Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Family Dysfunction
Acts 25:13-27

November 8, 2009
Prelude
Benedictus

Terry Sisk, organist
Peeters

Welcome

Hymn #276
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Prayer of Adoration

David Jordan-Haas

Worship Song
Blessed Be Your Name

Youth Choir
Redman/Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Chorus
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Chorus 2x

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.
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When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, (Chorus 2x)

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

(Chorus 2x)

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Minute for Witness

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
Hear My Words

Youth Choir
Pote

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #592

Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Scripture
Acts 25:13-27 (pages 137/146 NT)

Sermon
Family Dysfunction
Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Pete James

Anthem
Standing on the Promises

Carter

At this time, we invite you to come forward to offer your pledge in the baskets provided.

Benediction

Postlude
Allegro Marziale

Guilmant
Prelude
Benedictus

Welcome

Call to Worship
It Is Good to Give Thanks

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Hear My Prayer
Small Ensemble
Hogan

Minute for Witness
Jayson Lightbourne

Children’s Message (9:30) Clare Maynard
Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed after the message.

Offertory
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Sanctuary Choir
Fettke
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn #592

Scripture Acts 25:13-27 (pages 137/146 NT)

Sermon Pete James
Family Dysfunction
Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Anthem Youth Choir
Standing on the Promises
Carter
At this time, we invite you to come forward to offer your pledge in the baskets provided.

Benediction

Postlude
Allegro Marziale
Guilmant

Today’s flowers are given by the Oliver family, in loving memory of Helene Oliver, wife and mother, on her birthday; and by Jeanne Bingham, in loving memory of Helene Oliver, cousin.
Lord, we are grateful for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the life of VPC. We ask your continued blessing as we seek to do your will through the commitment of our financial resources to your kingdom. Amen.

Grieving:  Jim Bird (brother); the family of Dave Cannon; Bonnie Grouge (sister-in-law); Celia Kovarik (mother); Anita Landry (brother); the family of Gleason D. Rohlfs (former member); the family of Kathy Van Meter (service Nov. 14 at 2 pm)

Hospitalized:  Bob Hannah’s sister; Gloria Sladek’s great-grandson

Facing Tests or Surgery:  Laura Lee, Deb and Mike Crumbliss’s cousin Tim

Ill or Convalescing:  Gail Bergquist; Carole Burgess; George Cronin; Isabelle Davis; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Linda Hannah; Rae Harpe; Mary Ellen Keaton; Charles Killion; Jeanne Larsen; Bill Lowrey; Tom Lyle; Maria Madrid; Kriste Main; Jim McCoy; Rodney Neely; Laura Nickell (12); Bill Phillips; Maribel Ramirez-Goze; Jerry Schnell; Joe Teresa; Mark Tracz; Charles Trickey; Bill Windle; Madelyn Wiser (17 mos.)

Family and Friends:  Mariann Alicea’s brother-in-law; Larry Breuer’s father; Ed Brogan’s mother (Hospice); Ruthanne Buterbaugh’s cousin; William Buterbaugh’s sister; Grady Carlson’s mother; Danielle Clay’s grandfather-in-law; Pamela Crippen’s mother; Ted Davies’s cousin; Donna DeLanoy’s mother; Kate DeWeese’s grandfather; Sarah-Joy Hunter’s friend Betty Jo; Elizabeth Kellman’s friend John (18); Linda Kemple’s stepmother and cousin; Phil Kratovil’s mother; Linda Lyon’s son-in-law; Ruth Marotto’s mother; Vicky McLaine’s cousin and friend Marcia; Kristine Morris’s mother; Rodger Rak’s father (former member Daniel Rak); Ginni Richards’s mother (Hospice); Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother; Bob Stoepker’s sister; Minh Towner’s neighbor Daphne; Mary Wisenbaugh’s cousin Jack and wife Maggie

Other:  Mindy Aki & husband; Kirsten Cleary; Greg Coats; Sithole Khe; for a 15-year old son involved in drugs and his family’s loving intervention

Please hold in prayer the group on the CenterPoint Discovery Journey to the Holy Land, Nov. 3-16. Please pray for their health, safety, community building and spiritual growth.

Missons/Missionaries of the Week:  Dan & Carol Adams (PCUSA), South Korea (International); Mission in the North Country (MINC), NY (National); Alternative House (Local)

Congratulations to: Carrie and Jean-Paul Fabris on the birth of Cassion Jarno Fabris on Oct. 28. Dave & Joan Gifford are the proud grandparents. We also congratulate former VPC member Christie Ashton on the occasion of her Service of Ordination to the Ministry on Nov. 15 in Marietta, GA.

From Dick Eagan: We are pleased to announce that Shannon Jordan—who has been a part of our adult ministry team for the last year as a seminary intern and has served as Interim Director of Congregational Care—is again expanding her role. Now she is back on staff part-time, serving as the Interim Director of Group Life. She will work with Pastor Glenda in supporting our growing mid-sized and small-group discipleship communities.


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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, x 301; or

E-MAIL 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.
Featured Announcements– Nov. 8, 2009

Standing on the Promises

Today is Pledge Commitment Sunday

During worship service today, you will be asked to come forward to present your Pledge Card in support of the ministry and missions of VPC.

Prayerfully consider the amount God is calling you to commit toward next year, fill out your pledge card and come forward with your promise.

“Surviving the Holidays”

presented by
GriefShare and Passages

Today, 6 pm, in Rooms 203/204
Repeats Nov. 14, 10 am

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November and SWATT

Potluck with Pastor Alice Winters: Nov. 11
Marine Corps Museum: Nov. 19
Christmas Luncheon signups
See page 10
Discover What Our Lord is Doing Around the World—And in Your Neighborhood.

“Perspectives on the World Christian Movement” is a course that has helped people throughout the world find their niche in God's overall purpose to bless the nations. Originating in 1974 from the U.S. Center for World Missions, a non-denominational ministry serving churches, campus ministries, and mission agencies worldwide, Perspectives provides new insights and a better understanding of His ultimate purpose in the world through lessons in four sections:

1. **Biblical Foundation** (new awareness as you read God’s Word)
2. **Historical Progress** (key events and people used by God throughout history)
3. **Cultural Distinctions** (how the Gospel is understood and received in different cultures)
4. **Strategic Involvement** (how to use your skills/passions to glorify God, no matter your location or vocation)

Each week is unique as different speakers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to each class. Students can choose to participate on an Audit level, Certificate level or Credit level.

Are YOU ready to see the world in a new Perspective?

See page 11

“Beyond Ourselves” Gift Mart: Dec. 6

Join VPC Missions and Grapevine Books on Dec. 6 for the “Beyond Ourselves” Gift Mart, featuring Fair Trade and alternative gift-buying opportunities. Learn more about VPC missionaries as you browse and buy unique items from the countries they serve.

What to get for the person who has everything? How about purchasing lifesaving items from World Vision, proceeds from which will go directly to people in need?

Dec. 6
9 am-1 pm
Great Hall

Samples of available wares: Bowl from Vietnam, crèche and dove from Bangladesh.
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 for coffee between services in the Great Hall. We hope you will visit with us again.
For more information about these events and announcements, plus much more, visit www.viennapres.org.

TODAY
“Standing on the Promises” Pledge Commitment Sunday: See page 7

Confirmation Class first meeting: 11:30 am-2 pm in L12-16 (students) and 12:30-2 pm in L1-5 (parents).

“Surviving the Holidays” video/discussion program for those dealing with grief due to a death or divorce, includes topics: Why are the holidays so tough?, The importance of planning, and Christmas: A reason for hope. Open to all and free; donations welcome. Begins at 6 pm in Rooms 203/204 and repeats on Nov. 14 at 10 am. Register at griefshare@viennapres.org or passages@viennapres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thanksgiving Eve Service: Nov. 25, 7:30 pm, sanctuary. Join the VPC community for an informal, family-friendly hour of worship, which will include music by the Junior Choir.

The Next Widows and Widowers Luncheon will be Nov. 14, noon, at The Lakeside Inn (South Lakes Center in Reston). For directions and reservations, call Linda Waters, 703.860.8685.

Middle and High School Fall Retreat: Nov. 20-22 at Camp Horizons OLC. Join us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. Register soon; spaces are filling up. Cost ($115) includes program, t-shirt, lodging in heated cabins and meals. Add the optional high ropes course for an additional $25.

CHoosE (Christian Hoos Exalt). University of Virginia’s coed Christian a cappella group, will offer a free concert in the Great Hall at 2 pm on Nov. 15. The one-hour program includes contemporary selections by Brandon Heath, Kari Jobe, Steven Curtis Chapman, Phil Wickham, Meredith Andrews and more. Free to the public; donations accepted. CDs will be available for sale.

“Leadership at the Top” Bridgepoint Outreach Luncheon for those working in the Vienna/Tysons area: Nov. 13, Maggiano’s restaurant in Tysons II. Speaker: Lou Giuliano, ITT Corporation former chairman, president and CEO. Only $15 per person, but bring any unchurched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free. Register at www.bridgepointconnections.org.

New! “Girl’s Night Out” Outreach Dinner: Nov. 19, 7 pm at the Sea Pearl Restaurant in Merrifield. Enjoy delicious food and Doris McMillon’s talk, “Entering the Holidays without Feeling Harassed.” Only $15 per person but bring any unchurched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free! Register at www.viennapres.org/girlsnightout or to Tammy Workman at southerntw@aol.com. Speaker info: www.bridgepointconnections.org.

Men: Eat More Steak at Our SteakOut Outreach Dinner on Nov. 20, 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. Hear Congressman Frank Wolf tell his story. Only $15 per person but bring any unchurched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free! Register at www.viennapres.org/steakout or through phil.kratovil@viennapres.org. Speaker info: www.bridgepointconnections.org.

Mark Your 2010 Calendar for the “Sacred Rhythms Retreat: Exploring the practices and relationships that form us.” For men and women, Mar. 12 and 13. Led by Ruth Haley Barton, author of “Sacred Rhythms” and spiritual director, teacher, retreat leader and co-founder of The Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. Register in Grapevine Books or at www.viennapres.org/sacredrhythms; discounts given through Dec. 31. How about registering a spouse or friend as a Christmas gift? Deb Crumbliss, ext. 108 or deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org.

CHO Christmas Store: To help more than 200 local families in need this holiday season, can you donate: new toys for kids, gift cards for teens, grocery cards, coats/jackets or gently-used bikes? In addition, we need set-up help (Dec. 11) and distribution help (Dec. 12). Carolyn Myssel, 703.938.7213
Announcements

SWATT Events (Seniors With Available Time and Talents):
► Monthly Potluck Luncheon: Nov. 11, 12:15 pm in the Great Hall. No reservation required. Alice Winters, pastor and missionary in the country of Colombia, will be the featured guest speaker (note program change). Al Grouge, 703.620.9360
► Marine Corps Museum: Nov. 19 (note date change). Those 55+ are invited to visit this museum in Quantico, VA. VPC bus departs at 9:30 am. Museum free, lunch on own at museum, bus donation requested. Reservation required: Steve Skjei, stvskjei@verizon.net or 703.938.4623
► Christmas Luncheon: Good friends and good food for good causes! Celebrate the holidays at Marco Polo restaurant in Vienna. A free will offering will be collected for CHO and the Presbyterian Children’s Home in Wytheville, VA. Cost: $22 per person. RSVP and payment requested by Dec. 1. Sign up in the narthex or contact Priscilla Skjei, 703.938.4623 or pskjei@verizon.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Confirmation Class Small-Group Leaders Needed in the Underground. One of the central parts of high school Confirmation is the formation of student small groups. We need leaders--male and female--willing to walk alongside our students during the Confirmation process. Class begins today. Melissa Jensen, melissa.jensen@viennapres.org

Help Wanted in Worship: Seeking one volunteer to set up screens (7:20 am, Sundays) and two to operate screens (all services) during worship. Lance Vining, ext. 132

Bridgepoint Ministries can use help with the following: Job Transition Support Group, Wednesday mornings; The Great SteakOut, Nov. 20; Church Street Stroll, Nov. 30. Details: www.bridgepointconnections.org
Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Adopt a Family for Angel Tree: This Christian program provides Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents/grandparents. Our gifts are given in Jesus’ name as we share the good news of his love and forgiveness. Adopt a family by providing 2-3 gifts for each child and a thank-you for the caregiver. Tricia Hine, 703.863.4590 or plhine@hotmail.com

Embrace the Holiday Spirit and join in the Hanging of the Greens at VPC, Dec. 2, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, in the sanctuary. Come for the morning, afternoon or all day! Lunch will be provided. No childcare is available for this event. Pam Kattenburg, 703.620.9114 or pamkatt@aol.com

Advent Celebration Helpers Needed: Dec. 6, 2:30-5 pm. If you--or you and your teen--enjoy crafts, please join us in staffing the 3rd floor craft rooms at this popular event. Helpers are also needed to set out and clear away food in the Great Hall (4:15-6:30 pm). Thanks! Mary Monie, mary.monie@viennapres.org

VPC Partners with Our Daily Bread to donate and deliver food to low-income residents in Fairfax County. The next delivery is scheduled for Dec. 13. Please volunteer to help sort the food on Dec. 12 and deliver on Dec. 13. Volunteers are also needed to hand out grocery bags after services on Nov. 22 & 29. Matt Stockburger, mstock_w@yahoo.com

Are You Creative? Do you have a decorator’s eye? The Worship Team would like to speak with you! There are a variety of ways that you can serve at VPC for a single occasion or over the course of the year. Barb Jones, barb.jones@viennapres.org or ext. 111

New Members’ Team: We are seeking a volunteer with the ability to organize people and events to help with our New Members’ Team. This team puts together three New Member Seminars each year. There is a team in place but the current leader is retiring. Barb Jones, barb.jones@viennapres.org or ext. 111

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
Announcements

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
Current Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes are listed on page 12.

CenterPoint Presents “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.” Bring your friends and family and take a closer walk with the Lord! Tuesdays at VPC, 7-9:45 pm, beginning Jan. 2010 for 15 weeks (spring break: Mar. 30). Early registration fee: $265 by Dec. 15. VPC contact: sheila.breuer@viennapres.org. For more info and to register: www.perspectives.org

More Study Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study

CARE MINISTRIES
Details on the following ministries may be found at: www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

Christian Cancer Companions (CCC) support newly-diagnosed cancer patients. Trained volunteers call or visit individuals in that time between initial diagnosis and entering the care of experienced healthcare staff. Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close. The next cycle of meetings will begin in late January. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, and Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused educates and informs our community about sexual abuse and offers resources for hope and healing. david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or ext. 116

Passages provides support to those experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 7 pm in Rooms 203/204. passages@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050

Stephen Ministers offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. They can offer a listening ear in a distinctively Christian way to people with all types of spiritual and emotional needs. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or ext. 103

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Are You in Job Transition? Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group meets Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am in Rooms 203/204, for a time of spiritual encouragement, networking and job-seeking tips. Invite a friend who’s in job transition or come yourself to serve as a resource and encourager. phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Children’s Library Materials are available for checkout Sundays, 9:15 am-noon. Look for book carts in the 2nd floor childcare wing and 1st floor preschool area.

Grapevine Books Special Hours: In addition to our regular Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday hours in December, Grapevine will be open the following: Dec. 2, 7-9 pm (Women’s Christmas Worship); Dec. 6, 9 am-1 pm (“Beyond Ourselves” Gift Mart) and 5-7 pm (Advent celebration); and Dec. 20, 5:30-8 pm (Glorious Sounds concerts are at 4 and 7 pm)

HighPoint (Children’s Ministries) Programs: www.viennapres.org/highpoint

the Underground (Student Ministries) Programs: www.vpcstudents.org

Do you have space and would you be willing to provide housing to a Student Ministries intern for the year? Please contact Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

Not enough trick or treaters this year? If you have extra Halloween candy you would like to donate to Student Ministries, please drop it by their office in the lower level. Thanks!

Director of High School Ministry: VPC is looking for an individual with a commitment to leading high school students as they grow as followers of Jesus Christ. Please direct all resumés and questions to Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org.

Sign Up for a Christmas Poinsettia Memorial in the narthex through Dec. 1. Cost: $18 per plant. Pam Kattenburg, 703.620.9114 or pamkatt@aol.com
Children’s Room Assignments
8 am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School–Lower Level)

9-9:25 am: Breakfast; 9:30-10:30: Sunday School

Adult Education Classes

9:30 am
Beyond Basics: Nora White and Jonathan Lochhaas lead the class in discussing Reformed Theology through Nov. 22. Please join us. Rooms 202/203. Coordinator: Kate Lund

Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely & Beth Gourley

Lightseekers: In-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Facilitator: Judy Chelson. Parlor

Searchers in the Word: 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. Leader: Marion Billington. Conference Room


11:00 am
Berean: “Psalms—It is Not Just Poetry.” A look at the Psalms through the lens of prophecy, inspiration, thanksgiving, grief, and wisdom. Drop-ins welcome! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder


ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: Open to adults (Intermediate or Advanced speakers of English) who wish to gain a better understanding of God’s Word, to build community and to improve English skills. Leaders: Shun and Doris Ling. Room 317

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org under “worship”

VPC Core Beliefs

As a disciple-making community, we believe...

- Jesus is Lord
- Scripture is our authority
- Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission

As a disciple-making community, we will...

- Call people to faith
- Equip people for discipleship
- Send people to love and serve

Give Generously

...both individually and in community