Spiritual Thirst

John 4:3-14

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What will help you become more like Christ?

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. Pick up a copy of the Fall Opportunities booklet in the lobby and pick something 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

**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 today.  
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 family.ministries@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
Worship
9am

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“How Thy Mercy” speaks to our sinful and rebellious nature, and our need for God to deliver us and save us, both when we are in "times of wealth and ease" and in times of grief and pain. This version is by Indelible Grace Music, a ministry that takes texts from old hymns and puts them to new music and instrumentation. Much of the text for this song is taken from the hymn “Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory.”

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The Connect Pad provides a way for you to connect with others at VPC, as well as to let church leaders know what they can do to support you. Please fill it out and pass it on during the offertory. And visit the Connect Table in the lobby after the service!

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.

How Great Thou Art
Stuart Hine
Mighty to Save
Fielding/Morgan
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Charles Geschiere
By Thy Mercy
Thompson
Children’s Message
Beth Webster
God Sighting
Lindsay Priester & Grant Sears
Offering
All Who Are Thirsty
Brenton Brown
Scripture
John 4:3-14
Davis Oskui, reader
Sermon
Spiritual Thirst
Peter James
Jesus Paid It All
Hall/Nifong
Benediction
Postlude
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### The Water God Give Us

*The water God gives us in wondrous supply; Is water that’s living and never runs dry.*

*For everyone drinks and is thirsty again, But God’s living water gives life without end.*

*O God, we confess that we seek empty things; We strive after wealth and the comfort it brings.*

*We buy things in hopes that our spirits will soar; Yet still we are thirsty and left wanting more.*

*Then just like that woman who went to the well, We hear you, O Christ, and the truth that you tell.*

*You know who we are and you know what we’ve been; You know us and love us in spite of our sin.*

*The gift that you give is the greatest of wealth; You give living water! You give us yourself!*  

*May we, like that woman, go back where we live; And tell those we know of the life that you give.*

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TODAY

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

Stop in Grapevine for your $10 VPC T-shirt. Or bring your bulletin and receive a $2 savings. Just for today! Come In!

Changes are coming to Children’s and Student Ministries. Learn more at today’s informational forum at 9am or 10:45am in the Underground. We’ll tell you about the classes being offered and the vision behind the changes. 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.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to sign up for the CenterPoint Advent trip to Europe. Join VPC friends and Pastor David Jordan-Haas for this awesome Advent adventure, December 2-10. See Jim Leach at the sign-up table today, or visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint for details.

LOOKING FORWARD

Men’s Great Steak Out: Monday, September 14, 7pm. VPC Great Hall. Guest speaker: Tom Joyce, Top Gun Navy Pilot. For info and to register, contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or visit bridgepointconnections.org.

GriefShare Support is a special 14-week experience using DVD’s, 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.

The Passages-Divorce Care Ministry offers support to those experiencing separation or divorce. Fifteen sessions (come for one session, some, or all) focusing on a weekly topic via DVD, followed by group discussion and fellowship. Tuesday nights, 7-9pm, starting September 15.

Global Friends informational meeting, Sunday, September 13, 12:15pm, Great Hall. Share your American hospitality by becoming a Global Friend this fall. Contact Kathy Underhill at butifnot@aol.com for additional info.

LOOKING FOR HELP?


Like us on Facebook.
Follow along with the sermon:

Questions for Sunday:
1. What is your favorite part of today’s scripture lesson?
2. Name several things you found interesting in Pastor Pete’s sermon.
3. How can this story make a difference in your life? How could you apply today’s message to the way you interact with others?

Challenge of the Week

In Jesus’s day, Jews and Samaritans didn’t interact. Also, it was not appropriate for men to speak to women unless they were related. Jesus was breaking the rules by talking to a Samaritan woman! But Jesus wants everyone to have access to eternal life.

Who in your life have you not shared Jesus with because you don’t feel comfortable interacting with them?

Pray to Jesus to give you the courage to talk to this person. Share today’s scripture with them!

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Wish to talk about our worship services?
Contact Rachel Thompson,
worshipfeedback@viennapres.org

Prayers for this week:

- Gratitude for Kerry’s service to the youth at VPC over the last 14 years.
- A smooth transition for Kim as she moves from Student Ministries to Children’s Ministries
- For volunteers to willingly come forward to help raise up the next generation at VPC.
- Pray for safety and health for our college students as they head to school this week, and for their parents as they adjust to the change.