Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Pray Daily: Igniting Our Passion For God
Matthew 6:7-15

August 26: Do I have to pray with my eyes closed?

September 2: Why do we pray in Jesus’ name?

August 26, 2007
Prelude
Brethren We’ve Met To Worship

Welcome

▲ Worship Song
Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy holy holy!


Open The Eyes Of My Heart by Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music CCLI #206597

▲ Prayer of Adoration

▲ Hymn #467
How Great Thou Art (verses 1,3 & 4)

Westminster Catechism, Question #98
What Is Prayer?
Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

▲ Hymn
Turn Your Eyes On Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn Your Eyes On Jesus by Helen H. Lemmel © 1997 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music CCLI #206597

▲ Congregation standing, as able.
Please request large-print hymnals from the ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Song
How Great Is Our God (see pages 4-5 for words and music)  Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00)

After the message, all children may return to their seats.

Offertory
Be Thou My Vision  Youth Orchestra  Stan Pethel

During the offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication  Page #592

Scripture
Psalm 141  Page 579 or 546 (OT)

Sermon  Pastor  Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
Do I have to pray with my eyes closed?
Sermon Series:  Pray Daily

▲ Hymn #339
Be Thou My Vision  SLANE

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude  Terry Sisk, organist

If you, or anyone you know, would like prayer for spiritual, emotional or physical well-being, a pastor will be available at the front of the sanctuary.
How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

\[ \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{Em7} \)} \]

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
   (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

\[ \text{\( \text{C2} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{Em7} \)} \]

   Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
   He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

\[ \text{\( \text{C2} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{Em7} \)} \]

   Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.
   Three in one, Head, Father, Spirit, Son.

\[ \text{\( \text{Cmaj7} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{D} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G2} \)} \]

   Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.
   How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

   And all will see how great, how great is our God!
   \( \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{Em7} \)} \)

   Sing with me: How great is our God!

   \( \text{\( \text{Cmaj7} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{D} \)} \quad \text{\( \text{G2} \)} \)

   And all will see how great, how great is our God!

   2. And
How Great Is Our God - 2

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

Is our God! How great is our God!
Family Worship

For the remainder of the summer, we’re focusing on families worshiping together. As you know, our church family is talking about prayer and talking to God in prayer...regardless of your age, you are invited to join us! Why do we need to talk to God? Because God desires a relationship with us. Just as we want to spend time with those whom we love, God desires to spend time with us.

Listen for this! Children are invited to listen to the pastor this morning and try to find the answer to the following question: Name one of the practices that helps us opens our heart to God.” (Hint: they all start with an “s.”) Write your answer here and bring it to the Great Hall for a package of scripture “smarties”:

Family discussion questions: Do I have to pray with my eyes closed? Read Luke 23:46. Does this sound as if Jesus had his eyes closed? What are some times that you would want to pray and maybe not close your eyes?

Try This! An important concept for parents and children to realize is that prayer is merely a conversation with God. It does not have to be with head bowed or eyes closed. Scriptures say to pray without ceasing in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Prayer without ceasing is also a form of worship as we are acknowledging God’s presence and power in all that we do. So here are some ways to encourage prayer without ceasing, even among the youngest or oldest of us:

- The “usuals” (before meals, before bed): Do these in unusual ways. Practice singing a prayer, saying it eyes open, as a conversation, as well as the “usual” eyes closed.
- Siren Prayers: When driving around town, pray for those affected when you hear a siren. Remember the rescue workers, the people waiting for the rescue workers, the doctors and nurses at the hospitals and anyone else you can think of.

Try This! Psalm 119 has the word “meditate” in it six times (verses 15, 23, 27, 48, 78 and 148)! We are to meditate on God’s laws, rules, wonders, works, mighty deeds, commandments and God’s promise. How do you meditate? You focus on God in a quiet place and prepare to listen to God. One way to do this is to repeat a breath prayer that helps you focus. Have each person in the family choose one of the following or make up one of their own: God loves me; Jesus loves me; God is love; God is mighty. Practice using this breath prayer for three minutes a day before praying when you go to bed at night or get up in the morning.
MISSIONS FEATURE

Earthquake in Peru...Flooding in Asia...Hurricane in the Caribbean

Response: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is partnering with Church World Services and Action by Churches Together (ACT) to provide drinkable water, shelter, medicines, clothes and non-perishable food to the people of these areas and others around the world.

What can be done?

Pray for the peace, safety, security and well-being of all people and communities impacted by current crises.

Learn more about what Presbyterian Disaster Relief is doing around the world: www.pcusa.org/pda

Give to One Great Hour Sharing funds designating the specific area of relief work.

For more information contact Sheila.Breuer@viennapres.org.

Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?

USE the cards in the Friendship Pads in your pew, or at the rear of the church, and place in the collection plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex.

CALL the church office at 703.938.9050 ext. 301

SEND an e-mail to glenda.hoffman@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via the church’s website at www.viennapres.org homepage “Prayer Requests”

Please make sure that you have permission before submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will normally be made for two weeks, but can certainly be extended upon request.

Assisting with Worship:

Liturgist:
E. Stanley Ott

Children’s Message:
Avice Hill

Scripture Reader:
9:30  Amy Springfield
11:00  Charlotte Sheridan

To reach a pastor after hours, call 703.568.0000

The Deacon Ministry provides sympathy, witness, and service to people in the VPC community who are sick, grieving, or in need. To leave a message for the Deacon on-call, dial 703.938.9050, ext. 303.
**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**Grieving:** The family of Ray Beck, the family of Jim C. Burroughs, the family of Jonathan Forde, JoAn Fowler (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Travis Shoemaker, Becky Allen’s uncle, Roger Michalski’s father

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Marjorie Goad, Laura Nickell (age 9), Kristin Krisko’s grandmother

**Homebound:** Joyce Tilton

**Ill or Convalescing:** Cecilia Baldwin, Bob Baltzer, Anne Caughey, Bill Cornelius, Julia Cornelius, Neil Gentile, Susan Gilmore, Irma Kerr, 2nd Lt. Andrew Kinard, Dody Martin, Sue O’Brien, Walt Potts, Alice Seery, Sheila Steele, Eleanor Steen, Bob Stifel, Kathy Van Meter, Bill Christopher’s brother, Laura Curry-Greene’s mother, Bill Downer’s friend Debbie Kidd, Karen Dunlop’s mother (Hospice), Marieke Ertel’s mother, June follini’s/Donna Reichert’s son/brother, Patti Goodrich’s brother-in-law, Nancy Hallanan’s friend Melissa Moore, Stacy Hamblen’s brother, Jean Hamill’s brother, Stuart Hoffman’s mother, Betty Larson’s niece’s husband, Betty Little’s son-in-law’s niece, Michael & Jodi Mitchell’s relative Betty, Lois Polans’ brother-in-law, Betty Reed’s friend Donna Jackson Fitzgerald, the Rohrbach family’s friends Sgt. Josh Lawton-Belous and Andy Meixell, Judy Smith’s son-in-law, Mary & Dave Smith’s friends Joe & Annie Schaffner, Karen Thompson’s daughter, Charles & Nora White’s friend Tyler Roth (age 10)

**Congratulations to:** David & Wendy Gibson Major who are in China adopting their second child, 2-year old Peter. Don & Gretchen Major are the proud grandparents. “Welcome” also to Gabrielle Ann Downard, born August 8 to Jackton & Amy Downard. Proud grandparents are Margaret Fischer & Bryan Troutman.

**Other requests:** Pray for God’s Spirit to be evident at Dickinson College.

Please keep in prayer the people on SMP: (Long Beach, MS - all summer) Myrna Ives

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers: Caitlin Addams, Clayton Bender, Lance Booth, Colin Carraway, Robert Cornejo, Joseph Cronin, John Douglas, John Eldridge, David Ely, Robert Escamilla, B.J. Ganem, Christopher Geiger, Jonathan Graebner, Scott Graham, Josh Hallanan, Zack Harper, Gary Hogan, Reggie Hughes, Peter Hunt, Heather Ichord, Johnny John, Brian Kibitlewski, Don Kingston, Dr. Brian Krakover, Eric Kravada, John Landers, Keith Langford, Dr. Con Yee Ling, Robert McCracken, Tom McElwee, Robert Morgan, Chase Nibblet, Maurice Perdomo, David Neil Peters, Evin Planto, Charles Preston, Christina Reyes, Adam Rosenbaum, Andrew Scott, Scott Shick, John Michael Stephenson, Justin Wehrheim, Kevin Wiencek, Chris Wilkerson

Is there a burden on your heart for which you or someone you care about needs prayer or are you rejoicing for the ways that the Lord is working in your life and the lives of your family or friends? Then come join us today at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel for Prayer and Praise for Healing and Wholeness. We will pray for your needs and invite you to pray with us for the people listed here in the bulletin. The VPC Prayer Ministry is here to encourage you in your prayer life.

Please keep the church office up-to-date on the status of your loved ones.
We try to be as current as possible. Thank you.

Today’s sanctuary flowers are given by
Sandy & Scott Yancey, in memory of Ralph Wilson & Jen Lea Yancey,
Bill & Sherrie Steinbach, in loving memory of their parents.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Sunday School registration forms have been mailed out and are also available on the VPC website. Please turn these forms in to Children’s Ministries ASAP.

Teaching Children with Disabilities: For two years, VPC has had a Sunday School Class designed for children with disabilities. It allows parents to consistently attend church and worship and is an opportunity for the children to learn about Jesus. We now need two Sunday School teachers to each teach two classes per month. If you have a passion for children with disabilities, please contact Elaine Wright for more information at lainey1109@cox.net or 703.242.4656.

Summer Scripture Reading Opportunity! One opening left for a youth reader at 9:30 service on Sept 2. Contact Kay Preece to schedule a time: cpreece@verizon.net or 703.255.7275.

Seeking: Gently used Christian children’s fiction (chapter books) for grades 3-6. Contact The Pond Children’s Librarian alesia.hambel@viennapres.org.

Children’s Choirs begin on Sept 16 and we’re looking forward to a great year. Parents: Get a head start on paperwork by downloading registration forms and rehearsal schedules at www.viennapres.org/children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Grounds Coffee House Kickoff! Sept 8, 7-10 pm, in the Great Hall, rock on with spirited local musicians, feast on tasty treats and Italian sodas, and soak up the joy vibes of VPC with your friends and family (Sponsored by Work in Progress).

On Sept 28, Pulitzer Prize Winning author and lecturer Lauren Winner will conduct a forum at VPC on the place and role of sex in Christian life. The forum, a joint ministry of VPC’s CenterPoint program and The National Presbyterian Church, presents a rare opportunity for parents, young people of high school age and above, and others to learn more about God’s design for our intimate relationships. The event is free and open to the community.

Overnight trip to Williamsburg/Jamestown on Oct 8 & 9 sponsored by SWATT. Open to all who are interested. $165 includes bus, hotel, and breakfast. Register ASAP (forms in narthex), $80 deposit. Terry Sisk 703.471.6198.

Upcoming SWATT Events:
1) Pot-luck luncheon, Sept 12 at noon in Great Hall. Bring a dish to share. Pastor Pete will be our guest speaker. Bryan Troutman, 703.790.5270.
2) See “Titanic” the musical, at the Toby’s Dinner Theater matinee on September 26. $38 Registration now thru Aug 26. Harry Mason 703.281.2634.

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of VPC? Please come on Sept 23 (6:30-9:30 pm in the Great Hall) and hear Pastor Pete and others speak on this subject. Those attending who choose to join VPC also need to attend the sessions on Sept 30 (6:30-9:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the Ministry Center) and Oct 7 (11 am - 12 N in the Chapel). Please help us plan for your participation by calling Linda Kemple at 703.938.9050 to register (or with questions). Childcare is available for ages 6 and under by reservation (ext.351) no less than 48 hours in advance. Goldenrod flyers on the Welcome Table give more information.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding? We hope that one step on your way to the altar will be the Marriage Prep Classes at VPC. Held in the parlor from 11 – 12:15 on Sundays, Oct 7 – 28, these free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors, but open to others also. Please call Linda Kemple at 703.938.9050 with questions, or enroll at www.viennapres.org – “on-line sign-up forms” ASAP! Next class January, 2008.

Need a Faith and Finance Alignment? Sign up for the 6 hour Good $ense budgeting course. Sept 21 & 22 at VPC. Email GoodSense@viennapres.org for more information.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Make plans now** to attend “A Weekend to Remember” Family Life Marriage Conference, in Richmond (Sept 14-16) or Williamsburg (Nov 16-18). For more information: www.weekendtoremember.com, or contact Julie & Bruce Knight at B_JKnight@msn.com with any questions.

**CARE & SUPPORT**

**Passages:** A program for people experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, which offers an initial path towards recovery. A new ten-week series will begin Sept 13, 2007, meeting on Thursdays, 7-9pm, in room 203/204. Informational brochures are available on the wall in the Gathering Space or contact Romey McPherson, LCSW, at passages@viennapres.org.

**GriefShare** is a support group for people grieving the death of someone close. A 13 week series will begin Sunday, Sept 16, at 6 pm. Informational brochures are available on the wall in the Gathering Space or contact GriefShare@viennapres.org.

**Lose It For Life:** This workshop is for men and women who want to get to the bottom of their inability to lose weight and keep it off. For more info, contact www.newlife.com or Alexandra MacCracken at viol328@mindspring.com.

**Mothers’ Support Group:** If you are seeking a welcoming environment to counteract the daily stresses all working and stay-at-home moms face, VPC has a Mothers’ Support Group to fit your needs. To get involved, contact Susan Skaggs at 703.938.1074.

**Christian Cancer Companions** was formed a few years ago by VPC members who had all survived their battles with cancer. These survivors felt called to outreach to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer, letting them know there were people who had been through what they were facing. We will be hosting a tea at VPC later in September for cancer survivors and their companions, time and date to be announced soon! If you know of a friend or loved one who would benefit from this support feel free to invite them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rita Lockwood for more information, 703.573.6168.

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Pray Daily – Igniting Our Passion for God!** “Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God” ~ Oswald Chambers. Draw on the grace of God daily – join the Pray Daily spiritual adventure at any time. You can follow along online at www.viennapres.org and you can listen to the Pray Daily – Ignite! program and the summer sermon series on prayer at http://www.viennapres.org/Sermons-Audio/Sermons-Audio.htm.

**Celebrate! On Sept 9 at 6:30 pm** in the Great Hall. On this day, we will celebrate our continuing daily prayer journey and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. If you do not have a Pray Daily booklet and would like to embark upon this program, go to www.viennapres.org and click on Pray Daily in the upper left hand corner.

**Prayer meeting** on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-7:30 in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Come as you are.

**Come to the Coffee Connection** on Sept 23 to learn about Mom’s In Touch International. Find out if there is a group of moms meeting weekly to pray for your child and your child’s school. Or learn how to start a prayer group for your school. Pick up some information and talk to some leaders during Coffee Connection from 9-9:30 am and 10:30-11 am, in the Great Hall.

**Men’s Prayer Fellowship:** Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7:15 am, in the parlor. Drop in before work for a spiritual workout.
STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

A whale on Sunday morning? Come see and hear for yourself. Today thru Sept 2, the Berean Adult Ed. Class will study the book of Jonah. On September 9, we turn our attention to the book of Revelation. To ensure that we all have the same background, on Sept 9 & 16 we will discuss “End Time Concepts & Terminology” (sounds dry, doesn’t it!) and “Music, Prophesy & Handel’s Messiah.” The following 25 weeks, we will study the book of Revelation, beginning with Chapter 1. Our text will be The Bible - bring your own. Sundays, 11 am, in Rm. 203/204. Contact Duane or Esther Harder 703.758.5849 or d.e.harder@verizon.net.

Good News! The Tysons Men’s CBS class will lead a 30-week study of the Book of Romans beginning on Sept 11 and running until May 2008. The class will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at McLean Bible Church. This men’s only class will be led again by the Washington Redskins chaplain, Jerry Leachman. Registration & material cost is $100. For more information on CBS, or to register, visit http://tysonscbs.com/. If you have specific questions/comments, contact Mark Tracz at mwt@montreatwealth.com or 703.752.6123.

STAFF POSITIONS

Help VPC to “Witness Boldly” by finding an Evangelism Director who will impact VPC and our community! Contact Ian Wright at enrite@rocketmail.com for more information.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Student Ministries Department is in the process of re-imagining some exciting opportunities for volunteer leadership roles. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in getting involved with VPC Student Ministries, now is the time! If you are interested, please contact Barry Hill, 703.938.9050, ext.130 or barry.hill@viennapres.org.

An eyeglass recycle box has been placed on the Sign Up Table outside the sanctuary. Old eyeglasses can be deposited there, and will be taken to a recycling center, where they will be cleaned, sorted and sent to a number of Third World countries as well as some impoverished areas here in the United States. This service is provided by the Vienna Host Lions Club, who recycle and ship thousands of eyeglasses to needy people on an ongoing and regular basis. Thank you for helping out by depositing your used eyeglasses.

The VPC Sunday announcements are just a click away!
www.viennapres.org/all/publicannouncements.pdf

To submit an announcement request, please visit:
www.viennapres.org/signup_center/announcement-request.htm
SUMMER 2007 ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

9:30 am:

Beyond Basics: Our new study in Genesis begins today. Elaine Cherry will begin the study with Chapter 1 and continue Chapters 2 - 4 for the next few weeks. Room 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund.

Friendship Class: For developmentally-challenged adults, Room 109. Teachers: Emmy Parker & Beth Gourley

Lightseekers East: An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship service is not required. Room 211. Coordinator: Paul Chelson

Lightseekers West: An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship service is not required, Parlor. Facilitator: Carla Schnell

Lightseekers Underground (20’s & 30’s): An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture. Attendance at 8 am worship service is not required, Room #1. Facilitators: Shannon and John Jordan

Searchers in the Word - In-depth study of the New Testament book of II Thessalonians. The class meets at 9:30 am in Dick Eagan’s office with a study guide for each class member. We share in leading the class study. Coordinator: Sharon Sigler

Partners with Christ: Partners will resume meeting after Labor Day.

11:00 am:


Lightseekers II: See you in the fall!

ESOL Bible Study: See you in the fall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE:

8:00 am:
Room 209 (birth through age 4)

9:30 & 11:00 am:
Room 208 (Crib room for birth – age 1 & walking well)
Rooms 209-210 (Toddler Rooms – ages 1 and 2)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Room #</th>
<th>Age/Grade (9:30)</th>
<th>Age/Grade (11:00)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>118</td>
<td>Dolphins (ages 4½ - Rising K)</td>
<td>Whales (ages 3 &amp; potty trained - Rising K)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>120</td>
<td>Minnows at 9:30 (ages 3 &amp; potty trained – age 4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Countdown to our Fall Sunday School schedule:

2 WEEKS!

Kick off the new year on Sept 9; wait until you see what we have planned!

Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street NE
Vienna, VA 22180
703.938.9050

Pastors
Peter James
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Interim Dir. of Congregational Care
Shannon Jordan
E. Stanley Ott

Teaching Pastor
Chris Hammond
L. Thomas Vining

Parish Associate Pastor
J. Kerry Wilkerson

Music Director
Terry Sisk

Associate Music Director
Clare Maynard

Organist
Daryl Wright

Children’s Ministries Director
Barry Hill

Asst. Children’s Ministries Director
Becca Shick

Student Ministries Director
Kayla Gray

Asst. Student Ministries Director
Kelly Gould

College Ministries Director
Bonnie Downs

Young Adult Ministries Co-ord.
Sheila Breuer

Preschool Director
Barb Jones

Missions and Outreach Director
Dick Eagan

Volunteer Coordinator
Kathie Rawson

Executive Director

Operations Director

Office hours
Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Website
www.viennapres.org

(Members & Friends: user name: faithful; password: christian)

Newsletter
newsletter@viennapres.org

Worship Bulletin
bulletin@viennapres.org

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org, under Worship.