



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 sixth of seven paradoxical realities of the Kingdom of God that we'll look at in this series: *We Live by Dying*.

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.

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

REVELATION 21:5

2011 Annual Ministry Theme

Exercising a Deepening Faith – Carolyn Kelly

Learn more about the "4Es" (*Encounter, Embrace, Exercise, and Engage*) on page 2.

Carolyn was born and raised in New Jersey, adopted as an infant by wonderful, devout parents. She recalls that faith in God was an important part of her childhood, but it wasn't until after a short, disastrous first marriage, a second failed marriage, and several coast-to-coast moves that Carolyn—now a single mom of three boys—found herself seeking God in earnest for the first time. Friends told her about the Chapel, and in dire straights emotionally, financially, and spiritually, she sought the help of a Stephen Minister.*

"My Stephen Minister was totally there for me. I think I first glimpsed what a real relationship with Jesus might look like as we spent time together. She also taught me that prayer really does work." When Carolyn received an alarming medical diagnosis, her Stephen Minister drove her to the hospital for surgery. Carolyn's doctor warned her that the operation could have a devastating outcome. Carolyn experienced tremendous peace because she knew that people were praying for her. She found herself trusting that God had a plan, and it had to be a good one. "Right there, I knew something was really changing in me, because my docs certainly didn't think this was a good thing." She woke up to discover that the procedure had gone very well,



and God's presence was profoundly real to her for the first time. She was beginning to *encounter* Jesus alive in His community.

About the same time, Carolyn joined a Small Group**—and tried not to be the 'challenging' member. The group embraced Carolyn, even though it was mostly made up of couples. "I felt like it was where I belonged, despite the wreck my life was." Because the group met during Middle School Midweek, which her youngest son participated in, it fit her hectic schedule—that now included caring for aging parents who had moved in with her and a growing painting business. One of Carolyn's passions is gourmet cooking, so having a small group to invite over and cook for was a huge blessing to her during what could have been a devastatingly lonely time. "I like to have lots of noise and people and food and fun around; my small group was pretty cooperative that way."

As she became comfortable in her new-found, healthier community, Carolyn began to *embrace* God in an entirely new way. He had always been "up there somewhere looking down," but now she came to understand that the people she was getting to know seemed to know God personally and let Him into the details of their lives in a real and unmistakable way. She wanted what they had, and she began to pursue a relationship with God. Today, as she walks through one difficulty

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Saints Alive: Exercising Faith Through Service

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me . . . the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me. MATTHEW 25:35-40



In November, Saints Alive (65 and older) will assemble more than 500 bags of candy to be included in Christmas Shoeboxes for children. In partnership with Grove Christian Outreach Center (GCOC), one of the Chapel's local ministry partners, Saints Alive 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.

Previous service with GCOC has led many Saints Alive members to become regular volunteers at GCOC, providing for a multitude of needs and experiencing the blessing of serving in Christ's name. On November 6, Saints Alive will have a Ministry Spotlight to collect candy donations for the 2011 Christmas Shoeboxes. You are invited to bring candy, drop it off at the table, and share in the blessing of giving from the heart! Visit www.groveoutreach.com for more information about opportunities to serve.

Let's Celebrate Greater Things Sunday

Next Sunday • NOVEMBER 6

In 2004, we set out on a journey to fulfill the vision God gave us for continuing to build His Church, one Living Stone at a time (1 Peter 2:5). We patterned our journey after God's pre-creation scripture for generosity. (II Corinthians 8-9) Cheerful hearts and unity—not a dollar amount—have been our measures of success. Since then, unity and cheerful hearts have prevailed. And last November, the Chapel family gave or promised all of the funds required to eliminate our

remaining building debt by the end of 2013. This November, on the occasion of our 35th birthday as a church family and the conclusion of our Kingdom of God series, we will celebrate *Greater Things* Sunday to proclaim our gratitude to God, our commitment to finish the journey well, and our expectation that *Greater Things* await! It will be a memorable morning, and after the worship service, come by the Student Ministries' Worship Room for birthday cake!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS ON NOV. 6 • Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!



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. Also, register for the next First Encounter Dinner on Friday, Nov. 11th online at www.wcchapel.org/registration 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.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST I



MEN'S GETAWAY 2011 IRONMEN

Nov. 4 - 5

Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond, Va.
www.roslyncenter.org

Cost: \$125 (includes meals and one night's stay)

Speaker: Pat Goodman

To register: Visit our Spotlight table today or register online at:

www.wcchapel.org/registration

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST II

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Nov. 18 - 20

The Williamsburg Lodge

Cost: \$159 per couple

To register: Visit our Spotlight table today or register online at:

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

Heart for Orphans: Engaging in Jesus' Mission in Ukraine

Excerpted from the Fall Ministry Guide (page 17), available in the Central Foyer:



These are kids who otherwise would be living on the streets or disappearing into the sex trafficking world..."

To learn more, visit Ministry Spotlight 4 this morning in the East Foyer, where Nancy will be available to share personally. Visit Heart for Orphans online: www.heartfororphans.com.

Pictured above:

Nancy Hathaway with Oksana, now serving as a missionary in Uganda, and Ira, now a missionary in Tajikistan. Both women were orphans who learned the love of a family and the love of Christ through Heart for Orphans.

FOR WOMEN: OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY

Preparing My Heart for Advent

Tuesday evenings, November 1 - 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday mornings, November 2 - 30, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for our upcoming Bible study, *Preparing My Heart For Advent*, by Ann Marie Stewart. Explore Scripture's prophecies about the Messiah, and study the background of many Christmas carols. The book contains daily studies coupled with live teaching and small group gatherings to prepare you to welcome Christ into your home in a fresh way this Christmas. Register online: www.wcchapel.org/registration

THANKS-GIVING FAMILY EVENT

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

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

Bring your family and friends to the Chapel and be a "thanks-giving family", with emphasis on the word "giving". This event will be lots of fun, with games and activities, but it will have a special emphasis on a family service project to help our community as the holidays approach. Parents and kids will work together to prepare items for distribution in the community. This will be a great opportunity for our children to catch the vision of showing our thanks for God's good gifts to us by sharing our blessings with others. Invite your neighbors and friends in the community to join us. Register online: www.wcchapel.org/registration

"Steve and I have been at the Chapel for 25 years. In the mid-nineties, we began to pray that God would use us in some way for His purposes. He initially led us to adopt from Ukraine, then to adopt again, and then adopt a third time. He broke our hearts for kids growing up without parents and showed us a small part of His broken heart for orphans. God put a burden on our hearts to help teens who age-out of orphanages, so we began *Heart for Orphans*. We started by opening homes of refuge modeled after a family. In these homes, kids can learn what it is like to live in a Christian family, and put God first in all they do.

FOR RELATIONSHIPS:

LOVE & RESPECT CONFERENCE

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

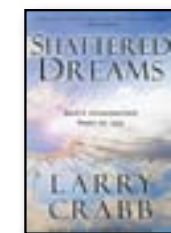
The Chapel will host a live Love & Respect Conference featuring Dr. Emerson & Sarah Eggerichs. Dr. Emerson Eggerichs is an internationally known public speaker on the topic of male-female relationships. He is the founder and president of Love & Respect Ministries, and Sarah serves as Vice President.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



Registration for the conference is now open:

www.wcchapel.org/loveandrespect or www.loveandrespect.com

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE RESOURCE CENTER



SHATTERED DREAMS

by Larry Crabb

Shattered Dreams is now available in the Resource Center. Lindy Warrick referenced this book in her talk at the Women's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, October 29.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST III



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



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www.wcchapel.org

Global Engagement NEWSFLASH



From a recent email from long-time global ministry partner, Nickolay Revtov (Kiev, Ukraine), the Director of Evangelism Explosion (EE), Eurasia, to Faith Olson, our Director of Local and Global Ministries:

Dear Faith,

As you know, we have an excellent Training Center in the Kiev area for all "Heart to Heart-Evangelism Explosion" participants in Eurasia. This Center is a great place to train hundreds of EE people every year. A few days ago our Training Center was severely damaged by a fire. It is a sad situation, and frankly speaking, emotionally I

am heartbroken as I look at the Training Center and see the great loss. But usually I say, if something does not kill us, it makes us stronger. Just need time, patience, and faith. What do you see? No longer does the Training Center have a third floor and a roof.

You can see a three-minute video of the fire online: <http://www.youtube.com/tch?v=KEMvjBHpdlM> Right now the biggest task is to rebuild the roof ASAP, before the real winter comes in December. In Ukraine, fire insurance policies are not sold. We have begun to get estimates to rebuild. Please pray with us!

Yours in Him, Nickolay

Five years ago, a five-member team from the Chapel helped build out the very spaces that were destroyed by the fire! The Chapel's connection with Nickolay includes the Chapel's own Carter and Gloria Murphy, who began a partnership in 2003 with Nickolay and EE Eurasia to provide eyecare and glasses to Ukrainians in need. Their ministry has flourished and expanded to neighboring countries, as well: www.eyecare-heart.org

To learn more about Nickolay, Eyecare From the Heart, and how you can help, contact Faith Olson: folson@wcchapel.org, 941-1208.



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after another, Carolyn finds herself literally laughing at her circumstances. Her brother told her she was a modern-day Job. "You know, he was actually right. I've lost so many things, made a mess of so much, and my immediate family has faced so many difficulties and hardships, but I am really and truly, profoundly happy. God is just all over me. My circumstances are pretty irrelevant in the big picture."

Unable to contain her enthusiasm for God, Carolyn looked for a way to serve Him. Her first foray into *exercising* her faith in Christ came as a member of the food services team at the kick-off breakfast for the *Greater Things* campaign last year. "That was a total blast! Watching [Director of Food Services] Steve Flanary fly around orchestrating everything— I felt like I was back in the city! If serving God was this much fun, I just had to do more." So now, Carolyn is exercising her deepening relationship with Christ by serving in the Community Café most Sunday mornings. She has also signed up for a Bible study one morning a week. She is in business for herself now, which gives her the flexibility to come one morning a week to immerse herself in Scripture. I sure knew

nothing about the Bible." Carolyn is amazed at what she's learning as she lets the Word take root deep within her, and feels like a sponge that just needs to soak up more and more.

Most days, you'll run into Carolyn with paint on her fingers or in her hair or spattered around her face as she flies somewhere she was supposed to be 10 minutes ago, explaining it all in her Jersey twang. Jesus is pouring His life into her crazy circumstances these days, and she is letting His life overflow into the lives of others, hoping that they too might come to know real joy in Christ.

**Stephen Ministers are trained, compassionate, and confidential. They meet the hurting where they are and provide one-on-one, distinctively Christian care during the healing process. Contact the Chapel office to arrange to receive care or to learn how to become a Stephen Minister.*

*** Visit Information Central in the Central Foyer to learn more about Small Groups.*

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

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Williamsburg
Community Chapel



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. - 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!