Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Serve Creatively
Acts 6:1-7

June 28, 2009
### Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

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Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the praises of our King rise among us.  
Let it rise. |
| Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the joy of our King rise among us.  
Let it rise. |
| Oh, let it rise. |

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Please request large-print hymnals from 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)  Daryl Wright

Children in Sunday School classes are dismissed after the Children’s Message.

Campaign Update (9:30 & 11:00)  Lee Self

Offertory  Glenda Bates, Oboe

Adagio from *Concerto in D minor*  Alessandro Marcello

*Children in the Bridges Sunday School class are dismissed.*

Scripture  Acts 6:1-7

Sermon  Pastor E. Stanley Ott

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Hymn # 420  CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude  Terry Sisk, organist

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Today’s Flowers Are Given By
Linda and Ed Gabris in celebration of the grandson, Owen’s first birthday
**Intercessory Prayer**

**Grieving:** The family of Bill Cornelius; Leslie Vereide (stepfather); the family and friends of John Lussier

**Hospitalized:** Bob Miller; Chip Bachmann's mother; Sandy Hogge's son Bryan; Linda Kemple's cousin; Paula Lohrmann's cousin-in-law; Kurt Riegelman's father

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Mary Kanady; Michael Amouri's sister; Tricia Hine's mother; Bob Stifel's sister

**Homebound:** Jeanne Le Nair

**Ill or Convalescing:** Jean Anspaugh; David Cannon; Mary Carter; Isabelle & Rick Davis; Roger Doughty; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Beth Gourley; Rae Harpe; Larry Kennedy, Irma Kerr; Charles Killion; Tom Lyle; Mary Martin; Annemarie Matthews; Laura Nickell (11); Helene Oliver; Amy Richards; David & Virginia Russell; Jerry Schnell; Craig Shye; Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter; Joanne Werman; Bill Windle; Shirley Worth; Sam in CA

**Family and Friends:** John Abdullah's mother; BJ Ahrens's daughter, Cynthia Bennett; Chip Bachmann’s father; Sandy Brogan's father; Donna Delanoy's mother; Jim & Donna Delanoy's friend Eddyth; El & Barbara Denmon's friend Jesse (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Lynn; Louise Findlay's niece Payton (9); Jennifer Fleisher's friend Annetta; Linda Kemple's stepmother; Kerry Nikolich's mother; Susan Scott's daughter; Skip & Debby Scozzie's friend Patsy; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Leslie Vereide's brother and mother; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

**Other:** Greg Coats; Denise Smith; Vanessa Tressie

**Congratulations to:** Sara Tyner & Tom Irvin who were married on 6/20 in Leesburg. Tom is the son of Bill & Ronniejean Irvin. Rejoice also with Natalie Martoccia & Darrell Rodriguez, wed at VPC on 6/20.

**Mission Prayer of the Week:** Please hold in prayer this week the SMP groups going to Mexico (6/28- 7/12) and Clemson, SC (6/28-7/5). Also the MINC (NY) group (listed last week) is away until 7/5. **Mexico:** Alena Gilmore; Bill & Billy Irwin; Sandra Klimavicz; Dawn Shotwell; Knox & Leah Singleton; Greg Vernon **Clemson:** Corinne Cass; Jessica Cooke; Jimmy Corish; Katherine Defazio; Joseph DeGraff; Erin Dooley; Liz Foskey; Stephen Jordan; Gabriel Kadonoff; Scooter Kappler; Sarah Lincoln; Jim MacDonald; Kira Osborn; Morgan Perpall; Greg Rahal; Ryan Reardon; Sydney Sampson; Adam Searle; Sophie Swago; Erin Turley; Grace Tuttle; Chelsea Vereide; Sarah & Scott Wiseman


**Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?**

USE the cards in the Friendship Pad in your pew, or at the rear of the church, and place them in the collection plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; or CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, ext. 301; or SEND an email to david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or enter a prayer request via the website www.viennapres.org

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 be made for up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.**
End of Summer Service and Celebration

If Jesus were in town, we think he’d be saying things, but he’d also be doing things for people.

On Sunday, September 6, there will be one church service, and afterwards, we will Send everyone out the doors of our church to serve in various activities throughout the community using their time and talents. (There will also be activities at the church). Some of the opportunities will be for one or two and others will be for larger groups. We encourage everyone in our church family to participate in this inter-generational faith event: families, small groups, Sunday School classes, teens, men, women, young and old.

Later in the afternoon, beginning at 4 pm, everyone will be invited back to VPC to celebrate with food, fun, and fellowship.

Building One Another

Subscribe to Pastor Stan Ott’s free weekly email letter of encouragement (example below). Simply go to www.BuildingOneAnother.org to sign up.

Dear Friend,

Twenty-five years ago my brother gave me a book of Puritan prayers collected by Arthur Bennett, The Valley of Vision. I threw it on a stack of “read it sometime” books, forgot about it and some time passed!

One day in a particularly low mood I happened to pick up the book and flipped it open to the prayer entitled, “Valley of Vision” which says, in part:

“Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, Thou has brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory… Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine; Let me find thy light in my darkness, thy life in my death, thy joy in my sorrow, thy grace in my sin, thy riches in my poverty, thy glory in my valley.”

I had no idea that you could see the stars from deep wells! That idea and the power of that prayer and a re-awakening to the presence of our awesome and loving God totally refreshed me.

Corrie Ten Boom, a survivor of the WWI concentration camps, once said something very similar,” There is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still.”

Perhaps you find yourself at the bottom of a well today, or you know someone else who is there. Open your eyes of faith and see God’s light in your darkness.

“When my heart is faint, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Ps 61:2*

With joy - E. Stanley Ott

*Scripture from the NRSV
One year ago in June, the VPC community gathered to celebrate God’s blessings and made pledge commitments to help VPC eliminate the construction debt of $8.2 million and complete our special campaign commitment to missions.

We are grateful to the more than 689 families who have responded with gifts and pledges. Today, we have pledges totaling $4.8 million and over the first year we received $1.2 million toward this amount. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity to help God’s work here at VPC and around the world.

P.S. It’s NEVER too late to be part of this wonderful effort: All the campaign information, including a pledge card, is on our website at http://www.viennapres.org/OpenHearts or call Gerri Webb in the VPC office at 703.938.9050 x110.

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VPC Reformation Pilgrimage to Germany
Featuring the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play

July 31-August 8, 2010
*Note date change*

Mainz ➔ Rhine River ➔ Worms ➔ Speyer ➔ Rothenburg ➔ Augsburg ➔ Southern Bavaria

Information and enrollment forms in the narthex or visit www.viennapres.org/passionplay.

Questions? Contact passionplay@viennapres.org.
Attention Volunteers and VBS Children

Pick up your packets of VBS materials and t-shirts outside the Great Hall TODAY or next Sunday. You can also stop by the church office this week between 9 am-5 pm. You are welcome to have someone else pick this up for you.

Want to be a Shepherd?

We still need volunteers! If you want to be a part of children learning about Jesus through crafts, singing, recreation, and storytelling, then consider volunteering for the week. Contact elaine.wright@viennapres.org.

VBS Games and Recreation

Can you donate or loan any of the following items? Contact Rebcah Shepherd, rshepherd67@cox.net.

- large moving boxes
- kick balls or soccer balls
- sponge pool balls
- inflatable pool ring (10)
- old backpacks (10)
- large adult t-shirts (20)
- sports cones (smaller construction-type cones)
- pool noodles
- green bed sheets
- green balloons
- plastic kid-size bats (10)

Fishing Gear

We need old fishing gear to decorate. Fishing rods, lures, waders, nets, creels, boxes, etc. We also welcome fish, crabs, crocodiles, a canoe, birds, turtles, Spanish moss…items that would go well with our bayou theme! Contact elaine.wright@viennapres.org.
WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

VPC cordially welcomes our visitors and guests. We are delighted you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a special gift, then join us today for Coffee Connection, held between services in the Great Hall. We hope you will visit with us again.

To find out more information about these events and announcements plus much more, visit www.viennapres.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June 21 SWATT-sponsored Blood Drive. Forty-four units were collected.

What’s on YOUR summer reading list? Grapevine Books has excellent Christian fiction, biographies and spiritual classics.

Os Guinness CD’s from the May 3 CenterPoint forum are available for $3 at Grapevine Books. Own your copy of Dr. Guinness’ insightful presentation, *Survival of the Fastest - Living Sanely When Life Is Fired Point Blank*, in which he discusses how to live wisely in a world moving at the speed of light with information and events coming at us from all sides.

Used books for summer reading - Get your vacation reading materials from the large selection of newly-arrived, gently-used books on the shelves in the Ministry Center’s 2nd floor hallway outside of the Library. Paperbacks: $1. Hardcover: $2.

Give Generously, Regularly and Automatically. Did you know that you can automate your monthly giving to VPC with an automatic bank draft? You can help our church leadership better navigate through these difficult economic times. Visit www.viennapres.org; click on the “GIVING” button at the top, select “ACH Authorization Form” from the right-hand column and follow the instructions. Questions? Contact Rob McLallen, rob.mclallen@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x119.

Did you miss the Haydn “Creation” concert? Visit, www.viennapres.org/ministries/music/listen to hear this and other past concerts at VPC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB 56 DOGWASH TOMORROW from 3:30-6 pm, in the small parking lot by Mill St. We invite Club 56 participants to help us out with the wash, to bring an old towel or two, and perhaps a bucket. We invite everyone who has a CHILD-FRIENDLY dog to stop by for a bath! There is no set fee for this service, but all donations will go to the National Marrow Donor Program, which has greatly impacted the life of our own Laura Nickell.

Bridgepoint Luncheon - Friday, July 17, 12 N at Anita's Mexican Restaurant. Invite a co-worker to the next outreach luncheon with guest speaker Becky Norton Dunlop talking about "Leadership and the Importance of Communication." For more details and to sign up by July 15, visit www.viennapres.org/ or contact Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Small Group Leader Training. Jesus led a small group to equip his disciples to become servant-leaders. Pastor Glenda Simpkins Hoffman invites you to a 4-week study to become a Small Group servant-leader Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, September 8 through September 29. To learn more, contact Ginni Richards, ginni.richards@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.
Mothers' Support Groups: Get involved in a Mothers’ Support Group (MSG) and enjoy many of the great activities planned for the year. For more information, please contact Susan Skaggs, 703.938.1074 or seskaggs@aol.com.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Please see back page for Summer Sunday classes and room assignments.

Sunday Teachers Needed for This Fall!

If you enjoy working with children and have some teaching skills hidden away, or you just want to share God's love, we have a class that needs your gifts. For more information, please contact Clare.Maynard@viennapres.org.

Classes with opportunities for the fall:

9:30:
Young 3s, 4s classes - leaders and assistants

11:00:
3s and 4s classes - leaders and assistants
5/6 grade assistant
Gateways-leader and assistants

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Our Summer in Worship series has begun. This summer, Middle and High School students will be attending worship with their friends and family instead of attending Sunday School at 9:30. Regular Sunday School will resume September 13. Please make sure to attend worship in the sanctuary this summer and connect with other members of VPC.

High School students, DCLA2009 is coming. This evangelism conference for current high school students only happens every two years and VPC is going. We have a few spaces still available. Contact Liz, liz.foskey@viennapres.org to sign up.

Calling all current 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Ever wonder what happens when youth group goes to adventure camp? Come join Kim and other students and see what happens. Spaces are filling up quickly. Contact Kim, kim.snyder@viennapres.org with questions or to sign up.

Acts of the Disciples: From the Pew to the World

Daily Devotionals

Share the journey with the VPC community throughout the summer, as we enter into the daily discipline of focusing and reflecting on God’s word and allowing it to change us. A daily devotional book written by Pastor Glenda will follow the sermon series as we study the Acts of the Disciples of the early church. Pick up a book between services today, visit www.viennapres.org/devotionals and sign up to receive a daily email, or follow us on Twitter at “viennapres”.

Announcements

**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Young Adult Bible Study* meets every Wednesday, 7:30 pm, at the home of Bert and Gerri Webb. For questions or directions, contact Kelly Gould, 703.938.9050 x112 or kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

**Christian Cancer Companions** was formed a few years ago by members of VPC who are all cancer survivors and felt called to outreach to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. If you know of others who would benefit from this support, feel free to invite them. Questions? Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister3@cox.net.

**What do Presbyterians believe?** Starting July 19, Rev. Chris Hammond, VPC’s Parish Associate Pastor, will lead a four-week series entitled “I Believe: An Introduction to the PCUSA Book of Confessions.” Get a copy of the Book of Confessions either online or through VPC’s Grapevine Bookstore. All are welcome to the Beyond Basics Sunday School class at the 9:30 hour in rooms 203-204.

**Calling all women!** If you are interested in joining a Bible Study, consider a 14-week study of Luke launching in September on Tuesday from 9:30 am-11:30 am. This is a fun, intergenerational group with an exciting format that goes beyond lecture, including many interactive activities. Childcare will be available. Contact Shannon Jordan for registration information and questions at 703.956.6533 or shannonjordan1@verizon.net.

**More study opportunities** can be found at www.viennapres.org/study.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Our Daily Bread**

Please return filled bags to the narthex by July 5!

Volunteers are needed to sort the food into bags on Saturday, July 11, and deliver the donated food items to each family on Sunday, July 12.

Contact Matt Stockburger, mstock_w@yahoo.com if you are interested.

**Next fall: Do you have a heart for multicultural mission work** right here in Vienna? Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Ministry would love to have you on our fall volunteer team of teachers, substitutes, helpers and tutors! Contact Bonnie Grouge, Bonnie.Grouge@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x102.

**More service opportunities listed at** http://www.viennapres.org/serve

**CARE AND SUPPORT**

**A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend:**

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 congregation trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. It’s confidential, free and very helpful.
Room Assignments Summer 2009

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Adult Education Classes:

9:30 am

**Beyond Basics:** "The Coming of Jesus." Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord and what that means to us all. Room 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund

**Friendship Class:** For developmentally–challenged adults. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely & Beth Gourley

**Lightseekers East:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Room: 2nd floor conference room. Coordinator: Sarah Killion, 703.560.4752

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

**Searchers in the Word:** An in-depth study of Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of Mark, an action-filled narrative for practical living. The Bible is the main text, plus written and audio commentaries. Room 312. Leader: Marion Billington.

**Partners With Christ:** Class resumes September 13 after Labor Day. Have a nice summer. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Strauss 703.319.7050.

11:00 am

**Berean:** 9/14/08– 8/23/09 “Through the Bible in 48 Sessions.” Class sessions begin with a 30-minute video lecture and are followed by discussion. Drop-ins are welcome! Room 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

**Apprentices** Over the summer we are studying and discussing the scripture and questions from the VPC daily devotional book *Acts of a Disciple.* Please join us. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens

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