

Greater Things



THE
KINGDOM
OF
GOD

SERMON SERIES:
SEPT. 18 - NOV. 6

Today's Coordinates:
Where Are We?

In Jesus' last 40 days on earth, He 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 last of seven paradoxical realities of the Kingdom of God that we'll look at in this series: *In the World, But Not of It - Rethink Citizenship*.

All messages are available online 24/7 (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.

Chapel

November 6, 2011

WEEKLY

Commitment Sunday – 35th Birthday Celebration!

2011 marks our 35th anniversary as a family of faith. Last fall, as we anticipated this milestone, we proclaimed our prayer and our conviction that Greater Things are still to come! We confidently expected Jesus to continue to do more than we could ask or imagine in the years ahead as we obey His command to make disciples in Williamsburg and around the world. One of our prayers was for the swift elimination of our remaining building debt. Our expanded facility was a tremendous ministry resource; and, debt service on the building loan limited our ministry to



CHAPEL FAMILY - 1977

our community and beyond. Our desire was to be able to direct all of our resources to expanding our disciple-making efforts. In addition, we wanted to honor God by preserving our long-standing reputation as a family of faith that completely fulfills all of its financial obligations.

Beginning October 3, 2010, for six weeks the entire Chapel family engaged in a study that included Sunday Morning

messages, small group discussions, and personal readings. We focused our hearts on releasing the idols of today and reaching for the greater things of God. Then, on Celebration Sunday, November 7, 2010, the Chapel family came together to celebrate the Great Things God has done through the Chapel and the Greater Things yet to come. By God's grace, we were able to reduce our \$5.8 Million debt to \$4 Million by January 1, 2011, and make commitments to eliminate it entirely by the end of 2013!

For many years, we have cherished the opening phrase of the hymn *To God be the Glory*: "To God be the glory, great things He has done." We pray for a fresh experience of this hymn's final phrase as well: "But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see." With God's help, we will each encounter Jesus anew and surrender the good things of life for the greater things of God.

Reflections from our first Chapel families: *"As we look back over the thirty-five years of the Chapel, we see the providence of God in providing senior pastors, Dick Woodward and Bill Warrick, who God has used in a special way, to bring the Chapel to where it is today. Their powerful teaching has drawn many here and their leadership has guided the growth we have experienced"* - **Karen & Dave Thompson**;
"The miracles of the past thirty-five years confirm the Four Spiritual Secrets: We didn't, but He did!" - **Phyllis & Dick Terman**.

Greater Things Still to Come...

We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2012. We will begin our new sermon series, **Reaching Out** on Jan. 1.

2012 Upcoming Events:

LOVE & RESPECT CONFERENCE - Feb. 24 - 25 (see details on page 4)

SERVE THE CITY - April 21

DICK WOODWARD GOLF TOURNAMENT (proceeds going to Grove and the Lackey Clinic)

May 4, 2012

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 23

Great Things He has done ...

October 3, 1976
First church service held at Wally and Lorene Thompson's home. Ten adults and six children attend.

By the spring of 1977, our congregation had grown to 45. God miraculously provides space at Walsingham Academy, which becomes available only minutes before we request it.



January 1980
Dick Woodward assumes the role of pastor. He begins to offer Mini Bible College classes in the fall of 1980. Today, partnership with local ministry, International Cooperating Ministries (ICM), allows his teaching to minister to millions of people around the world in 26 languages.

1981
Ed Steele and Wally Thompson are appointed the Chapel's first elders.

1983
Dick Woodward begins the Men's Fellowship Breakfasts in Williamsburg and Newport News. Today, these breakfasts continue to minister to more than 300 local men each week, with Bill Warrick at the helm.

May 1984
Bill Warrick (pictured left with his wife, Lindy), a young Dick Woodward mentee, joins the Chapel staff as Associate Pastor



we would move ahead with construction and trust that God would once again provide.



1988
Bricks-and-mortar construction of the Williamsburg Community Chapel begins.
God continues to provide and show His guiding hand throughout the building project.



1991
Because of the effects of a degenerative spinal disease, Dick Woodward steps down as the Chapel's Senior Pastor and becomes Teacher-in-Residence. Bill Warrick succeeds him as Senior Pastor.

1995
Average weekly attendance at the Chapel grows to more than 500.



1995
Chapel members Jim (pictured far left) and Cooka Shaw start the Lackey Free Family Medicine Clinic as an outreach ministry to those who could not afford medical services. The number of patients who come monthly to Lackey for help has grown from 12 to almost 300.

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November 9, 2002
The Chapel celebrates the dedication of the Paasaale New Testament translation in Funsì, Ghana. Chapel missionaries, Mike and Vicki Toupin, had been working on this translation since 1987.



September 2005
Promiseland and an entirely new Sunday school program for K-5th graders is launched.



created for visitors and in 2010, a large area for a computer kiosk-based, check-in for our children's ministry, Kid's Crossing, is established.

March 2008
The newly-constructed worship room is finished and a special Palm Sunday service was held. The expanded facility allows for all employees to be under one roof. A Newcomer's Corner is



December 2008
Steve Flanary is appointed to head a new food ministry as well as establish the Community Café in the fall of 2009. The Café is open Tuesday through Saturday serving breakfast and lunch and on Sundays serving coffee and pastries.



February 2011
800 attendees from all over the Tidewater area come to the Chapel for the Lisa Terkhust conference.

2011
The Chapel grows from our challenges that include loss of loved ones, sicknesses and personal failures. We rejoice in Bill's cancer-free report after chemotherapy and the many baptisms of adults, students, and children.

2004
In response to continued numerical growth, additional seats are made available in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings and we begin a three-service worship schedule.

July 4, 2004
During Sunday morning worship, Bill Warrick announced the kickoff of the *Building the Church* Campaign (BTCC), the Chapel's collective response to God's clear call to expand our bricks-and-mortar facility. Four years of diligence and deliberation preceded this occasion, during which time the Chapel family sought God's plan for embracing our numerical growth. Truly miraculous unity has characterized the BTCC since its inception.

March 2006
After more than six years of prayer and intense preparation, the first equipment rolls onto the Chapel property to begin bricks-and-mortar construction of a new Worship Room, foyer, hallways, and classroom space. On May 7, almost 700 of the Chapel family gather for a Groundbreaking Celebration. Unity continues to characterize the *Building the Church* Campaign as we enter this new territory together.



September 2008
The first Vine Life classes begin on Sunday mornings.



July 2009
Vacation Bible School grows to 400 children.

October/November 2010
Greater Things Campaign, resulting in pledges to cover our building debt. Giving stands at record levels even during a national recession.



November 2, 2008
Members of the Chapel family shared their changed lives by presenting Cardboard Testimonies.

and still to come ...

SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



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 about Love & Respect visit: www.loveandrespect.com. Register online: www.wcchapel.org/loveandrespect

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST 1

SAINT'S ALIVE AND GROVE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CANDY DRIVE



Come to Ministry Spotlight East 1 today to drop off candy donations for the 2011 Christmas Shoeboxes. In partnership with Grove Christian Outreach Center (GCOC), one of the Chapel's local ministry partners, Saint's Alive (65 years and older) will distribute the shoeboxes in December in the nearby community of Grove. The shoeboxes will also contain toys, books, school supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hats, gloves, and more. A pamphlet will share good news from God's Word, and the candy bags will be a sweet holiday treat. Visit www.groveoutreach.com for more information about opportunities to serve.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST 2

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER



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

To register: Visit our Spotlight table today or 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. This is not a large counseling session, and you will not be asked to participate in small groups. For more information: call 258-8650 or go online at: www.familylife.com/weekendtoremember

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST 3

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).

TICKET DISTRIBUTION DATES

Online: Friday, Nov. 11, beginning at Noon (while online supplies last)

In-person: Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. - Noon, Student Ministries Worship Room.

CONCERT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES • Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, greet our guests, and usher during the concerts. Stop by the Ministry Spotlight on **Sunday, Nov. 13** to join the team!

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

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Our latest sermon series, *The Kingdom of God*, is now available at the Chapel Resource Center.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 13

Bring your non-parishable 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, November 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 and pick up a bag and wish list for the shoe boxes and an angel from the tree.

WELCOME TO NICKOLAY PONOMAREV



Nickolay Ponomarev, pastor of the Tent Church in Kiev, Ukraine is our guest today. Steve Flanary and Scott Ellis returned this past Monday from 10 days of ministry and service with Nick at their

Rehab Center in Fastov, Ukraine. Come to the Cafe area between services or after the 2nd service to welcome Nick.



For Sunday audio, the Weekly, online registration, detailed calendar, ministry info, upcoming events, and much more, visit:

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