



## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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

REVELATION 21:5

*"If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first,  
it will in the end make no difference  
what you have chosen instead."*

— WILLIAM LAW

This Sunday, we introduce our next sermon series, **The Kingdom of God**. In the Gospels, Jesus used the terms Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven ninety-eight times to express the vision and values that were lived out when a person was subject to God as King. Earthly kingdoms are made up of subjects who follow a certain set of values that are determined by the king. In the Bible, the Kingdom of God encompasses every part of creation, place or person, that submits to God as King.

When Jesus introduced His followers to the values of His Kingdom, they were in direct contradiction to the values of most earthly kingdoms. The Kingdom of God was not just about returning to orthodox beliefs; it was about introducing new paradox beliefs. A paradox is an enigma such as, "He that loses his life shall find it, and he that would save his life shall lose it" (Mark 8:35). This at first seems contradictory but once you understand Jesus' teaching about picking up your cross and dying to yourself in order to follow Him and gain the resurrection of the body later, it makes sense.

Jesus intimated to his disciples, "I am the King, but I am not the kind of King you were expecting. I came not to live but to die, not to rule, but to serve, not to take power, but to lose it. And that is how I am going to defeat evil and make everything right." In Jesus Christ, we find infinite majesty yet complete humility, perfect justice yet boundless grace, absolute sovereignty, yet utter submission; all sufficiency in Himself yet entire trust and dependence on God. Just as the King is clothed in paradox, His Kingdom transcends earthly categories as well.

## EMBRACING A SMALL GROUP

*Frank and Stephanie Barrell*

After moving to Williamsburg about six years ago and getting married, my wife, Stephanie, and I made the Chapel our church home. We wanted to build relationships and find encouragement for our faith. We were involved in campus ministries in college, and we quickly learned that finding fellowship in the "real world" required more effort and wasn't as easy as we expected.

We were intimidated by the size of the church, but we knew the best way to get connected was through a small group. We tried a few times to get plugged into one that fit, and this past year

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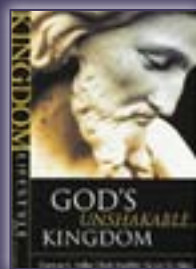


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found a group that fits us well. We are so grateful for the relationships that have already formed and for a place to grow and be a part of the Chapel family.

We believe that it is important for our faith to enter into fellowship--to be challenged, to find support, to share our lives with one another. As the new school year starts, we encourage everyone to pursue the opportunity to join a small group and to actively seek out a group that best meets you where ever you are on your spiritual journey.

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

### How do I get connected to a small group?

1. Go online at: [www.wcchapel.org/SmallGroups](http://www.wcchapel.org/SmallGroups). Click "Looking for a Small Group?"; then find a group you're interested in and click "request info." Fill in the requested info and click "Send Request". The Small Group leader will contact you about your interest in joining that group.
2. Join the **CONNECTIONS CLASS**  
*See page 3 for more details...*
3. Join one of the other **VINE LIFE: *The Kingdom of God*** classes  
*See page 3 for more details...*
4. **PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:** If you are not in a small group, join us at the Chapel on Wednesday nights while your middle schoolers are at Midweek for this study!



## UPCOMING IMPACT TRIP:

### LONDON September 22-30

This will be our 7th annual trip to serve Paul and Lorraine and their work in the Muslim suburbs of London. This is a trip focused on understanding better the religion and culture of Islam and how it continues to grow and impact our world.

2011 Team: Grace Rutledge, Margaret Bacon, Tara Sutton, and Mike Jacobs

Follow the team on their blog site:  
[wcclondon2011.wordpress.com](http://wcclondon2011.wordpress.com)

Check out the *Fall Ministry Guide* for descriptions of other upcoming impact trips. For more information or an application to be part of any of these challenging and exciting trips, please contact **Faith Olson, Director of Local and Global Engagement, at [folson@wcchapel.org](mailto:folson@wcchapel.org).**

## EMBRACE THESE OPPORTUNITIES:



**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 OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY:**  
*Faithful, Abundant and True*  
**Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$25.** Childcare available during Wednesday sessions. Register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration) or on the first day of classes. If you have any questions regarding the classes or how to register, call Carole Boyd at 757-345-2266.

**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: [colrob51@gmail.com](mailto:colrob51@gmail.com), 757-880-4114, <http://williamsburg.cbsclass.org>

Check out the *Fall Ministry Guide* or visit us online at [www.wcchapel.org](http://www.wcchapel.org) for more opportunities.



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.

## EMBRACE JESUS AND HIS COMMUNITY

### 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.**



**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)**

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## 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*



**STUDENT MINISTRIES WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.**  
**Student Ministries Worship Room**  
**Middle and High School**  
We are now back to offering both services at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. throughout the remainder of the school year.

## EXERCISE FAITH IN JESUS ALONGSIDE HIS COMMUNITY

### MINISTRY CONNECTOR TEAM

Meet one-on-one with a Ministry Connector to explore where God is calling you to serve.  
*Contact Elizabeth Duncan 757-229-7152, eduncan@wcchapel.org*

### JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM

**Sundays, Sept. 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or Sept. 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Room 214.**

Be part of a Sunday morning serving team that helps provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere. *Register online at [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration).*

*Contact Elizabeth Duncan 757-229-7152, eduncan@wcchapel.org*

## ENGAGE JESUS IN HIS MISSION TO GROW HIS COMMUNITY

### CHAPEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:15 a.m. - noon, Room 211**

*Facilitators: Pastors and Staff* - This class covers where we began, who we are, what we believe, and how we make disciples. Learn how you can commit to becoming part of the Chapel membership as one who engages Jesus in His mission to grow His community. *Pre-registration is recommended. Register online: [www.wcchapel.org/registration](http://www.wcchapel.org/registration).*



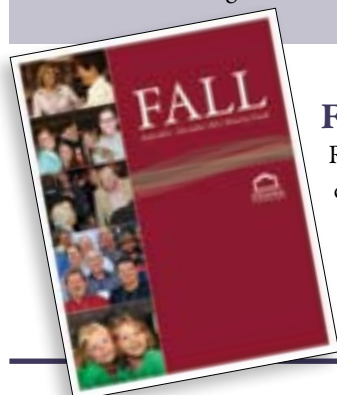
## UPCOMING EVENT:

### 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!*




### FALL 2011 MINISTRY GUIDE

Read the *Fall Ministry Guide* for information on all the ministries and events at the Chapel from Septemeber 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!

