Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: The Race to Run

Remove any Hindrances
Hebrews 12:1

August 10, 2008
Prelude
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Welcome

Call to Worship
Cryin' Holy Unto the Lord

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be Your Name when I’m found in the desert place,
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

(chorus)
Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

Blessed be Your Name when the sun’s shining down on me;
When the world’s all as it should be, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name; (chorus)

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your Name.” (repeat)

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name. (repeat)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
I Just Steal Away and Pray

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please request large-print hymnals from the ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (8:00)

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00) Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Baptisms (11:00)
- Dylan Paxton Eickhoff, child of Mark & Shannon Eickhoff
- Carlie Nicole Khoubbieh, child of Nick Khoubbieh & Lucinda Heriksen
- Peyton Autumn Fowler, child of Greg & Theresa Fowler
- Theresa Fowler
- Harrison King Van Nest, child of Jeff & Robin Van Nest

Minute for Witness Daniel Dixon

Offertory Rockledge Blue Grass Band
- Take Me In a Lifeboat Southern and Davis

Scripture
- Hebrews 12:1 Page 226 or 212 (NT)

Sermon Pastor E. Stanley Ott
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▲ Hymn
- I’ll Fly Away Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus
- I'll fly away, Oh Glory! I'll fly away; (in the morning)
- When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away). (chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away). (chorus)

▲ 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.
Grieving: Nancy Haracznak (mother, former member Ruth Lawson), Robert Reeves (mother), The family of Gordon Sine

Hospitalized: Paula Lohrmann’s cousin, Emma Lynch’s father, Jane Sibley’s mother, Emily Mandell (18 mos.)

Facing Tests or Surgery: Arayanna Darst’s friend Dave

Homebound: Cathie Becker

Ill or Convalescing: Cecilia Baldwin, Cathie Becker, Bev Bender, Susan Boehm, Steven Brown, Mary Carter, Chris Chun, Sam Crawford, Jane Dittig, Cheryl Dronsfield, Ed Eberhard, Marieke Ertel, Irma Kerr, Gen Lee, Bob Miller, Janine Mohl, Fay Morrison, Ruth Nowjack-Raymer, Jerry Schnell, Eric Stephens, Kathy Van Meter, Joanne Werman, Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Barbara Addam’s friend Kathy, Evette Baker’s friend Sara, Bill Christopher’s brother, Beth Crowder’s brother, Laura Curry-Greene’s friend Denny, Ar-ayanna Darst’s friend Margaret Hodge, Bill Downer’s father, Karen Dunlop’s sister, Nancy Ensey’s friend Cyndy, Louise Findlay’s niece (8), Lawrence Gibson, Paula Flores’s daughter Giselle, Phyllis Foley’s brother-in-law, Jean Hamill’s brother, Marian Hay’s sister Roanne, Joyce Hickson-Szten’s & Emil Szten’s daughter, Barbara Hildreth’s brother-in-law, Kevin Hines’s aunt, Garth Jensen’s friend Jim, Ron Kuykendall’s sister, Stella Lansing’s mother, Tana Leasure’s cousin’s wife, Neil MacNeil’s brother-in-law, Allen & Suzie Martin’s grandson Wyatt (8) & Suzie’s friend Marcia, Jenn Mattson’s uncle, Debbie McBrien’s brother, Paige Meade’s friend Laurie, Becky Ruthkiewicz’s friend Ellie, Kristina Schenck’s mother, Dineke Shirley’s brother, Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother & stepmother, Dave Smith’s sister, Judy Smith’s son-in-law, Mary & Dave Smith’s friend Elizabeth, Barbara Spiller’s brother, Tricia Stevely’s mother, & her friends Lloyd & Leanne, Mark Tracz’s mother, Tom Sutton’s sister, Leslie Vereide’s stepfather, Pamela Vining’s friend Linda, Gerri Webb’s cousin Ken, Lori Wiencek’s friend John

Other: Linda Kemple’s friend Trudy; Deb

Congratulations to: Jody & Leigh Osterlund Swartzel on the birth of Anders Graye on July 2. Ken & Carol Osterlund are the proud grandparents. Welcome to Carter Herbert Lineweaver, born July 10 to Brian & Kerrie Lineweaver. We also congratulate Pete & Eileen Davidovich on the birth of Laura Lynne on July 24. The happy grandparents are John & Nancy Davidovich.

Missions Prayer of the Week: Dear Lord, We pray this week for the young people attending church camps supported by our congregation – Camp Meadowkirk, Krislund Camp and Camp Ligonier – and for the adults who minister to our youth. Beyond the church camps close at hand that we support, our prayers also go forth for camps all over the world where young people have the opportunity to come to know You as personal Lord and Savior. We give thanks for the stirrings embued by your Holy Spirit in the hearts of Your Next Generation, and commit our care, love and support of these, your children. Amen.


Non-Military, also “In Harm’s Way”: Mark Bochetti

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 shannon.jordan@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.

Today’s flowers are given by Janet Titus, in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Perry
**FEATURED EVENTS**

**Dan Allender Disciple-Making Day: Oct 4, 2008:** As a disciple-making church, we want to equip you in your life-long journey with Jesus Christ. We are planning an all-day, disciple-making event and bringing in a special guest speaker, Dan Allender, to kick-off the fall season. For more information or to register go to: www.viennapres.org/yourstory. If you wish to register offline, visit the Registration Table in the Great Hall between services.

**WILLING HEARTS NEEDED:**

**Sunday Teachers for Fall:** Fall is right around the corner, and our search to find dedicated teachers for the fall Sunday program is well underway, but we still need 10 willing hearts to step forward. The openings are listed below. For more details contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org.

- **9:30:** 3s - 1 lead teacher; 4s - 1 lead teacher, 1 assistant
- **11:00:** 3s - 2 assistants; 3/4th - 1 assistant; Bridges - 1 lead teacher; Gateways - 1 lead teacher, 1 assistant

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thank you** to all who made the recent Small Group Leadership Training a success! So many found this to be a worthwhile experience that we’ve decided to offer the six-week training again this fall on Sunday evenings, Sep 7 - Oct 12, from 6:00-8:00 pm. As more members desire to seek community and transformation through small groups, we will need trained leaders. If you are interested in participating, please visit www.viennapres.org/smallgroupleaders and RSVP to deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org by Aug 29. If you have any questions, please contact kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

**The next opportunity for those choosing to become members of VPC will be on Sundays, September 14 & 21 (10:45 – 1:30, includes lunch) plus Sunday, September 28 (11:00-12:00) (all three). Please help us plan for your participation by calling Linda Kemple at the church office (703.938.9050) to register or with questions. Extended childcare is available for ages 6 and under by reservation (ext. 351) no less than 48 hours in advance.

**Attention Bowlers:** VPC Bowlers are invited to participate with First Baptist Church of Vienna by joining their mixed Bowling League for fun and Christian fellowship. All levels of experience are welcome. Bowling begins Friday, August 22, 2008 at 7:00PM. The cost is $15.00 per bowler each week and the league runs for 30 weeks. The cost covers expenses and funds a mission project. For more details contact Frank Bower at 703.631.9587 or call First Baptist Church of Vienna at 703.938.8525.

**Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch on Saturday, August 23, at 12 N, at the Red Lobster Restaurant on Lee Highway. Please contact Hanna Jadick with questions, 703.938.0853.

**Want to get connected?** Or to find out what’s going on in the life of our church community? Pick up a copy of the purple CONNeCTIONS booklet at the Welcome Table or on the Gathering Space Wall. And remember, the most current version is always available at www.viennapres.org/connections.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME** Phil Kratovil our new Evangelism Director. Phil and his wife Debby have relocated from Atlanta and are getting settled back into the Northern Virginia area. If you are interested in talking to Phil about the new Evangelism and Outreach Ministry opportunities please contact him at Phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050, ext 115.

**We are looking for a Bookstore Manager!** If you are interested or know of someone who is the right fit for this ministry resource leadership position, please contact Dick Eagan at dick.eagan@viennapres.org.
Would you like to help with Student Ministries this fall? We have lots of opportunities to help. If you are feeling called, please contact barry.hill@viennapres.org, liz.foskey@viennapres.org or kim.snyder@viennapres.org for more information!

Wondering what to do with all those old license plates in the garage? Consider donating them to Student Ministries. We need more license plates for our ceilings in the Underground. If you would like to donate please contact melissa.jensen@viennapres.org.

Leave a Christian Legacy – the VPC Endowment Board can help! Including VPC in your estate plans is a statement of faith and provides ongoing support for church programs far into the future. Not sure how to get started with planning your legacy? Call 703.938.9050 ext. 311, or endowment@viennapres.org.

Huge selection of gently used books in excellent condition for sale outside the second-floor Perkins Memorial Library and Resource Center (LARC). Self-serve, $1.00 for paperbacks, $2.00 for hard cover. Proceeds go to expand LARC services.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

REMINDER: During August, the only Sunday School for children is for preschool ages at 9:30 (rooms 117-118). There is no Sunday School for rising grades 1-6 at 9:30 during August, and no Sunday School for any children's ages during the 11am hour. If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Monie at 703.938.9050 x125 or mary.monie@viennapres.org.

Special thanks to the Children’s Ministries summer interns for offering their time and talents this summer. We could not possibly offer all the programs and camps that we’ve been able to offer without their tremendous help. If you happen to see any of the following this morning, please thank them: Shannon Keenan, Jennifer Souter, and Anthony Swago.

VPC Preschool is in need of two teaching assistants for this fall. Please contact Bonnie Downs for further information, 703.255.1419 or vpcp123@aol.com.

We are looking at the interest level of a multi-age Sunday School for young children at the 8:00 hour. Children would start off in worship with their parents and then leave together to go to a Sunday School class early in the service. If you are interested in this for your children please email Myra at myra.goodrich@verizon.net.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

The 7th annual Youth Music Ministries Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 23, from 9am-1pm. The Youth Choir & Orchestra will be leading worship at all three services on Sunday, August 24. Please contact Kerry Wilkerson 703.938.9050, ext. 133 or kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org for more information.

Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat, September 6: This is an opportunity for new and past members to unite with friends, old and new, in a great time of fellowship. We start at 8:30 am with breakfast and go to 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served as well. Past members mark your calendars and plan to attend. New members, we look forward to having you with us. Call Lance with any questions, 703.938.9050, ext 132.

Special Music Programs at VPC, mark your calendars now! Sept 28, 4 pm – Concert for Peace, Sanctuary Choir and Soloists; Oct 5, 7 pm – Brethren, Men's Gospel Group; Nov 16, 4 pm -Piano Recital, Ralfi Kasperian, Accompanist for the US Army Chorus; Dec 14, 4 & 7 pm – Glorious Sounds of Christmas
Children’s Choir Director Needed For Carol Choir:
Our Carol Choir, K through first grade choir, is in need of a new director to begin this September. If you are able to help, please call Lance at 703.598.1635.

**CARE & SUPPORT**

GriefShare begins Sunday, September 14, 6:00 pm. If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you’ve probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. That’s the reason for GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. The next 13-week GriefShare session will begin on Sunday, September 14, from 6-8 pm. Informational brochures are available in the Gathering Space or GriefShare@viennapres.org.

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. It’s confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more, call Shannon Jordan at VPC 703.938.9050, ext. 116.

**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Young Adult (post college -30s) Bible Study will not be meeting during the month of August. For information please contact Kelly Gould at kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

Beyond Basics Sunday School (9:30 am, Room 203/204). Starting TODAY, Chris Hammond will be leading a four-week course on Christian beliefs about God’s creation, its fall, and its redemption. We will think about these tenets of our faith in relation to one another as we engage passages in Scripture, and their interpretations by Reformed and other theologians. We will consider questions of how and why God created (and continues to create) the relationship between the Creator and the creation, the nature of sin, and God’s plan for healing the brokenness caused by sin. All are welcome.

Want to understand more about what is in the Bible? Travel with the Berean Bible Study Class for four weeks, beginning August 17, as we investigate "The Promised Land, From Genesis To Revelation/a video/audio tour of sites in Israel which figure prominently in the Bible". Then, beginning Sept. 14, we’ll study our way through the Bible in 48 sessions, each of which begins with a 30-minute video lecture by renowned Bible teacher Dr. Chuck Missler. No previous experience or Bible knowledge necessary. Drop-ins are welcome. Sundays, 11 am, room 203/204. For information or study outline, contact Esther or Duane Harder, 703.758.5849 or d.e.harder@verizon.net.

Join us for one of two Bible Studies beginning in September! We will be studying God’s Salvation story through large group teaching, small groups and personal Bible study. Registration forms are available on the website, in the church office and in the narthex. Register by Sept. 1st to ensure receipt of materials at the first class. Childcare through age 12 is available on Sunday nights with advance registration, and through age 6 on Thursday mornings. Please email Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or call 703.938.9050 for additional information.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Bethany Women’s Center is a shelter for the homeless which regularly needs our food support. The easy-to-prepare recipes and a sign-up sheet are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign-up so that we can continue the wonderful support that we have given Bethany Women’s Center. Please call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657, with any questions.

We need your help for our second annual Summer Fun shipment to our troops deployed overseas. Please look for our designated SOS box in the narthex or you can drop off items at the church office during business hours. Operation SOS thanks you in advance for your much needed support.

ESOL Computer Lab Instructors needed: We need instructors on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 11:30 to 12:30 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Bonnie Grouge, 703.620.9360 or bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org, or Doris Cooper, 703.848.9666, doris.cooper@viennapres.org.

More service opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/connections.
**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:**

**9:30 am:**

**Beyond Basics:** We invite everyone to come and hear Chris Hammond present a series of four lessons, "Creation/Fall/Redemption." Hope to see you in Room 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund.

**Friendship Class:** For developmentally-challenged adults. Room 108C. Teachers Emmy Parker & Beth Gourley.

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

**Lightseekers West:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship is not necessary. Parlor. Coordinator: Leslie Vereide.

**Lightseekers Underground (20s & 30s):** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship is not necessary. Room 211. Coordinator: Shannon & John Jordan.

**Searchers in the Word:** New study on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. As an introduction, we shall listen to recorded lectures on the Wisdom Literature by noted Reformed theologian, R. C. Sproul. We use the Bible as the basic text and share in leading the class study, using commentaries and new materials for the class leader. The class meets in Dick Eagan's office. Coordinator: Marion Billington.

**11:00 am:**