

Fall Opportunities At Vienna Presbyterian Church



IN CHRIST  
**TOGETHER**  
FOR THE WORLD

# Welcome to Vienna Presbyterian Church



## IN CHRIST TOGETHER FOR THE WORLD

Over the past four months we have explored the *Best Spiritual Practices*. We have seen how important it is to cultivate our life in Christ through inward disciplines, to connect with others in community (corporate disciplines), and to love and serve others and so transform our world (outward disciplines).

I recently shared in a sermon that this movement of the spiritual life can be illustrated by a wagon wheel. The center or hub represents our life in Christ. The spokes represent the many ways we connect to others in community. The outward rim of the wheel represents our ministry in the world. The spiritual life can also be summed up in the phrase “In Christ Together for the World.”

While this is a universal calling, what it looks like in our individual lives will be different because God has crafted each of us to be a unique person. This fall, we will begin exploring what it means for each of us to “to live my life as Jesus would live it if he were me.”

To that end, we encourage each person to read John Ortberg’s book, *The ME I Want to Be* (available at Grapevine Books). Each week, we urge you to read each section of the book that corresponds with the weekly sermon topic. In addition, we are also providing daily scripture texts that correspond with the topic each week. You may want to employ the *Lectio Divina* method of reading Scripture. A brief summary of that method is included with each devotional.

To experience the joy of living *together* with others, share the journey with others through a small group to discuss the book and what you are learning. In November we will explore through the sermon series, devotions, and small group discussions the ways God is calling us to love and serve him *together* at VPC—the “we” God wants us to be.

We anticipate God doing great things in the months ahead. We invite you to consider the opportunities on the following pages and hope that you will choose to intentionally arrange your life to explore the meaning and live the reality of your life “In Christ Together for the World.”

Grace and peace,  
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

# New to VPC?

## Steps for the Journey at VPC

One of the great things about VPC is that it can be as big or as small as you make it. It may feel intimidating at first, but follow these steps and you will find yourself getting connected in no time! The opportunities listed below serve as the compass for finding your path on the spiritual journey at VPC.



## Orientation to the Journey Gathering

Orientation to the Journey Gathering occurs on the second Sunday of the month (except for Mother's Day) at 11:00 am in the Conference Room (second floor adjacent to the office). It's a great way to meet new people while learning about who we are as a church, what we believe and to ask questions. The setting is informal, refreshments will be provided, and you'll get to meet some of the VPC staff. You may RSVP, but it's not necessary. Feel free to just drop in. We look forward to meeting you!

## Invitation to the Journey Class

The Invitation to the Journey class explores what it means to follow Jesus here at VPC as we look at our mission, beliefs, values and practices. Discover what it means to live your life as Jesus would live it if he were you. This three-week class is required for membership at VPC. Our next class meets September 19 and 26, and October 3. Register online or for more information or to register by phone contact Linda Kemple at 703-938-9050 x100.

## Share the Journey in a Small Group

One of our purposes as a church is to help you grow in your relationship with God and help your family develop authentic relationships. One of the best ways you can do this is by joining a small group or participating in a larger group based on your age, life-stage and interests. If you are new to faith, new to groups, or new to VPC, a great place to start is Christianity Explored, an informal course for people who would like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. It explores who Jesus is, what his aims are and what it means to follow him. Class begins September 12, 2010, at 11:00 am in room 109.

***For more information on an option above or help finding a place to connect, contact [shannon.jordan@viennapres.org](mailto:shannon.jordan@viennapres.org) or 703.938.9050 x123 or [www.viennapres.org/fall](http://www.viennapres.org/fall).***

# Adult Opportunities

## **Christianity Explored**

An 8-week class on who Jesus is and what it means to be in relationship with Him. This class is for people new to Christianity or those who just want to know more about Jesus. Class starts on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 11:00 am in Room 109. Contact: phil.kratovil@viennapres.org . Coordinators: Paul or Judy Chelson, at pauljudy@cox.net.

## **Disciple 1**

An in-depth Bible study which surveys the entirety of Scripture to give you the big picture. This 34-week favorite begins Sunday, September 12, 2010, 6:30-8:30 pm.

## **Journey Essentials Small Groups**

If you haven't done a study of basic discipleship practices, we have small groups just for you! In these mentoring discipleship groups, members will commit to working on their discipleship together over the course of the year.

## **Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Come explore the person God created you to be as we study Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This class begins Tuesday, September 14. Childcare is available with advanced registration at x351. Registration fee is \$20 for women and \$25 for children in the childcare (\$50 max for children). Scholarships are available if needed; please do not let cost be a deterrent.

## **Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Will reconvene in October. Stay tuned for more information!

## **New Men's Bible Study**

Begins late September and will be led by Pastor Pete and Pastor Ed Dawkins. Stay tuned for more information or contact deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org.



## **Disciple 3**

"Remember Who You Are" discusses the Prophets and the letters of Paul. Begins September 8, 7:30-9:30 pm, for 34 weeks and will be led by Lee Taylor. For more information contact Lee, 703-938-9050 x103 or lee.taylor@viennapres.org.

## **Sermon Series Small Groups**

Are appropriate for those who have been in a small group or need to do a shorter term small group. They follow the daily devotionals and materials related to the current sermon series.

## **Daily Devotionals**

The fall series begins September 6, in conjunction with the new sermon series: In Christ Together for the World. Booklets available in the narthex or sign up at [www.viennapres.org/devotionals](http://www.viennapres.org/devotionals) to receive by email.

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# Young Adult and Student Opportunities

## VPC Young Adults

A ministry for 20's and 30's/single and married. Kick off BBQ September 11 in Herndon. Group meets every other Thursday, beginning September 23 from 7:15-8:45 in the Great Hall followed by trips to the Vienna Inn. Contacts: Andrew James, [ajames@cbmc.com](mailto:ajames@cbmc.com) or Shelley Ott, [shelott@hotmail.com](mailto:shelott@hotmail.com).

## Confirmation Class 2010-2011

It is incredibly important to educate students and their parents about exactly what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Through Confirmation we hope to provide the correct atmosphere to learn more about what we believe as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ and help students discern and articulate what they believe through open, honest discussion and teaching. Interest Meeting; September 26, 2010 12:30 pm in the Underground (Lower Level)

## the Underground AM

Sunday mornings, from 9:00-10:35. Breakfast: 9:00-9:30. Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 am. The program includes music worship, an inspiring biblical message and a variety of other aspects, from video announcements and skits to student Minute for Witness.

## the Underground PM

Sunday evenings, from 5:15-7:00 for middle school, and 6:30-8:30 for high school. This is a unique time of fellowship and discipleship in the forms of hanging out, eating yummy snacks, group games and biblical discussion with D/C groups.

## D/C Groups

Short for Discipleship/Community groups. D/C groups are the student ministries version of small groups. Every group is made up of 8-12 students of the same gender and similar age, and 1-2 same gender adult leaders. Groups grow in Christ together through biblical discussion and sharing life together, as they get to know one another throughout the year.

## Hub Events

Events geared towards building relationships through fun activities. They take place once a month, typically on Friday evenings for middle school, and Sunday evenings for high school. Some Hub Events are middle and high school combined.

These are great events for first timers!



*For more information on Student Opportunities, visit [www.viennapres.org/students](http://www.viennapres.org/students).*

# Children's Opportunities



## **Preschool Classes**

Age-level Sunday classes for 3s, 4s and 5s (not in school) that help our children understand basic Biblical truths.

## **Power Up!**

Exciting program for grades K-4 at 9:30 and 11:00 that includes kid-friendly worship, teaching through drama, small groups for children, and growth in wisdom, faith and friendship.

## **Bridges & Gateways**

Bridges (ages 4 - grade 1) and Gateways (grades 2-4) enable young children to spend the first portion of worship with their families before leaving the service to engage in their own creative exploration of worship.

## **5/6 Graders (The Peake)**

Focuses on pre-teen issues through games, service projects and other activities to support the Bible-based curriculum.

## **Friendship Club**

Our class for children with more severe learning challenges.

## **Sacraments Class**

The Sacraments Class covers the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. It is intended for children in Grades 4 and 5.

## **Sunday AM Nursery**

Sunday morning nursery is available for children from one month through to two years old at all Sunday worship services. Read about our nursery and how you can help.

## **The F.R.O.G. Pond**

Our children's library, the F.R.O.G. Pond, is designed with children in mind – low shelves, lily pad seating, cushions and a pond-themed rug.

## **Children's Choirs**

All children are welcome to join the voice choirs any time between September and June. Auditions are not required.

*For more information on Children's Opportunities, visit [www.viennapres.org/childrens](http://www.viennapres.org/childrens).*

# Youth Worship Opportunities

## Worship Teams

Do you play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards -- or ballet dance? Have we got a place for you! Students not only regularly lead worship in our Sunday morning services in the sanctuary but also in our "Underground Worship" that is specific to Student Ministries. There is a constant need for these instruments as members of the worship teams rotate based on availability between services. Other opportunities for members of our worship teams include leading worship on Summer Mission Projects, retreats and outdoor community events around VPC. Contact Kerry Wilkerson at 703-938-9050, x133, or email him at [kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org](mailto:kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org).



## Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is a chorus for grades 7-12, which rehearses Sundays, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. This chorus provides musical leadership at the 8:00 am service every Sunday. Basic musicianship skills, vocal development and choral techniques are a part of each rehearsal. The repertoire for this ensemble is chosen for its liturgical appropriateness for the worship environment and its ability to aid the young singers in their vocal/musical development. Contact Kerry Wilkerson at 703-938-9050, x133, or email him at [kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org](mailto:kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org).

## Youth Orchestra

The Youth Orchestra plays once a month for the 8:00 am worship service and at all three services on Youth Sunday. All instrumentalists from 7th-12th grades are eligible to join. Rehearsals are once a month, normally from 6:30–7:30 pm the Saturday before the orchestra is scheduled to play for the 8:00 am service. No audition is required. Contact Kerry Wilkerson at 703-938-9050, x133, or email him at [kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org](mailto:kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org).

## Celebration Handbells

The Celebration Handbell choir is for students of music in 7th through 12th grade. They meet in the sanctuary on Sundays from 3:30-4:30 pm, September through early June. Director approval is required, as students need to possess the ability to read music. Contact Jeanne Bingham at 703-938-9050, x104, or email her at [jeanne.bingham@viennapres.org](mailto:jeanne.bingham@viennapres.org).

## Liturgical Dancers

Expressing our love for God through any and all artistic endeavors is a vital part of the youth ministries at VPC. In addition to our music programs, several of our youth are active in the dance community of Northern Virginia and joyfully share their talents with us in worship on a monthly basis. Our dancers range in age and experience and rehearse on an as-needed basis. Contact Chelsea Vereide at [turtle\\_25@msn.com](mailto:turtle_25@msn.com) for more information.

***For more information on Youth Worship Opportunities, visit  
[www.viennapres.org/ministries/music/youth](http://www.viennapres.org/ministries/music/youth).***

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## Wondering what to do this fall?

*Look inside for fall kick-off information!*



### The Brethren in Concert

**September 11, 2010, 7:00 PM**

Commemorate 9/11 with us at this special presentation by the Brethren singing group. The Brethren is a large group of professional male vocalists whose repertoire encompasses everything from traditional hymns to patriotic standards to contemporary popular music.

RSVP by September 10 to  
mary.flounlacker@viennapres.or or  
[www.viennapres.org/brethren](http://www.viennapres.org/brethren)

*Love the Lord... Love the People... Serve the Lord... Serve the People*

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LABOR NEIGHBOR

*Sunday, September 5, 2010*

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Serve your community on September 5 and beyond. How? For ideas, contact Sheila Breuer at 703.938.9050 x113, [Sheila.breuer@viennapres.org](mailto:Sheila.breuer@viennapres.org) or [www.viennapres.org/4yn](http://www.viennapres.org/4yn).