Encounter

John 3:1-7, 16

August 16, 2015
“Is your current schedule working for you? What would your schedule look like if God were in charge of it?... I am still learning that my schedule is far less about what I want to get done and far more about who I want to become.”

What will help you become more like Christ?

BECOMING LIKE
CHRIST TOGETHER
FOR THE WORLD

This simple formula will help you with your Spiritual Growth Plan. Studies show that people change through a combination of worship, group discussion, and service.

Commit to gathering with God’s people on Sundays for worship.

On September 13 we will resume our three-service schedule with youth-led worship at 8am, a contemporary service with a family focus at 9:30, and traditional worship at 11:00. Pick the service that best fits your individual and family schedule, and make the commitment to be there every Sunday. Actually write it on your calendar!

Commit to 2 additional opportunities.

In worship we learn about how to live as Christians. Groups and service opportunities give us the space to practice what we have learned and receive coaching and support.

Pick a group: Whether you are young or old, new to faith or a long-time follower of Christ, connect with others by picking a group that fits where you are in your journey of faith. Flip through this book and pick one that fits your life!

Pick a service opportunity: Service not only helps others, it transforms you as you work in partnership with God in the lives of others through your own unique SHAPE—an acronym for spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experience. This is what you were created to do! To find your SHAPE, go to viennapres.org/SHAPE.

The next nine months will come and go.

Let’s live it for God’s glory, the abundance of our own lives, and for the sake of others!
Visit the Great Hall for full descriptions of all study and service opportunities.

### A Place to Grow

**Monday Night Men’s Group**
with Pete James & Phil Kratovil
Begins: Monday, 9.14, 7pm with the Great SteakOut
phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

**Women’s Bible Study**
with Shannon Jordan
Begins: Monday, 9.14, 7pm
Tuesday, 9.15, 10am
Childcare available
shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

**Small Groups**
Men’s • Women’s • Couples
Teens • Service
Begins: Sunday, 10.4
viennapres.org/smallgroups

**Sunday Classes**
for all ages & stages
Begins: Sunday, 9.13
viennapres.org/study

**Growing Your Soul**
Groups forming now.
Application due by August 23.
Begins: Sunday, 9.6
viennapres.org/GYS

**Care Groups**
GriefShare for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Begins Sunday, 9.13
DivorceCare, divorce recovery support group.
Begins Tuesday, 9.15

### A Place to Serve

**Family Ministries**
Leverage a Kid’s Future
TEACH • BE A BUDDY • ADMIN
Contact Family Ministries at familyministries@viennapres.org

**ESOL**
English for Speakers of Other Languages
TEACH • ASSIST • ADMIN
Contact Deb Rymer at deb.rymer@viennapres.org

**Music**
Connect others to God through worship
CHOIRS • INSTRUMENTS • ADMIN
Contact music@viennapres.org

**Hospitality**
Help others feel welcome in God’s house
WELCOME • COFFEE • MEMBERS
Contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

**It’s All in the Details**
Serve at VPC
KITCHEN • ADMIN • VISUAL ARTS
Contact Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org

**For the World**
Serve the community
CROP WALK • TUTOR at CPES
Contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org
August 16, 2015

Children are welcome in the service! Wiggles, giggles, and whimpers are expected! Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

“Cannons” was written by Christian songwriter Phil Wickham. Wickham says staring up at a beautiful starry night inspired him to write “Cannons.” He says, “The universe was exploding with His glory and His fingerprints all around like cannons in the night. There is this massive song going on around us that is leading us, if we just take time to look and to listen, and it will lead us to a deeper place with God.”

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Cannons
Better Is One Day
Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
Before the Throne of God Above
Children’s Message
Kim Snyder
Minute for Witness
Diane Hoekstra
Offering
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
Scripture
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
John 3:1-7, 16
Molly Stegman
Sermon
Encounter
Stan Ott
By Faith
Benediction
Postlude

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Table.
A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.
Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
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In 2011, the Reverend Carolyn Gillette was commissioned by *Presbyterian Outlook* magazine to write the hymn we are using to complement our scripture today. Reverend Gillette is a co-pastor of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. To learn more about her ministry through modern hymn writing, visit [www.carolynshymns.com](http://www.carolynshymns.com).

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**Worship**

10:45am

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**Prelude**

Darrell Scott, organist

**Crown Him with Many Crowns, #151**

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**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

**Anthem**

Oh! Had I Jubal’s Lyre

Julianne Kim, soloist

G.F. Handel

**Children’s Message**

Kim Snyder

**Minute for Witness**

Diane Hoekstra

**Offering**

To Know the Love of God

Summer Choir

Allan Robert Petker

**Scripture**

John 3:1-21

Olympia Hatzilambrou

**Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus**

NETTLETON

**Sermon Encounter**

Stan Ott

**To God Be the Glory, #485**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Benediction**

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TODAY

Breakfast, 10am! Come meet friends and share a meal in the Great Hall!

New in Grapevine: Joy in the Journey: Finding Abundance in the Shadow of Death by Steve & Sharyl Hayner. Pastor Stan Ott, briefly quoted in the book, says it is a “stunningly powerful book — a compilation of some of their diary entries — would speak to anyone in the valley of the shadow.”

Why the changes in Children’s and Student Ministries? To learn more about where Family Ministries is headed this fall, come to an informational forum in the Underground. We’ll tell you about the classes being offered and the vision behind the changes. Don’t have children? We need you too!! Partner with us to help raise up the next generation of believers by volunteering to work with infants to seniors highs! For more information, write Michelle.Rahal@viennapres.org. Three options: August 16 at 10:45; August 23 at 9:00; August 23 at 10:45.

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, August 23, is the last day to register to for Centerpoint Christmas trip to Europe. Join with VPC friends and Pastor David Jordon-Haas to learn about the religious and cultural traditions we associate with the birth of the Christ Child. Travel on the “Christmas Traditions Discovery Journey to Germany and Austria” this December 2 through 10. Visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint for details.

The Passages-Divorce Care Ministry is a place of care that provides support to those experiencing separation or divorce. The program consists of 15 sessions (come for one session, some, or all!) focusing on a weekly topic via DVD, followed by group discussion and fellowship. Passages-Divorce Care happens Tuesday nights, 7-9pm, starting September 15.

GriefShare Support is a special 14-week experience using DVD videos, small group discussion, and caring fellowship for people who are grieving the loss of someone close. Come to one, some, or all the weekly Sunday night sessions, 6 to 7:30pm, starting September 13.

LOOKING FOR HELP?


Tickets also available at Grapevine Books beginning August 21.

Growing Your Soul small groups forming now. Applications due by August 23. www.viennapres.org/gys for all the details!

Time in the Vine book discussion.
Wednesday, August 19, 7pm.
Grapevine books.
Come for fellowship and refreshments.

like us on facebook.
Follow along with the sermon:

1. What is your favorite part of today’s scripture lesson?

2. Name several things you found interesting in Pastor Stan’s sermon.

3. What can you do differently in your life based on what you learned today? How can you apply today’s message to how you act?

Challenge of the Week

When Nicodemus “encountered” Jesus, he had a transforming life experience. Have you ever met a person who really interested you and changed the way you think? Who was that person? Take time to pray for this person today, thanking God for your encounter, and praying that God will work in his/her life the way Jesus worked in Nicodemus’s life.

Prayers for this week:

- Give staff the wisdom and creativity to make Sunday school changes that successfully reach out and pour the love of Christ into each child and student. (Attend our informational meeting at 10:45 am today in the Underground to learn more about what is ahead for Family Ministry.)

- Pray that God will transform families through worship, growing in understanding, and serving the Lord.

- Pray for safety and health for our college students as many of them head to school this week.

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