipel know if you need a book. Grab a good read today!





**Women's CIRCLES:** All Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month and are open to any woman of the church to join at any time! We are all studying Twelve Apostles by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

**LYDIA CIRCLE:** Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Butler, 3389 Heron's Gate. We will carpool from the church at 7:15 p.m. There are 4 leaders for our study: Nancy Good, NATHANIEL, Chap. 7, p. 69; Fran Potter, MATTHEW, Chap. 8, p. 81; Ellen Hill, MATTHIAS, Chap. 13, p. 137; and Deane Carroll, THADDAEUS, Chap. 10, p.103. Ellen Hill will lead us in prayer. Our April meeting at Ellen's home was a very interesting one as everyone participated in the discussions about each disciple so read your lessons and be prepared for a good discussion.

**EVE CIRCLE:** Eve Circle will meet in the Connection Point at 7:15 p.m. We will be discussing NATHANIEL, Chap. 7, MATTHEW, Chap. 8, and THADDAEUS, Chap. 10. We need a study leader volunteer. Ann Shank will provide dessert.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor at church. For more Information, contact Georgia Jones ([gigieorgia66@gmail.com](mailto:gigieorgia66@gmail.com)). This Circle will be followed by a Ladies Lunch in the Connection Point beginning at 11:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited! If you would like to help, contact Julie Seipel ([mseipel@aol.com](mailto:mseipel@aol.com))

## Adult Ministry Update

### Is Your Soul Ready for a Feast?

Are you hungry to go deeper in your relationship with God but don't know where to start? Are you ready to grow in your spiritual journey? Every Wednesday in May, Pastor Chris will be offering an adult study on the spiritual disciplines based on the book Soul Feast by Marjorie Thompson. This book has been a staple for many who want to grow in their Christian spiritual lives and challenge themselves through traditional spiritual disciplines. After dinner at 5:30, join Chris at 6:15 for an hour to learn, discuss, and practice a variety of spiritual resources. The topics covered will be:

April 29	Class #1 Spiritual Yearning and Fasting
May 6	Class #2 Prayer
May 13	Class #3 Spiritual Reading
May 20	Class #4 Worship/Self-Examination
May 27	Class #5 Developing a Covenant with God

Can't make it to CHOW, Chris will be offering the same discussion during Kerygma, Wednesdays from April 29 through May, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Come to be challenged, stretched, and grow as you open yourself more fully to God's presence in your life.

**Sunday School:** Adult classes Sundays at 9:45 a.m. will include Bruce Bradley's class on the Book of Acts in the Fellowship Hall; and the class "Feasting on the Word" in the Parlor.

**Small Group Studies:** All small groups have "open chairs" waiting just for you!

**Lunch Bunch:** Mondays, 12:15-2:00 pm. in the Conference Room. Bring your lunch! When All Else Fails Read the Directions by James Moore - A Study on the Beatitudes, 10 Commandments and Golden Rule. Join us as we explore God's directions for our lives. Books are available through Julie Seipel ([mseipel@aol.com](mailto:mseipel@aol.com))

**Men's Breakfast** Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast with the men of the church. Women are welcome too!

**Kerygma:** Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Join us as we begin a new study (April 29-May 27) about Spiritual Disciplines. This study will be led by Pastor Chris Carrasco and is based on the book Soul Feast. The same study/topic will be explored on Wednesday nights during CHOW (see above). You do not need the book to participate in this study.

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**Wednesday Night Women's Study:** 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parlor (no meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month). Join us to study the book Compelled: Living the Mission of God by Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation. Books are available through Julie Seipel.

**Moms Group:** Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Connection Point.

**Babysitting is provided.** Open to moms of all ages. Come share the joys of motherhood with other KGPC moms.

# Upcoming EVENTS

- May 16 - Ladies' Tea 1pm
- May 29 - Paint Nite 6-8pm
- June 27 - Church Summer Outing - Tides Game

## Exercise Group Forming

Do you need motivation to exercise??? KGPC is starting an exercise group. We have several videos, including Richard Simmons. Our times are flexible but we are going to start Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. We are meeting in the senior high Sunday school room. Come and have fun. Call or email me with questions. Deane Carroll [dmc2teach@gmail.com](mailto:dmc2teach@gmail.com) or (910)554 -1932.



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## Malawi Needs Medicine Bottles

We throw them away. They go to a landfill. After all, what can we use them for after the medicine is gone? It's those empty medicine bottles. Still clean and new like the day they were born there should be something they can be used for.

There is! You can boil water and clean off the labels and glue and send them to Malawi. So often in the small rural hospitals medicine is dispensed into small torn pieces of newspaper for transportation to village homes. Then where to put them? Where will they be safe? Where will they be out of reach of children? Where will they stay clean?

The KGPC children will be collecting medicine bottles and sending them to the Malawi Project. Malawi is where our sponsored child Eva lives and also where our missionary Janet Guyer serves. Please leave the medicine bottles in the Connection Point.



## Summer Bible Study for Women

Join us for a Summer Ladies' Bible Study, called "**Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World**" by Melissa Spoelstra. This six-lesson study will be held on **Tuesday evenings, June 16 through August 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** The first introductory session will be a chance to register, purchase a participant guide, and get to know each other. Sign up in the Connection Point or contact Pat Bowling to reserve a book and/or obtain more information.

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