The Irrepressibility of the Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

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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. Grab 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!

“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.” ~Bill Hybels
Check out these upcoming opportunities! Visit the Great Hall for all Grow/Serve Opportunities or pick up a Fall Opportunities booklet in the lobby!

**A Place to Grow**

**Reel Spirituality: The Message Behind the Movie.** Sundays, 11am, beginning September 13. Make the most of watching those kids’ movies over and over with the family and learn the biblical truths found in them. Taught by Pastor Glenda! For more information contact Deb at Deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108. Room 203/204.

**Monday Night Men’s Group**
This men’s group invites you to a Steak Out on September 14, 7pm as the kick-off for their weekly study which will start Sept. 21 led by Pete James and Phil Kratovil. For more information, contact Phil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

**Simplify for Women**
Monday Evening Study Group or Tuesday Morning Study Group (childcare with advance registration) beginning September 14. Exhausted? Overwhelmed? Over-scheduled? Explore scriptures that will help with the ten practices from Bill Hybel’s book *Simplify: Ten Practices to Unclutter Your Soul*. For more information or to register contact Deb at deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108.

**A Place to Serve**

**Miriam’s Kitchen**
Did you know that VPC volunteers serve breakfast to hundreds of homeless men and women on the 4th Tuesday of each month? The hour is early, but the service is invaluable! Please consider joining our team. [www.miriamskitchen.org/volunteer](http://www.miriamskitchen.org/volunteer)

**Global Friends**
Join ‘An International Hospitality ministry of VPC!’ Learn how you can share your American hospitality by becoming a Global Friend starting this fall. Informational meeting Sunday, September 13, 12:15pm, Great Hall.

**Crop Hunger Walk**
Set your calendars for October 18, as we launch our 11th Annual Crop Hunger Walk. Proceed support Church World Service as they feed, clothe and provide water for poorest of the poor. An excellent opportunity to engage in mission and service with your family and friends. [viennacropwalk.org](http://viennacropwalk.org)
Worship
9am

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Sports Outreach Institute Uganda by the numbers:

685  Meals provided daily in Gulu
225  HIV impacted families assisted monthly
$50  Average Yearly Income in northern Uganda.
12   Rehabilitated water wells
9    New water wells

To learn more about SOI in Uganda, visit sportsoutreach.net

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The Prayer of Saint Francis has similarities to this saying of Brother Giles, one of the companions of St. Francis:

*Blessed is he who loves and does not therefore desire to be loved; blessed is he who fears and does not therefore desire to be feared; blessed is he who serves and does not therefore desire to be served; blessed he who behaves well toward others and does not desire that others behave well toward him; and because these are great things, the foolish do not rise to them.*

—Giles of Assisi, Golden Sayings of the Blessed Brother Giles of Assisi, Chapter I

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| Holy, Holy, Holy, #138 | NICAEA |

| Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon |

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| O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, #466 | AZMON |

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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!

Come to the Great Hall after the 10:45am service and learn more about our Mission Partner, Sports Outreach Institute.

LOOKING FORWARD

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. Tuesdays nights, 7-9pm, starting September 15.

What the Bible Teaches about Marriage and Sexuality: Recent decisions and current events remind us that we live in a culture where the understanding of marriage is changing rapidly. This fall Pastors Pete James and Glenda Simpkins Hoffman will explore what the Bible has to say about marriage and sexuality. Join us for this 4-week class each Sunday from September 13 to October 4, from 6:30-8:00pm. Room 322-23.

LOOKING FOR HELP?


Get your tickets today at Grapevine Books!

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Job Opportunity

Do you enjoy working with children? Vienna Presbyterian Church is seeking childcare providers to work with VPC’s Moppets program, which supports the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program at the church, every other Thursday morning from 9:15-11:45. Interested in joining our team?
Contact Valerie Clark, Early Childhood Ministry Manager at Valerie.Clark@viennapres.org.
Engage & Apply

Challenge of the Week:

After years of silence, the first voice the man heard when his ears were opened belonged to Jesus.

Take time this week to sit in silence for several minutes and just listen.

What do you hear?
Read Mark 7:31-37 or 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and sit quietly again, listening for God’s voice.

What do you hear?

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 David’s sermon.

3. What does the word “Ephphatha” mean?

4. Why did the people talk about the miracle healing even though Jesus commanded them not to speak about it?

Sketch the story

Tweet a picture of your sketch to @ViennaPres or post to Vienna Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

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