



## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Sermon Series:*  
SEPT. 18 - NOV. 6

**Today's Coordinates: *Where are We?***  
In Jesus' last 40 days on earth, Jesus spent most of His time talking about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:1-3). What was so important about this kingdom that Jesus' final days were focused upon it? Citizens of His Kingdom need to know! This morning, we pick up where we left off last Sunday by considering the second of seven paradoxical realities of the Kingdom of God that we'll look at in this series: *The Poor are Rich.*

All messages are available online 24/7 ([www.wchapel.org/listen](http://www.wchapel.org/listen)). Individual sermon CDs and series CD sets (like those of our recent series, *Listen Up*) are also available in the Resource Center in the East Foyer.

*Jesus said,  
"Behold, I am  
making all  
things new."*

REVELATION 21:5

2011 Annual Ministry Theme

## A New Mission Opportunity "Down Under"

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"* MATTHEW 28:19

**G**'day mate!" is now a very familiar greeting for the Abernethy family--Scott, Donna, and their two children, Tyler (15) and Carlyn (9). The Abernethys recently relocated to Alice Springs, Australia—right in the middle of the fabled Outback. Relocation and travel is not a new theme for the Abernethys: Scott served 19 years in the military, during which he deployed to Afghanistan twice, and Donna and Tyler served on two Chapel short-term ministry trips to Ukraine. Scott and Donna are quick to share their deep gratitude to our church family's *Ministry to Our Military*. During Scott's deployments to Afghanistan, they encouraged him with letters and prayers—all of which he posted on his "Prayer Wall" adjacent to his bunk. These tangible encouragements gave Scott many opportunities to share his faith in Christ with fellow airmen and officers. On the home front, Chapel families helped carry the burden of

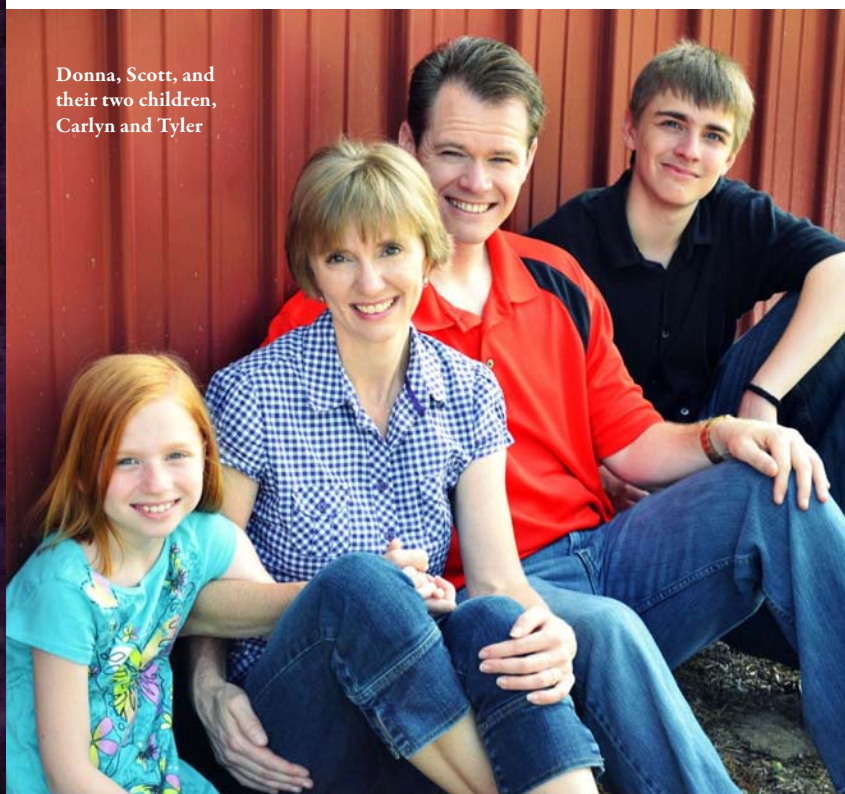
"hubby work" that Scott normally provided.

This two-year adventure in Australia is the result of a civilian career move. Scott will be supporting a military training program. Although the Abernethys are not "missionaries" in the traditional sense, with the financial support of a sending church family, they passionately believe that we are ALL missionaries in our daily lives and work. During nine years as local members of the Chapel family, they have been well-equipped to serve as God's ambassadors abroad. They go with the confidence that God is leading them. As they pursued the opportunity in Australia, God's confirmation came in surprising ways. Even Scott's HR contact with his new employer sensed a "bigger calling" for the Abernethys.

The Abernethys have already found a church family in Alice Springs, and they are eager to serve their new community in Jesus' name. Like

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Donna, Scott, and their two children, Carlyn and Tyler





## DO YOU CALL THE CHAPEL HOME?

If so, please serve our guests and visitors by freeing-up spaces in the Chapel parking lot with car-door to Chapel-door service. Park in the Jamestown High School parking lot and ride the shuttle to the Chapel and back to your car after the service.



## WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

Scripture reveals a common pathway to commitment in our relationship with God. The "4Es" are our way of describing that pathway:

Encounter — Embrace — Exercise — Engage.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, opportunities from among those listed within this Weekly will help you take your own unique next steps along our common spiritual pathway.

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE CHAPEL?

### Encounter JESUS ALIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY

Stop by the Newcomers' Corner or visit Information Central for information about the Chapel and our ministries. Also, register for the next First Encounter Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11th online at [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration) or contact Elizabeth Duncan, Director of Equipping Ministries: 229-7152, [eduncan@wcchapel.org](mailto:eduncan@wcchapel.org).

## ARE YOU READY TO JOIN A GROUP AND GET INTO THE WORD?

### Embrace JESUS AND HIS COMMUNITY

Small Groups are the best place to connect at the Chapel if you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus. At the Chapel, Small Groups are not just "another thing"; they are the main channel for discipleship and care for each person who is a part of our church family. Attend the Connections Class, another Vine Life class (listed on page 3), or visit [www.wcchapel.org/SmallGroups](http://www.wcchapel.org/SmallGroups) to join an open small group. Pat Cummings, Minister of Community: 941-1214, [pcummings@wcchapel.org](mailto:pcummings@wcchapel.org).

## Embrace a new group:



### CROWN LIFE GROUP

Are We There Yet? A biblical roadmap to financial peace of mind. Crown life groups are forming now. This is a 10-week study in a small group setting. All ages welcomed. For more information contact Frank Bowman: [fbowman31@cox.net](mailto:fbowman31@cox.net), 812-9209

### SAINTS SERVING SAINTS (SENIORS 60+)

Wednesday, Oct. 5 or Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m., Room 156

Join the Treasure Hunt – over a cup of coffee or tea, learn how you can discover Hidden Treasures (older adults sometimes hiding in the shadows of illness or life circumstances). Hear a dynamic presentation that explains how you can be part of this exciting new ministry. Barbara Dearmon: 565-7516

### FLORAL GUILD LUNCH MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 6, noon - 2 p.m., Classroom 120

New members are welcome! Reservations are required. Beth Villenave: 645-8087 or Donna Blatner: 229-2917

### SAINTS ALIVE LUNCHEON (SENIORS 60+)

Wednesday, Oct. 12, noon - 1:30 p.m., Woodward Hall

No cost for lunch, but contributions are accepted. Speaker: Tim Holcomb and the Background Missions team. Register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration)

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# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Stop by the Ministry Spotlight listed below TODAY for more information or to register for the following event.



## MEN'S GETAWAY 2011 IRONMEN

Nov. 4-5

Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond, Va.

[www.roslyncenter.org](http://www.roslyncenter.org)

Cost: \$99 before Oct. 4; \$125 after (includes meals and one night's stay)

Enjoy an overnight at the beautiful Roslyn Retreat Center with good fun, good food, great fellowship, and exercise our physical and spiritual muscles! Come and be encouraged, inspired, and challenged! Room for 100 men, first come, first serve!



### Pat Goodman

(teaching pastor at Grace Fellowship in Baltimore and author of the Ironmen curriculum used for

men's discipleship at the Chapel), will be the guest speaker at this year's men's getaway. Pat is a gifted communicator, served many years on staff with Young Life, and is a long-time friend of Minister of Community, Pat Cummings. Note: This year's format has changed. We will gather on Friday evening and conclude on Saturday evening so we can return home and attend Sunday services at the Chapel.

Visit today's EAST 1 Ministry Spotlight to learn more and to register. You can also register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration).

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**FLORAL GUILD WORKSHOP:** *Decorating your Holiday Table with Fresh Flowers*  
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ross Hall  
Cost: \$15 (all supplies included). Instructor: Charlotte Shackelford. All are welcome and bring a friend! Reservations required - deadline Wednesday, Oct. 12.  
Charlotte Shackelford: 869-4821



**VINE LIFE: Adult Discipleship and Equipping Classes**  
Registration is available online at [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration)  
For a complete description of the following classes, see the Fall Ministry Guide or go online at [www.wcchapel.org/vinelife](http://www.wcchapel.org/vinelife)

**SUNDAY FIRST HOUR (9:30 - 10:40 a.m.)**

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD** (*Chapel-wide Small Group Study*)

Sept. 18 - Nov. 6, Room 128

**MINI BIBLE COLLEGE: New Testament Survey**

Sept. 18 (continuous), Room 120

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Foundation for Lifelong Love**

(*For those engaged, newly married, or anticipating marriage soon*)

Sept. 18 - Oct. 30 (7 weeks), Room 122

**RADICAL TRUTH: Jesus in the Gospels**

Sept. 18 - Nov. 20 (10 weeks), Room 156

**SUNDAY SECOND HOUR (10:45 a.m. - noon)**

**ACTS: The Church Spreads and Grows**

Sept. 18 (continuous), Room 120

**CONNECTIONS CLASS**

Sept. 18 - Nov. 6, Room 118

**ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE:**

*Communication Skills for a Stronger Marriage*

Sept. 18 - Oct. 23 (6 weeks), Room 156

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD** (*Chapel-wide Small Group Study*)

Sept. 18 - Nov. 6, Room 128

**VINE LIFE MONDAYS (7 - 8:15 p.m.)**

**MINI BIBLE COLLEGE: New Testament Survey**

Sept. 19 (continuous), Room 216

**WHAT GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TO USE IN MINISTRY SERVICE?**

 **Exercise FAITH IN JESUS ALONGSIDE HIS COMMUNITY**

Meet one-on-one with a ministry connector to explore your gifts, talents and passions to serve others at the Chapel and in our Community.

Elizabeth Duncan, Director of Equipping Ministries: 229-7152, [eduncan@wcchapel.org](mailto:eduncan@wcchapel.org)

**HOW CAN YOU SERVE OTHERS?**

 **Engage JESUS IN HIS MISSION TO GROW HIS COMMUNITY**

Take further steps to reach out locally and globally and disciple others through your service unto Him. Be on the lookout for more information on the next

**FOR WOMEN:**

**FALL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, Oct. 15, 8 - 9:45 a.m.,

Central Foyer, Cost: \$8

Speaker: Lindy Warrick

Register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration)

**FOR PRESCHOOLERS:**

**FALL FUN** (*ages 2-5 years*)

Thursday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per child/\$15 for siblings

"Fall Fun" will be a celebration of the fall season and we will make fall crafts, take a nature walk, sing songs, and enjoy playtime with friends. *Pre-registration is required and a notarized form need to be completed.*

**FOR STUDENTS:**



**HIGH SCHOOL COOL BEACH ATMOSPHERE (CBA) DAY**

Saturday, Oct. 15,

8:50 a.m. - 11 p.m., Cost: \$20

A day-long retreat in Virginia Beach to kick off the new school year. Join us for a day of fun and teaching. Registration forms are available in the SM office. Craig Blocher: 941-1225



**"DON'T HATE, JUST TAILGATE" PARTY**

Friday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

until game time — Join the SM staff at WISC as we get pumped for the JHS vs. LHS football game with tailgate food, prizes, and some friendly competitions. Craig Blocher: 941-1225



**MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVIVOR NIGHT**

Saturday, Oct. 22,

7 p.m. - midnight,

Williamsburg/James City County

Rec Center — Students should wear sneakers and athletic clothing. Come ready for an awesome night of games, giveaways, and grub! Please eat dinner beforehand. Emily Wood: 941-1571



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our local Chapel family, they want to take the church to their neighbors, so to speak— wherever they are on their spiritual journeys. In time, as their neighbors take new steps forward in their spiritual journeys, they can embrace Christ and His Community to grow in the company of others. Australia's native population, the Aborigines, are especially on the Abernethys' hearts. In many ways, the Aborigines' plight mirrors historically that of our own Native American population, and many of the same destructive realities plague them today. The Abernethys are hopeful that the School Pack ministry that Chapel students and families have offered with great effectiveness in Nicaragua will be meaningful in the Outback, too. They are quick to note, though, that they

will wait on God's timing because, as Scott and Donna stated, "We can't, but He can."

Scott and Donna ask us to pray for their transition, their kids, and for God to show them open doors "down under" to further His kingdom and help "make disciples of all nations."

*This article was contributed by a member of our Acts 29 Storytelling team. The Acts 29 team helps tell the ongoing story of God's wonderful work in us and through us as citizens of His Kingdom. With the Church throughout the ages, they pick up where the biblical book of Acts leaves off in chapter 28. The Acts 29 team is always looking for new team members who are passionate about sharing God's story. Jerry Dearmon: 869-5205, jerry23@cox.net*



### 2011 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SING GLORIA!

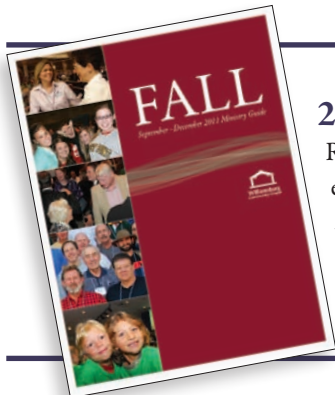
- Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

A highlight of the Christmas season at the Chapel is our annual Christmas concert, which is our gift to the

community. Minister of Worship, Ted Cornell, the choir, and musicians are already busy preparing for this year's concert. There is no charge for admission to the concerts.

**Ticket Distribution:** Nov. 11-12

More details will follow on the Chapel website and in future *Weeklies*.



### 2011 FALL MINISTRY GUIDE

Read the *Fall Ministry Guide* for information on all the ministries and events at the Chapel from September through December. The *Fall Ministry Guide* is available at the kiosks located near each entrance, at Information Central in the Central Foyer, and online at: [www.wcchapel.org/ministryguide](http://www.wcchapel.org/ministryguide)

For Sunday audio, the *Weekly*, online registration, detailed calendar, ministry info, upcoming events, and much more, visit: [www.wcchapel.org](http://www.wcchapel.org)

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Coffee and pastries available  
Sunday mornings

Open for breakfast and lunch  
Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Choose from a variety of breakfast and lunch items or enjoy a selection of gourmet coffee drinks.

Call ahead for large groups or carry-out:

941-1226



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### Resource Center

Hours:

- Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Fridays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
(on Story Truths days)

The Chapel's Resource Center (located in the East Foyer) provides a good selection of materials that you can borrow or purchase. Whether you are looking for a good read, searching for a wholesome family movie, looking for a gift, or choosing new material for your Small Group, we hope to see you soon!



PRESCHOOLER'S STORYTIME  
Story Truths

Fridays, Sept. 16 - Dec. 2, 10:45 a.m.  
(excluding Nov. 25)

Calling all Preschoolers and their caregivers: Come join the excitement of a story time in which God's truth is shared with preschoolers in an energetic and nurturing environment. Bring your children, and invite your friends for a meaningful time of learning and fun!