



## THE KINGDOM OF GOD



### 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. Recently, we celebrated Ministry Sunday to kick off new opportunities that can help us take our next steps along this path. This morning, free CDs of that morning’s message will be available at the Worship Room exits after the service. If you call the Chapel home, please consider this essential listening! If you’re new to the Chapel, this message is a fantastic introduction to our family of faith and how you can get plugged in. *See pages 2-3 for more information.*

### Dinner is On Us

**F**irst Encounter Dinners are a great way to get acquainted with the Chapel family in a smaller setting. They occur several times throughout the year and give newcomers and Chapel leaders an opportunity to meet each other, share a meal, and enjoy a casual evening together. Here are some comments from recent *First Encounter Dinner* guests:

*“It was great to learn more about the Chapel and to meet some of the dedicated staff and new arrivals to the Chapel. We left encouraged and committed to deepening our involvement with this remarkable ministry.” — LC AND RIP VAN RIPER*

*“Andrew and I had a wonderful time and we are going to be joining Pat Cummings small group on Wednesday” — MEGAN AND ANDREW BASCOM*

*“The dinner was great and I truly enjoyed meeting everyone. Looking forward to getting connected at the Chapel.” — KIMBERLY NUNNALLY*



Dinner is on us, but signing up is up to you! Sign up today for the next First Encounter Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration). Visit the Newcomers’ Corner in the Central Foyer to learn more.

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

REVELATION 21:5

### TODAY’S COORDINATES: *WHERE ARE WE?*

Last Sunday, we launched a new eight-week series, *The Kingdom of God*, by beginning to *Rethink Heaven*. That message and all past messages are available online 24/7 ([www.wcchapel.org/listen](http://www.wcchapel.org/listen)). Individual sermon CDs and series CD sets (like those of our recent series, *Listen Up*) are also available in the Resource Center (East Foyer).

In Jesus’ last 40 days on earth, Jesus spent 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? This morning, we pick up where we left off last Sunday by considering the first of seven paradoxical realities of the Kingdom of God that we’ll look at in this series: *The Kingdom is at Hand but Not Yet*.



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, look out for more information on the next First Encounter Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11.

**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, 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)



**Chapel-Wide Small Group Bible Study**

This fall, the Chapel family will join together for an 8-week Small Group study of *The Kingdom of God* which will coordinate with the Sunday sermons. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you are not currently in a Small Group, consider joining one for this 8-week study. Copies of *God's Unshakable Kingdom*

will be distributed to members of Small Groups through the Small Group leader. Get connected to a small group online at [www.wcchapel.org/smallgroups](http://www.wcchapel.org/smallgroups) or through one of the Vine Life Classes.

Individuals can obtain a copy of the book through the Resource Center for \$5.

**CONNECTIONS CLASS**

**Sundays, Sept. 18 – Nov. 6, 10:45 a.m., Room 118**

**Facilitators: Pat and Mary Cummings, Greg and Elizabeth Duncan, and Margaret Bacon**

If you are new to the Chapel or looking to get connected, join us for the Chapel-wide Small Group study, *The Kingdom of God*. This is a great way to have fellowship and open God's Word in a casual setting. **No pre-registration is required.**

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**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

Stop by the Ministry Spotlight listed below TODAY for more information or to register for the following event. Ministry Spotlights are conveniently located in the East Foyer.



**MEN'S GETAWAY 2011 IRONMEN**

**November 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).



**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)**

**September 18 – November 6, Room 128**

**Facilitators: George and Joyce Stedelbauer**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

**MINI BIBLE COLLEGE: New Testament Survey**

**September 18 (continuous), Room 120**

**No pre-registration is required.**

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

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

**September 18-October 30 (7 weeks), Room 122**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

**RADICAL TRUTH: Jesus in the Gospels**

**September 18 – November 20 (10 weeks), Room 156**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

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

**ACTS: The Church Spreads and Grows**

**September 18 (continuous), Room 120**

**No pre-registration is required.**

**CONNECTIONS CLASS**

**September 18 – November 6, Room 118**

**No pre-registration is required.**

**ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE: Communication Skills for a Stronger Marriage**

**September 18 – October 23 (6 weeks), Room 156**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

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

**September 18 – November 6, Room 128**

**Facilitators: Greg and Kathy Stewart**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

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

**MINI BIBLE COLLEGE: New Testament Survey**

**September 19 (continuous), Room 216**

**Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [wcchapel.org/registration](http://wcchapel.org/registration)**

**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 Membership Class.

*Visit us online!*

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

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministers meet the hurting where they are and provide one-on-one, distinctively Christian care during the healing process.

*What Happens When You Ask for Help?*

When you ask for help from a Stephen Minister, a Stephen Leader will contact you to discuss what Stephen Ministry can be for you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through your trial. Confidentiality is a top priority for us. [StephenMinistry@wcchapel.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@wcchapel.org), 229-7152

**DIVORCE CARE**

**Mondays, Sept. 19 - Dec. 5, 7-9 p.m., Room 120, Cost: \$12 for book**

Divorce Care is a 13-week video seminar and support group for those who are separated or divorced. Topics include facing my anger, new relationships, financial survival and kid care. [Marelyn McGinnis: 564-6373](mailto:MarelynMcGinnis@wcchapel.org)

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!**



**PRECEPTS UPON PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY:**

**Knowing God's Covenant Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Cost: \$28**

In this 11-week study, see this incredible thread running from Genesis through Revelation. God enters into a binding agreement with His people and always keeps His promises. Trusting Him as a covenant partner frees us from the bondage of worry and anxiety. This study will transform the way you read the Scriptures! Childcare available. **Register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration). Jutta Hansen: 229-7152, [chapel2@wcchapel.org](mailto:chapel2@wcchapel.org)**

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY**

**BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John**

**Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Cost: Adult \$25,**

**Children (6 weeks - 3rd graders): \$10**

*Colleen Robertson, CBS Coordinator:*

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## UPCOMING EVENT:

### FOOD AND FAMILY, I.N.C.

**Friday, Sept. 30, 6:30-8 p.m. - Food in the Central Foyer at 6:30 p.m., Program in the Worship Room at 7:15 p.m. Cost: \$5/person or \$15 max/family**

A great Friday night "family date" – A delicious hot meal – bring the whole family (Mom, you don't have to cook and the price is great!). Our Food Services team will cook up family-friendly food. Energetic music: some of those songs you and your kids loved from VBS! Worship, engaging drama, and an interactive message. Pre-register for the meal and nursery online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration). Note: Preschoolers will be taken to Woodward Hall for the last 30 minutes of the program for their own special activities. Children in Grades 1-5 will remain in the Worship Room. Nursery for infants and toddlers will be provided, pre-registration required. PLEASE COME, and bring friends and families from the community with you! It'll be a great evening!



## 2011 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SING GLORIA!

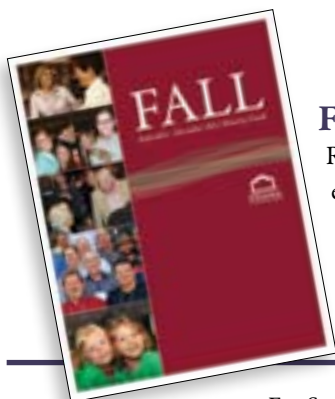
**Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m.**  
**Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m.**

A highlight of the Christmas season at the Chapel is our annual Christmas concert — 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:** November 11-12.

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



## FALL 2011 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**



Follow the Community Café  
on Facebook

## 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 and 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, September 16 - December 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!