

Pants on the Ground BY JON RITNER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The following testimony by Jon Ritner was selected as the winner of an online contest at www.loveandrespect.com where the prize was a trip to Colorado Springs to attend a live conference.

For 5 years of marriage we had the same fight every week...Pants on the Ground. "Jon, please, put away your jeans at night." "But, Kristyn, why can't I just leave them on the floor? I am going to wear them again tomorrow." I told her to stop acting like my mother, she accused me of being irresponsible. The more she nagged, the more I resisted. It was a horrible cycle.

Then one day we stumbled upon Love & Respect in a bookstore and read the words that brought the crazy cycle to an end: "Women complain to connect, not to control." As a husband, I could hardly believe it was that simple. Was it possible that the pants were not just pants? Were they a symbol that I did not love her enough to keep her bedroom clean; the bedroom that represented warmth and security? That week, I apologized and began folding my jeans and put them back in the drawer.

Within days, she conceded that if I would just place them out of her sight line, maybe by the head of the bed, I could put them on the ground. We had spent 5 years without budging an inch towards each other, and within days we had made a compromise that made us both happy. We devoured the rest of the book in the days that followed. In the three years since, our pastoral staff and wives have worked through the L&R seminar on DVD, and mentoring couples have volunteered their time to lead L&R DVD classes for more than 300 people.

Our community is being transformed by the truth of God's Word as it is taught through these fantastic resources. My wife and I, and our two young children, are forever grateful for the way Love and Respect has improved our marriage. Thank you to the entire L&R team that keeps providing fresh resources to help us finish strong!



Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs with Kristyn and Jon Ritner.

For Relationships:

LOVE & RESPECT CONFERENCE

Friday evening, Feb. 24 - Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25, 2012

The Chapel will host a live Love & Respect Conference featuring Dr. Emerson & Sarah Eggerichs. Dr. Emerson Eggerichs is an internationally known public speaker on the topic of male-female relationships. He is the founder and president of Love & Respect Ministries, and Sarah serves as Vice President. For more information visit our Special Spotlight TODAY in the Central Foyer or visit: www.loveandrespect.com

Register online: www.wcchapel.org/loveandrespect

Visit our Resource Center located in the East Foyer to purchase Dr. Eggerich's book, *Love & Respect*.





MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST 1
2011 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
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. Ted Cornell (Our Minister of Worship), the choir, and musicians are already busy preparing for this year's concert. There is no charge for admission to the concerts; however, because of the high demand for tickets, each household may only get a maximum of 6 tickets total (not 6 per concert).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES! • Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, greet our guests, and usher during the concerts. Stop by the Ministry Spotlight **today** to join the team!

TICKETS • Please return tickets you cannot use. Bring them to the Ticket Center or call 941-1244. The Ticket Center will be open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed the week of Thanksgiving). Please see the receptionist in the North Foyer for ticket center location.

FAQs • "How do I get tickets?," "Is there a limit to the number of tickets I can acquire?," "Do children need tickets?" Are you asking these questions or others like them? Visit the Spotlight Table and pick up a FAQs sheet or check the Chapel's website: www.wcchapel.org



"Thanks-Giving Family" Event

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Enter at Cafe doors (West 1)

Cost: \$4/person or \$12 max/family (includes lunch)

Chapel families (and friends and neighbors!) are invited to take just a small piece out of your Saturday to be a "thanks-giving family." Have fun together, while teaching your children the joy of giving and serving people in our own Williamsburg community

who need a little help. The fast-paced morning will include:

- The Veggie Tales movie, *Madame Blueberry: A Lesson in Thankfulness*
- Thanksgiving-themed crafts and games for everyone in your family!
- A kid-friendly lunch prepared by Steve Flanary and his great team
- And very importantly—a local mission project to teach your children how to practice giving and serving to benefit local people in Williamsburg! We'll be putting together Christmas shoeboxes for LOCAL children in need, who are served by Grove Christian Outreach Center, as well as make Christmas cards to include with Christmas baskets for the residents of Patriots Colony—two ways your children can reach out to the old and the young in Williamsburg.

To register, please go online to www.wcchapel.org/registration and select "Thanks-Giving Family" Event (\$4/person; \$12 max/family). Registering by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 17 will help us have an accurate count for food.

NEED A HOMEMADE PIE FOR THANKSGIVING?

The Community Café is having a **HOLIDAY PIE SALE**. Choose from a deep dish pumpkin pie for \$7.00 or a deep dish pecan pie for \$9.00. There are 3 ways to place your order: online at sflanary@wcchapel.org | by calling 757-941-1226 | in person at the Café

The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Nov. 22 by Noon. Pick-up pies at the Café on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



This Sunday, we say thank you to all our retired and active-service military who have served or are serving this country, both at home and abroad.

Contact our **Ministry to our Military** for prayer and practical support for our actively serving and deployed military members and their families. If you are in the military or have a family member in the military, please fill out a registration form online to let us know about you and how we can serve you. On-going service opportunities include prayer support, communicating with deployed members, providing encouragement or support to their families, and planning special events during the year. *Paul and Nancy Davis: nfp.davis@cox.net, 757-229-1255, www.wcchapel.org/military*

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE



TODAY! Bring your non-perishable food items to the

Salvation Army truck in the rear of the parking lot near Eagle Way.

ANGEL TREE TO BENEFIT GROVE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

Sundays, Nov. 13, 20, & 27

We will be helping to fill shoe boxes and provide gifts for their Blessing Room. Stop by the table and Christmas Tree in the Foyer (near the Cafe), the Promiseland check-in, or the Kid's Crossing Spotlight table to pick up a bag, wish list for the shoe boxes, and an angel from the tree.

Greater Things Sunday: November 6, 2011

This past Sunday was *Greater Things Sunday*, a celebration of where we have been, where we are today, and where we are going as a family of faith. It was also the occasion of the Chapel's 35th birthday and the conclusion of our *Kingdom of God* series. Our middle and high school students came over from the "other side of the wall," and the praise band was a joint effort between our student and adult bands. After the service, birthday festivities kicked off in the newly-renovated Student Ministries' Worship Room. It was a big morning! Let's all celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in our midst. To God be the glory, great things He has done. And Greater Things are still to come!

35th Birthday Celebration



Great Things He has done and Greater Things are still to come...

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

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 Nov. 18 - 20, The Williamsburg Lodge
 Cost: \$159 per couple

To register, visit: www.familylife.com/groups/swynford
 The Family Life Getaway Weekend is a time to be together as a couple. No matter where you are in your marriage, it's an invaluable time to slow down and make an incredible

connection with the one you love. For more information: call 258-8650 or go online at: www.familylife.com/weekendtoremember



STUDENT BAPTISM SERVICE
 Next Sunday, Nov. 20

Several students will be taking their next step on their spiritual journey

as they publicly profess their faith through baptism. Anyone is welcome to join the students for this service of baptism in the Student Ministries Worship Room.



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www.wcchapel.org



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Visit the Ministry Spotlight **NEXT SUNDAY** to order poinsettias for the Worship Room for this Christmas season in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Cost of each poinsettia is \$14. A printed list of poinsettia orders will be included in the December 18th weekly.



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 Newcomer's Corner or visit Information Central for information about the Chapel and our ministries. Look for more information on our next First Encounter Dinner in 2012 or contact *Elizabeth Duncan, Director of Equipping Ministries*: 229-7152, 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, or visit www.wcchapel.org/SmallGroups to join an open small group. *Pat Cummings, Minister of Community*: 941-1214, pcummings@wcchapel.org

WHAT GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN YOU TO USE IN HIS 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

HOW CAN YOU SERVE OTHERS?

Engage JESUS IN HIS MISSION TO GROW HIS COMMUNITY

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



NOW AVAILABLE IN THE RESOURCE CENTER

Our latest sermon series on CD,
The Kingdom of God.

Been There. Done That.: Lessons from a Life of Faith
by Sally Robinson Yoast



The Café will be closed
Friday, Nov. 18 and will re-open
on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

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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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. - Noon (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, through 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!



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

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