Sermon Series: Best Spiritual Practices

Blessed Are the Merciful

Luke 10:25-37

August 29, 2010
Prelude
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Youth Orchestra
arr. Pethel

Welcome

Worship Song
Everlasting God
Jabbornse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord. *(Repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak.
You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles. *(Full repeat)*

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Prayer of Adoration
Chris Hammond

Hymn  467
How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Song of Confession
Lord Have Mercy

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Witness
Stephen Jordan

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message
Meredith Roberts & Haiti SMP participants

Children in 8:00 Bridges are dismissed to class; at 9:30 & 11:00, children may return to their parents.

Offertory
He’s Always Been Faithful
Youth Choir
arr. Wolaver

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Scripture
Luke 10:25-37

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Stan Ott

Hymn 261
God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

Benediction

Postlude
Shine Jesus Shine
arr. Pethel
Prayers

Grieving: Jeanne Bingham (aunt); Bob Crerie (father); Susan Hotsenpiller (father)

Hospitalized: Jackson & Weston Ott (newborn preemies); Joe Brower's mother; Yvonne Malloy’s aunt; Nancy Martin’s friends Bill & Laura Dunlap

Facing Tests or Surgery: Louis Crandell; Tom Jones; Adriana Manik; Margaret Cundiff’s sister Katherine; Mary Flounlacker’s father; Mike Hughes’s niece Karen

Homebound: Donna Shively

Ill or Convalescing: Lucy Anne Black; Sheila Breuer; Dianne Clemons; Annie Collier; Jamie Corridon; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Alan Haas; Dennis Haas; Elaine Hamlet; Gordon Hamlet; Pat Harper; Melissa Jenkins; Mary Ellen Keaton; Charles Killion; Phil Kratovil; Mildred Kratovil; Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Corine Stoepker; Bill Windle; Virginia Young

Family and Friends: Michael Amouri’s father; Ed Brogan’s mother (Hospice); Ruth Anne Buterbaugh’s friend Walter; William Buterbaugh’s sister-in-law; Christa Davidson’s mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Mary Flounlacker’s friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist’s cousin Caroline (4) and friends Phil and Sterling & son, Grant; Kurt Gilchrist’s cousin Kimberly; Celeste Kacedan’s Aunt Sue & sons; Emily Kerstetter (hurt in Uganda bombing); Tana Leasure’s father; Linda Lyon’s son-in-law; Kelly Miller’s friend Kirk; Lois Poland’s mother; Jeni Porter’s mother; Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother; Mary Spence Smith’s friend Robin; Bev Strean’s goddaughter and friends Bruce and Louise; Mary Wisenbaugh’s friend Sherry; Ele Woglom’s nephew Glenn

Other: Chip Bachmann; Dianne Clemons; Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Holly Heiderer; Melinda Mayes; Bob & Joanne Bower’s son (Brit) and daughter-in-law; Dana Burnette’s friend Nicole; the people of Haiti and Pakistan and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Josh Newell, Campus Crusade (International); Derek & Susan Mondeau, Intervarsity, UVA (National); Ingleside at Rock Creek, DC (Local)

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for the safe homecoming of Adam Rosenbaum and Andrew Scott (military).

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:


Non-military in Harm’s Way: Jaclyn Broberg Collier, Trisha Nellessen

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.

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, x301; or

E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via 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.

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Giving totals as of 7/31/2010 (updated monthly)
VPC CORDIALLY WELCOMES OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS.

We are delighted you are here. The opportunities below serve as the compass for taking your first steps on the spiritual journey at VPC. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the entrance for a gift, then join us for coffee in the Great Hall between services.
Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: Meet new people while learning who we are as a church and what we believe. Join us at the next gathering—Sept. 12, 11am in the 2nd-floor Conference room—for light refreshments.
Step 3: “Invitation to the Journey” class: Learn what it means to follow Jesus here at VPC. Explore our mission, beliefs, values and practices. Discover what it means to live your life as Jesus would. This 3-week class is required for membership at VPC. The next series: 10:45am on Sept. 19 & 26 and Oct. 3.
Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others at VPC. Find all sorts of groups at www.viennapres.org/ministries/adults/.

New to faith, small groups, or VPC? A great place to start: Christianity Explored. See p. 7 for more info.

Labor 4 Your Neighbor
Many opportunities still available!
It’s not too late to sign up at:
www.viennapres.org/l4yn

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

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Celebrate with us at 4pm:
A time for fellowship and free food!

FAQ’s
► Will VPC hold 3 worship services?
Yes, at 8, 9:30 and 11am.

► What opportunities are available for families with small children?
Some include: Picking up trash or handing out water on the W&OD trail, painting a fence, and making cards for service personnel.
Once again, it’s time to enroll your child(ren) in Sunday classes. Visit www.viennapres.org/cmsignups.

Children’s Choir rehearsals for Grades 1-6 start Sept. 12. Rehearsals are 5:30-6:30pm. Register via www.viennapres.org/childrensChoirSignup.

Confirmation Class (high school) interest meeting is Sept. 26. See www.viennapres.org/confirmationclass.

Check out Student Ministries’ new look, www.vpcstudents.org, with details on fall programs! Also, please register for Student Ministries/Youth Worship Ministries programs at www.vpcstudents.org/smsignups.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages):
• Teacher orientation: Sept. 1, 7pm, 3rd floor Activity Center
• Classes begin Sept. 13, 9:30am, and Sept. 14, 7:30pm. Register Aug. 30, Sept. 1 & 8 (Mon/Wed morn classes), and Aug. 31, Sept. 2, 7 & 9 (Tue/Thu eve classes). Fee: $30/yr. Free childcare during classes, on a limited basis, for ages 3 months-6 years. Bonnie Grouge/Pam Gissendanner, x102

SWATT Luncheon: All Seniors 55+ are invited to our fall 2010 kickoff potluck in the Great Hall, Sept. 8, 12:15pm. Ken Workman will speak on the “Art of Portraiture.” Come for good fellowship, entertainment and food. No reservation required. Al Grouge, 703.620.9360

Interested in becoming a member of VPC? “Invitation to the Journey” classes (required for membership) will be offered at 10:45 am Sept. 19 & 26 and Oct. 3. Register via Linda Kemple, x100, or www.viennapres.org/firststeps.

Part-time positions:
• VPC is seeking a Worship Coordinator to support our worship team and produce all worship media. We need a self-starter with the ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and have excellent computer skills. See www.viennapres.org/openings. Please direct questions and resumé to lynn.taylor@viennapres.org.
• Stan Ott with the Vital Churches Institute is seeking a highly-organized administrative person with excellent writing, computer and telephone skills. Visit www.vitalchurchesinstitute.com for information. Please direct questions and resumé to stan@vitalchurches.com.

The Brethren Concert
Sept. 11, 7pm, sanctuary
Free childcare with advance reservation at x351
Info: www.viennapres.org/brethren or 703.937.1897

Apprentices Adult Sunday School Class: Join us beginning Sept. 12, 11am in Room 205. We will study Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Books are available at Grapevine Books. Newcomers always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall devotional booklets available now for use starting Sept. 6, in conjunction with the new sermon series: In Christ Together for the World. Obtain yours in the way best suited for you:
• Receive a daily devotional reading by email;*
• Visit www.viennapres.org/devotionals daily;
• Follow the series on Twitter “ViennaPres”; or
• Pick up a printed booklet in the narthex.
*To sign up, contact kelly.miller@viennapres.org. Those who have previously requested to receive devotionals by email will continue to do so.

Bridgepoint events:
• Career Networking Night: Join us in the Great Hall, Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30pm, for a delicious dinner, inspirational speaker and employment resource fair. Free childcare with advance reservation at x351; free dinner for those in job transition.
• Are you in transition? Do you know someone who is? Our support and networking group welcomes you Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm, in Rooms 108A/108B. We offer encouragement, networking and job-seeking tips. Invite a friend or come yourself to serve as a resource.

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CARE MINISTRIES

At VPC, several ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing and support. To learn more, visit www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

Caring for Aging Parents: Lois Poland, lpoland@tmareources.com or 703.502.8502

Christian Cancer Companions (CCC): Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

GriefShare begins Sept. 12, 6:30-8pm, in Room 205. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused: david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050

Join NewSpring’s Leadership Team! Help with event planning, praying for the community, caring for abuse survivors, and researching safe-church practices. Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net, or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050

Passages (marital separation or divorce) begins Sept. 28, 7pm, Room 203/204 passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794

Stephen Ministers offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Computer lab teacher needed starting Oct. 13 for a class of 6 adult ESOL students. Time: Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm. Subject: Using Windows 7 (outline provided). bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or x102

Wanted: Student Ministries small group leaders as well as adults for Confirmation Class small groups. barry.hill@viennapres.org or x130

Children’s Ministries urgently seeks teachers. Training is provided. Specific needs:
- 9:30am: Lead Teachers for 3s, 4s, Grade 3 and Grade 4 (1-3 times/month); Assistants for 3s, 4s, Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 5/6 boys and Bridges (1-2 times/month)
- 11am: Lead Teachers for 3s, 4s and Grade 5/6 (1-4 times/month); Assistants/Youth Assistants for 3s thru Grade 5/6

If teaching children isn’t your thing, your technical assistance running Power Point, DVDs and sound effects in children’s ministries would be appreciated. Training is provided. dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org or x127

Wanted: Adult Ministry small group leaders/ teachers! shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or x116

Children's Ministries is seeking Grades 3/4 and 5/6 parents to volunteer with Kids’ Nation 34 or Club 56. daryl.wright@viennapres.org or x126

Breakfast + Student Ministries = Awesome. Can you coordinate and/or help with breakfast on Sunday mornings this school year? melissa.jensen@viennapres.org or x155

School supplies: As part of Labor for Your Neighbor, we are collecting glue sticks, thin washable markers and composition notebooks. There is a crate in the narthex ready for donations. Thank you for your generosity. Nicole Abdullah, abullahva@yahoo.com

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

This fall in Adult Ministries: For people at all levels of spiritual maturity, VPC offers myriad options, including:
- Christianity Explored. for newcomers to Christianity or those just wishing to know more. This 8-week class starts Sept. 12, 11am in Room 109 near Grapevine Books.
- Growing Your Soul is a 9-month small group starting in mid-September for people who long for a deeper experience of God and his purpose in their lives. Info: www.viennapres.org/gys
- In-depth Bible study: Disciple I surveys the entirety of scripture to give you the big picture. This 34-week favorite returns Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30pm.
- Disciple 3 meets on Wednesdays for 34 weeks, beginning Sept. 8, 7:30-9:30pm: “Remember Who You Are” discusses the Prophets and the letters of Paul.
- Women’s Tuesday morning Bible Study will look at Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Register by Sept. 6; class begins Sept. 14. Childcare available with advance registration at x351.
- Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study will reconvene in October. Stay tuned for more information.
- New Men’s Bible Study! Mondays, 7-9pm
- New Men’s Bible Study! To be taught by Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins in September. More information soon.

Find out more at www.viennapres.org/fall.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON AN OPTION ABOVE OR HELP FINDING A PLACE TO CONNECT, PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON.JORDAN@VIENNAPRES.ORG.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: See p. 8 and www.viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses.

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments -Summer Schedule

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* 9:30 & 11am: Kindergarten through Grades 5/6 classes are NOT meeting in August or on Sept. 5. All classes will resume Sept. 12.

Children’s Ministries

Student Ministries
(Middle School/High School—Lower Level):
9:30-10:30am: Sunday School and PM Youth Groups are on hiatus for the rest of August and Sept. 5. Underground A.M. (Sunday School) and Underground P.M. (Youth Group) will resume Sept. 12.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am
Beyond Basics: Discussion of *To Judge the Quick and the Dead*—meanings and implications of “The Law of Christ” as used by the Apostle Paul. Leader: Stephen Skjei. Rooms 203/204.
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 8am service not required. Parlor.
Facilitator: Judy Chelson

Searchers in the Word will meet with the Beyond Basics class this summer.


11am
Apprentices: Class will resume Sept. 12 in Room 205.
Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah122elaine@aol.com

Berean: Study of the Book of Matthew. Newcomers welcome!
Rooms 203/204.
Coordinators: John & Nancy Davidovich

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study:
This class is on summer hiatus and will resume Sept. 19.

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