

KGPC ENEWS

Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together



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What Is God's Vision for KGPC?

By Chris Carrasco

That's the question your Session will continue to wrestle with in the coming months with your help. In fact, you'll be hearing a lot about vision in the next few months as a vision discernment process is unveiled on Rally Day between services, as a sermon series is preached in September and October (see newsletter article), and as a morning and evening Bible study class focuses on vision (again see newsletter article).

But what's the big deal about vision? Why are we spending so much time and energy on it this fall? Vision can make all the difference in the world. God's vision unites us, gives us purpose, helps us prioritize resources and programs, keeps us focused, challenges us to grow spiritually, prompts us to risk, defines who we are, helps us communicate who we are to the community, gives us a basis for making future decisions, and nudges us toward a future we could never imagine. But notice it must be GOD'S vision for this church. Not the pastor's, not Session's, and not the congregation's. So vision at its core is a discernment process: listening to God's still small voice that tells us who we are created to be and what we are created to do.

Vision is not a code word for marketing technique, cool slogan, great logo, or rallying cry for more volunteers. Vision is a divine gift given to those who are preparing and waiting expectantly for it. So how do we prepare ourselves to receive God's vision?

We begin with prayer and scripture. We seek God's will and open ourselves up to whatever God might say to us through prayer and scripture. That is why in September and October we will explore some great vision texts both in worship and in the classroom. That's why Session is continuing to pray and seek and yearn for a divine vision. That's why I am asking each and every member to pray, discern, listen, and be open to what God might have to say to you about vision. It begins and ends with an intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

In addition to deepening our spiritual lives, we also will be reflecting on the core of who we are as a church. What do we value above all else? What do we believe above all else? Through a process of praying and listening, gathering and discussing, sharing and collaborating, we will develop our core values as well as our bedrock beliefs that keep us grounded and give us a firm foundation. Each person will have an opportunity to participate in this process as they reflect on what Session has discerned and provide additional values and beliefs. Be on the lookout for ways you can join a focus group and be part of this important process.

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JOIN US SEPTEMBER 13



RALLY DAY “FLIPPING FOR JESUS” PANCAKE BREAKFAST

9:45 - 10:45 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT’S Rally Day?

Join us as we “rallying” back together and start the year off right with a pancake breakfast. On Sunday, September 13 we will resume our two worship services (8:45 a.m. contemporary and 11:00 a.m. traditional) as well as Sunday School! We will have a pancake breakfast at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. The children will then head off to meet their Sunday School teachers in their classrooms and the adults will learn about the Adult Education offerings and hear about the visioning process from the Session. Come and join as we will be “Flipping for Jesus!”

Through prayer and a better knowledge of our values and beliefs we will continue to listen to God’s still small voice and watch for the movement of the Holy Spirit. And in God’s time and God’s way, a vision will be given. That vision will sustain us in the years ahead, guide us into the future, and give us a renewed sense of purpose and mission.

Scripture says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Vision gives us life. As we continue in this first year of ministry together, I can’t wait to find out what God’s vision is for this church. In the meantime, I invite you to join me in prayer, scripture reading, and participation in this vision discernment process as we wait expectantly for God to grant us the gift of a powerful vision. A vision that will unify us, motivate us, ground us, and compel us to go out and share this vision with others. May God bless us on this journey!

September & October Worship Schedule

September 6 – 10 a.m. Worship (**Communion**)

Fall Worship Hours return on September 13 - 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

September 13 (**Rally Day**) “Where There Is No Vision”

Habakkuk 2:1-4; Matthew 2:1-23

September 20 “The Last Laugh”

Genesis 17:15-21; 18:9-15

September 27 “Jacob’s Transformation: Vision, Values, Beliefs”

Genesis 25:19-33:17

October 4 “God’s Ultimate Vision”

Micah 4:1-7; 6:8; Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17

October 11 “How Do You Know It’s from God?”

Song of Solomon 2:1-17; Luke 24:13-35

October 18 “Elijah’s and Saul’s Visions”

1 Kings 19: 1-21; Acts 9:1-28

October 25 “Always Re-Forming?”

Matthew 5:17-48; Jeremiah 18:1-6

Biblical Visions: Then and Now

What is vision? What were the characteristics of biblical visions? Does God still give visions? How do you know if it’s from God? What’s the difference between a divine vision and a cute marketing slogan? All these questions and more will be wrestled with as we pray for and discern God’s vision for King’s Grant Presbyterian Church. This sermon series coincides with Session’s effort to lead a church-wide vision discernment process. As we discuss the role of vision in the church, we will also be challenged with personal vision for each of us as disciples. It will be a great way to kick off a new church year. What is God’s vision for KGPC? Let’s discover it together!

Christian Education & Development

ADULTS

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Sunday School offerings: Sunday mornings: 9:45-10:45 a.m.
1) Feasting on the Word:
 Location: Fellowship Hall; The study passages for the Fall session will be taken from the book of Mark. Come & explore the wisdom of one of Christ's witnesses.
2) Gospel Life: Outreach:
 Location: Parlor; Many Christians are nervous about telling someone else about Jesus. We prefer to leave it up to the preacher, or to those we see as particularly gifted for evangelism in our congregations. But all believers are called to make disciples. This nine session study won't offer quick fixes or evangelism "gimmicks". But by continually pointing us back to the gospel, they will give us the proper motivation to work together as a church to share the gospel message with those who are lost without Christ. Check it out at www.thegoodbook.com

BOOK CLUB meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor as we discuss our September book, Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee. Our October book is Natchez Burning by Greg Iles. Contact Julie Seipel if you need a book. All are welcome!

KERYGMA & CHOW:
Wednesdays, September 23-November 18,
10:00 am(Kerygma) OR
6:15 pm (CHOW)
Join us to study God's Word, listen to God's voice,
and be an integral part of the vision process at KGPC.
 Along with the visioning discernment process and sermon series, a new class on Wednesday mornings and evenings will also focus on vision led by Pastor Chris. We will study the biblical texts about vision and how it applies to us today. These two classes will also be part of the church-wide focus groups to give feedback, input, and discernment into the church's core values, bedrock beliefs, and vision.

September 23 Why Is Vision Important?
 Habakkuk 2:1-4, Genesis 17:15-21; 18:9-15

September 30 What Are the Core Values at KGPC?
 Focus group for the vision process

October 7 Jacob's Vision
 Genesis 25:19-33:17

October 14 How Do You Know It's from God?
 Song of Solomon 2:1-17; Luke 24:13-35

October 21 What Are the Bedrock Beliefs at KGPC?
 Focus group for the vision process

October 28 (NO EVENING CLASS) God's Ultimate Vision
 Micah 4:1-7; 6:8; Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17

November 4 Two Different Visions
 1 Kings 19: 1-21; Acts 9:1-28

November 11 Are We Ready for a Vision?
 Jeremiah 18:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

November 18 Final Thoughts on Vision and Wrap Up

NO MORE SUMMER BREAK FOR THE EXERCISERS.
 At this time we meet on **Tuesday** and **Friday** mornings at **9:30 a.m.** Start again when school starts, **Sept 8.** We are open to suggestions on time. Please join us for some fun and companionship and exercise. Questions???? Email Deane. dmc2teach@gmail.com or call (910) 554-1932.



**Inviting ALL KGPC
women to our
Circle Kickoff**

Dessert: Tuesday,
September 15,
7:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall All
women of the church are
invited! Bring a friend!

CIRCLES:

KGPC has 3 Women's Circles. All Circles regularly meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Circles are open to all women of the church and will all be studying Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur. The books will be available at our Kickoff Dessert and donations to help cover the costs are welcome. You can also get this book on your electronic devices through Amazon.

LYDIA CIRCLE:

meets at 7:30 p.m. in various members homes. Lorraine Jordana is the contact person.

EVE CIRCLE:

meets at 7:15 p.m. in the church in the Parlor. Julie Seipel is the contact person.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE:

This is our morning Circle. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Sherry Hatfield is the contact person.

CIRCLE LUNCHEON:

Following the Elizabeth Circle meetings at 11:30 a.m. in the Connection Point, lunch is provided and open to ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.

Our lunches will begin on October 13.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP
FIND RIDES FOR ANY
CIRCLE!**

Adult Small Group Studies:

Lunch Bunch: This small group meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. in the conference room. Bring your lunch and unravel the wisdom we find in the Bible and each other. Join us on Sept. 14 to determine what we would like to study.

Men's Breakfast: Come & enjoy a hot, homemade breakfast with the men of the church. This group gathers in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m.

Kerygma: This group will meet on Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, beginning September 23. Pastor Chris Carrasco will lead the discussion on Vision in the Church (see above) Join our dynamic discussions and bring your coffee!

Wednesday Night Women's Study: this group meets most Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Open to all women of the church and begins Wednesday, September 23.

Moms' Group: Open to moms of all ages, this group meets on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. We will begin meeting on September 17 and will determine what our next study will be that day. Come share the joys of motherhood with other KGPC moms! Babysitting provided!

YOUTH

Youth News

PYF stands for Presbyterian Youth Fellowship & is open to ALL high school age youth.

September Action

- **September 13** — Come at 8:45 to cook pancakes for Rally Day breakfast.
- **September 20** — L.O.F.T. night and nachos from 5 to 7 at church.
- **September 27** — Campfire and Goats at the Trojhan's. Meet at church at 4:30. Return by 7:30. RSVP by 9/25.

New Youth Leadership Team... Suzy Farley, Kim Holden, Nelio Carrasco, Leah Dickerson & Nate Burak... thanks for stepping up!

Parents of College Kids: Please email Julie Seipel

(mseipel@aol.com) with your child's college email and snail mail address so we can send them their goodies!

Middle School is open to all middle school aged youth and is now called "**Break Through**" Youth Fellowship. Watch for emails about upcoming events! Break Through leadership team is Becky Otto, Jacque Camlet & John O'Donnell.

Church On Wednesdays (CHOW)

**Begins Wednesday, Sept. 23-Nov. 18; Dinner @5:30 p.m.; Cost \$4 per person, \$15 families. Reservations required.
Share some mid week time with your church family!**

SESSION REPORT

CHILDRENS

Your **Session** held its first meeting of the “new” year on August 31. It was exciting to see the energy, enthusiasm, and foresight. Among the agenda items that were presented and discussed were:

- 1) a more formalized and structured organization as outlined by the Personnel Committee; this includes a refined process for periodic reviews for paid staff and certain lay leadership positions
- 2) an update on the study of the Sanctuary’s lighting and on the assessment of improving & updating it; much of the current lighting is part of the original sanctuary - replacement bulbs and other components are unavailable
- 3) a review of the Session’s August 29 retreat when we began to develop an outline of our core values and bedrock beliefs; these will be reviewed and enhanced over the next few months during congregation-wide small group gatherings
- 4) a commitment to stay with 2 services on most Sundays; the Session confirmed its view that we should continue to provide different times and styles of worship as we all enjoy the bright future that the Lord has in store for us.

Sunday School – Resumes September 13th on Rally Day

Pre-K – Kindergarten Sunday School in room 121

1st-2nd grade Sunday School in room 120

3rd grade Sunday School in room 119

4th – 5th grade Sunday School in room 118

Each class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 A.M. beginning September 13th.

Middle School Sunday School in room 102

High School Sunday School in room 104

Children’s Church is held during the 11:00 service in room 120.

Recommended for children ages four through second grade.

Children learn about God at their own level.

CHOW (Church on Wednesdays) Fall CHOW begins Wednesday, September 23rd and runs through November 18th. Mark your calendars! Dinner & Study classes for children & adults.

Eva and Malawi We continue to sponsor Eva in Malawi, so please consider a birthday donation or a celebration of the beginning of another school year in your child’s name. What a special way to honor your child and support Eva. Thank you for your donations of the medicine bottles to be reused in Malawi. Our final shipment of medicine bottles will be sent very soon.

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) with questions.

Summer Fun Activities Thank you to Jill Caynor and Marie Garrenton for leading music and art sessions for our kids this summer!



August 30th - September 12th – Teacher decorating of classrooms for the upcoming year

September 13th - 2 Worship services resumes

September 13th – Classes resume on Rally Day

September 23rd – Fall CHOW begins

October 4th – WOW (Windows on Worship) Classes begin for 2nd graders and those who have not had the class

October 10th - Annual Pig/Oyster Roast



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September Birthdays

Dawnmarie Parcel, Sara Aridas, Emma Farley, Dennis Balsly, Amy Meeker, Georgia Jones, Tony Coulborn, Jim Boswell, C. Stokes Kirkland, Mike Farley, Evan Van Auken, Gwen Stevens, Roslyn Sliwa, Alex Jones, Jill McNulty, Tom Dillon, Kelsey Taylor Meunier, Drew Carson, Jim Aridas, Nicole Swain, Reagan Vaughn, Cindy Piasecki, Sue Mooney, Danny Swain, Bryn Jones, Josef Neuhofer, Laurie Duquette, Tom Martinette, Gary Harrell, Betty Neuhofer, Katie Taylor, Kurt Smith, Sam Deary, Adrienne Gregory, Trish Mayo, Brian Miller, Randy Bremer, Norma Link, Joe Henry, Robert Larose, Paul Morreale, Larry Leonard, David VanDeveer, Jason McNulty, Emily Duquette, Jennifer Bibbs, Chase Palatt, Stacey Comartos, Bob Hall, Hillary Sloane, Kristin Kirkland, Melissa Bibbs

Faith Community Nurses

The new defibrillator (AED) along with supplies is on the shelf in the hallway outside the sanctuary. It works the same way as the old one.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Let's go "Outside these Walls" !
Blitz Day: Saturday, October 17
Come & be Christ's Hands & Feet to others!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our fall Blitz Day, Saturday, October 17. No experience needed, just a willing spirit! Lots of jobs for folks of ALL ages & abilities! Look for task specific signups in the Connection Point on Rally Day.

Contact Brian Miller for more information (brian.Miller@VBSchools.com). If you know of anyone in our community (KGPC members and non-members) who may need help such as home repairs or yard work, please let us know.

Blitz Day planning meeting Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm at KGPC church. Visit our Facebook page at www.Facebook/OTWwithKGPC for updates.



Cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry

Our KGPC Kairos team members need 375 doz. cookies for this Fall's Kairos weekend. The men need the cookies by Sunday, September 20. Homemade chocolate chip or oatmeal should be prayed over and packaged 1 dozen to a Ziploc bag. Look for the sign up sheet on Rally Day.

The Diaper Ministry

The Diaper Ministry needs your help!! We have been busy delivering diapers and cleaning supplies to many families in need so we need to restock our shelves! In particular, we need size 3 and 4 diapers, but any diapers, wipes, or cleaning products would be great. Donations can be left in the bin in the Connection Point.

New Member Welcome

The Bookeys

**Patrick and Mary,
Rachel and Maggie**

Both Pat and Mary are Navy pilots and have lived in the area previously with their squadrons when they were single. The Navy has returned them to us. Thank you Navy! **Patrick** is a Navy pilot. He is originally from Washington state. He was stationed here in Virginia Beach from 2007 to 2011 before moving to Maryland, where he met Mary in 2008 (a lucky year for the whole family). They moved back from Maryland to Virginia Beach in December and hope to be here for a few more years. Pat enjoys waterskiing, automotive/marine repair (assuming he means the **marine** engine king and not the semper fi kind) and *awesomeness*. **Mary** is from Staunton, VA. She is also a Navy pilot. She moved back to Virginia Beach after 4 years in Maryland. She was born and raised in a Presbyterian family. Her hobbies are cooking, hiking, gardening, tennis and general *awesomeness* (obviously a family trait!). **Rachel** is two years old. Her parents report that her hobbies are various combinations of running and screaming, general tomfoolery, and public debate on world politics. Great hobby for the upcoming election debates. **Maggie** is one. Her hobbies are sleeping, eating, babbling and an occasional triathlon! Go Maggie go! **Welcome to KGPC where we try to aim for awesomeness!**

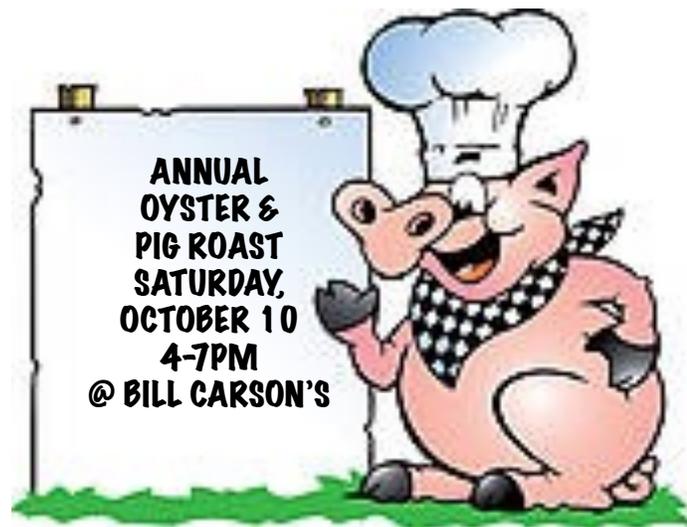
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Who are the “Golden Guys & Gals”?

Anyone who has “golden nuggets” of wisdom to share and the time to spend with others pursuing faith, fun & fellowship!

The first meeting of the **Golden Guys & Gals**, **September 16th**, will be a **pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m.**

We have a very interesting speaker, Chris Anderson, who will speak on the airline industry in America and worldwide. Chris was with Northwest and Delta Airlines for 20 years so will have a lot of information of great interest to all of us. This age group will not be flying too much these days but do have great memories of flying with lots of leg room, great hospitality, etc. We welcome one and all to hear about this very interesting and timely subject and look forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall September 16th.



921 Queen Elizabeth Drive

Cost per adult \$20- Invite a friend

Childcare provided at the church from 3:45-7:45

Sign Ups to begin on September 20 in the Connection Point



Bethlehem Walk 2015

Thinking about Christmas gifts?... what to give this year? Give the most precious gift of all...telling the story of the birth of Christ through the Bethlehem Walk. You never know who God will bring to hear the Christmas story, perhaps for the very first time. Bethlehem Walk 2015 will be on **Friday, December 4th through Sunday, December 6th**. It's time to move from visitor to Bethlehem to resident!

There's a job for you...yes, YOU...you could be one of the people **preparing** for telling the story (construction, set design, making soup, baking cookies), one of the people **in costume** in the story (speaking and non-speaking parts available), or one of the people **behind the scenes** (costumes, kitchen helper, fellowship hall greeter, clean up crew). There are many leadership jobs just waiting for you. Sign-up sheets will be in the Connection Point. Our next meeting will be Sept 10th at 7:00 p.m. Please catch the spirit (Holy Spirit, that is) and join us as we gear up for this wonderful opportunity to share the story of Christ with our community.

EXCITED TO BEGIN AGAIN: MUSIC NOTES

Children's Choirs have been restructured. Ages have changed and a new choir has been added to accommodate this growing ministry.

CHILDREN'S' CHOIRS & BELLCHOIRS

♦ CHERUB CHOIR

3 - 5 years old; Wednesday, 4:00-4:25pm;
beginning 9/16/14

♦ RAINBOW CHOIR

K-3rd grade; Wednesday, 4:30-5:00pm;
beginning 9/16/14

♦ NEW YOUTH CHOIR

4th-8th grade; Wednesday, 5:05-5:45pm
beginning 9/16/15

♦ NEW YOUTH BELLS

4th grade and up; Thursday, 6:15-7:00pm,
beginning 9/24/15



ADULT BELL CHOIRS

CHANCEL BELLS

Thursday, 7:00 - 8:00pm; beginning 9/24/15

KING'S BELLS

Friday, 9:00 - 10:00am; beginning 9/11/15

ADULT CHOIRS

MUSIC TEAM

Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:15pm; beginning 9/9/15

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:00pm; beginning 9/9/15

MEN'S CHORUS

3 rehearsals: May 26, June 2 & 9, 2016, 6:30-7:15pm; Sing for Worship June 12, 2016

All those interested in any of these groups, please contact: Janet Phelps 340-2840 ext.13, Director of Music Ministries,
j.phelps@kgpc.org

KAFA & Little Maestros

***LITTLE MAESTROS (Registration required)**

18 - 30 months approximately, Morning classes on Wednesdays 9:55 - 10:35; When Wednesday class is filled, a Thursday class is added. Session I: October 14/15 - November 18/19

***KING'S ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS (Registration required)** 2 1/2 - 5 years, Morning classes in Music, Art & Dance September 9/10, 9:00 - 11:30am

Contact Janet Phelps, Director of Music Ministries for info.