

If the Great Commission is true,
our plans are not too big; they
are too small.



What An Exciting Time In the Life of KPC

We are greatly encouraged by the events of the past several months. Surely, God's will is for us to accomplish even more in the future than we have in the past. During the month of January we will begin a time of celebration and recommitment to more fully support the funding of the City of Hope and our Capital Campaign.

For those of you that have given over the past two years, we thank you for taking this journey of faith.

For those who did not participate in the original campaign, this will be an opportunity for you to make a commitment for the remainder of the program. We will be celebrating with a Recommitment Sunday sometime the first part of February. Stay tuned for details on this exciting time in the life of KPC and the ongoing journey to more fully release the ministry future of our church.

The City of Hope Vision is a big vision, but God has delighted in using ordinary people to do the extraordinary. So often it comes down to having enough faith to be available and to say yes.

If you would like to give to the Now More Than Ever Capital Campaign, go to kpc.org and click Online Giving. To learn more, go to kpc.org and click on Future.

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Jesus said, "Worship God and Him alone."

Opportunities to Worship Together—

Sunday mornings at 9 and 11

9 AM—Blending contemporary and the traditional.

11AM— Contemporary. Expressive.

Sunday afternoons at 5—The Mission is even more innovative and passionate.

New to KPC?

Let us treat you to lunch! Join us for our next Pizza with the Pastor luncheon on Sunday, January 10 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You'll get to know Pastor Nate as he shares some of his own personal story and you'll have time to meet and chat with some of our staff members. We'll make sure that you have plenty of salad, pizza, fruit, cheese, veggies, and cookies... just come and enjoy and get to know us a little more. Contact Chris at community@kpc.org or 495-1913 ext. 250 to find out more.

Looking for a Sunday School Class?

Turn to our Family Life section. On pages 17 you'll find information about children's Sunday school classes and on page 21 adult (KPC Life University) classes.

Moms with Infants— Let us bless you!

The Mother's Haven is a room designed especially for moms and their infant children. The Mother's Haven is open during Sunday services in our nursery wing.

Altar Ministry & Elder Prayer Time—

Altar ministers are available to pray with you in the sanctuary at the close of each service. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7—8:30 pm, KPC Church Elders are available to pray with you in the Chapel. (January 12)

Mission Pre-soak

Prayer time every Sunday afternoon, 4:00-4:50 p.m. in room A4. Come and be refreshed in the presence of the Lord, and join us in seeking Him for His will at the Mission.

Invite friends to KPC —

KPC members and regular attenders — have you thought about inviting friends and neighbors to KPC on Jan. 10 and then after the 11 a.m. service taking them to Pizza with the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall? You will **all** be treated to a delicious lunch, and they'll have the opportunity to get to know Pastor Nate and learn more about KPC.

Ways to Get More out of Nate's Messages

Nate's messages at www.kpc.org

If you go to [KPC.org](http://www.kpc.org) and click on the "WATCH/LISTEN" button, you'll find all of Nate's past messages available as either video or audio. They can also be downloaded as MP3 files

CDs of messages are available

Order an audio CD of any message— ordering envelopes are available in the lobby. Cost is just \$4 per CD.

Nate's Blog Site— at <http://natesblog.org>.

He talks about things like "Why Jesus Only?," "Is God a Myth?," and "What About Stuff We Don't Like to Talk About . . . Like Hell?" Watch Nate's blogs, post comments, and join the discussion. Even more so, use Nate's blogs as a tool to talk to your friends about faith in Christ. Send them the links to get them thinking a bit more about the powerful claims and intellectual credibility of Christianity.

Message Note Pages— Just pick one up from the platform or from the tables at the entrances to the balcony.



COMMUNITY

Jesus said, "You are My friends."

Get Connected —

The Small Group Ministry at KPC is a great place to make friends. To find out more, contact Bill at 495-1913 or send him an email at community@kpc.org. Let us help you discover what it's like to connect and grow with good friends.

Life Change— from Bill Gualdoni

A quote I am familiar with states, "Sustained life change takes place best in the context of intentional relationships. The human propensity to drift makes it clear that we need one another for mutual encouragement and accountability." Hebrews 10:24-25 comes to mind, "...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..."

Lots of people have made resolutions that they hope will cause lasting change in their lives. Maybe you hope to see changes. Well, it's easy to make a resolution and it's even easy to begin to make changes, but to persevere and see those changes last... that takes something...something that we often can't do alone.

I encourage you to make it a point to connect with others in a KPC Small Group this year and help make 2010 a year of meaningful, lasting spiritual growth in your life. Others will encourage you and even caringly help hold you accountable. Let's face it; we could all use some encouragement and each of us has room to grow as a follower of Christ.

To find out how to get involved in a Small Group and make some special friends this year, contact me, Bill at 495-1913 ext 218 or us at community@kpc.org. Get connected to others and find the encouragement you need to see sustained growth take place in your life this year.

Life Groups

It's important for families with kids to be involved in small groups. Parents make friends and grow in their faith with others and kids get to see and participate in church being lived out outside of the church walls. However, families are busy and it takes a commitment to get involved. The start of a new year is a great time to make that commitment. Listed below are four groups that are great for families. The Kendrick Family group is the newest of the bunch if you haven't heard about it yet. Commit to get involved this year and don't wait to check these groups out.

KPC Life Groups

Kendrick Family Group (with children)

Meets weekly on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Virginia Beach off of North Great Neck Rd. We're a newer group, but we're committed to caring for one another, building friendships, and growing in our faith. Families are welcome to enjoy a meaningful time together, pot luck food, worship, prayer, and Bible study. Contact leaders: Mike and Nereida Kendrick at 395-4519 or Crashmk@aol.com to get involved.

His Hands Family Group (with children)

Meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Virginia Beach off Providence Rd near Rte. 64. We desire to gather as families that reach out to the community and put our faith into action; to be His Hands even as we grow and are changed by His Hands. Contact leaders Brett & Teresa Johnson at 523-2342 or btiajj@aol.com to get involved.

Potluck Sundays Family Group (with children)

Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 5:00 p.m. in Chesapeake (Great Bridge). We meet together for a potluck meal, worship, sharing, and prayer. There is a large yard for the kids to run around in and play. Join us for a meaningful and fun time together as families. Contact leaders Pete & Melissa Clifford at 410-5545 or peteraclifford@yahoo.com to get involved.

Gualdoni Family Group (with children)

Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Chesapeake near Battlefield Blvd and Rte 64. We are committed to building friendships and growing in our faith together as families. All ages are welcome and those with children are invited to bring them and enjoy a relaxed and meaningful time of study, discussion, and prayer. Contact leaders Bill & Brenda Gualdoni at 382-0048 or wgualdoni@yahoo.com to get involved. Our current topic: The Life and Teachings of Jesus.

KPC Small Groups

KPC Writers Group— Jan. 19

Writers group meets on Tuesday, January 19 in the Den from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Don't miss this interactive session with Life Coach Tony Stoltzfus! Writing Exercise: Write about a New Year's resolution impossible to keep.

COMMUNITY

More of Jesus, Less of Me

Are you starting the New Year out of balance? Perhaps some of that holiday neglect is beginning to show. Is it time for a fresh start? Maybe it's time to be accountable, especially to God? "More of Jesus, Less of Me" is about trying to get that balance back. It's more than a physical makeover. Come join us as we begin making changes the right way, with our special guest speakers Henry and Pam Rudiger, from the KPC Prayer Ministry. They will be joining us on Jan. 28. Join More of Jesus, Less of Me to make a fresh start to get a healthy Mind, Body and Spirit in the New Year! We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at KPC. No fees, books, or sign-up needed. We look forward to meeting you Jan 14. For questions call Kathy Daugherty at KPC 495-1913, or Juanita Hubbard 490-4909 (PM).

Singles on the Move in 2010

Mark your calendars! We're changing our meeting date to the second Friday of the month starting Jan 8. We meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Den. You also won't want to miss our church-wide Valentine Dinner on Feb 5 at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall featuring the a-capella singing group, "Feeling Groovy," sponsored by Singles on the Move. Tickets go on sale after the first of the year. Watch for details!

Nurture Night—Thurs. Jan. 21 in the Fellowship Hall

Hey Ladies, come beat those winter blahs by joining us Thursday night, Jan 21, at 7 p.m. for Nurture Night: an evening of warm fellowship, delicious desserts and moving testimonies. Also, if you'd like to help us help women be able to attend the upcoming women's retreat, please bring a new or gently used item we can sell as a part of our scholarship fundraiser right before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For childcare reservations please call Michelle Malana at 340-2621. Bring old friends and make new friends as we enjoy making and deepening friendships with the women of KPC!

Community Groups

Men's Retreat— February 19-21

Gentlemen....February 19-21 is right around the corner and you don't want to miss this special weekend. The retreat will again be held just a short drive away at Eastover Retreat Center in Spring Grove, VA. It will be a meaningful time as men are encouraged and challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ. It will also be an enjoyable time to relax, hang out and even have

the opportunity to try their hand at skeet shooting or take a few swings in a long drive contest.

So guys, mark your calendar and be ready to reserve your spot. Registration for the retreat begins soon. Look for the sign-up table in the lobby and we'll see you there. If you have any questions please contact Linda Harrison at 495-1913 ext. 230 or email harrisonl@kpc.org.

Women's Retreat—March 5—7

"Signposts for San Living"

FRIENDSHIP, DEVOTION, BALANCE, & DESTINATION

The Women's Ministry is busy putting together fun, meaningful activities to make this a weekend that ladies won't want to miss. The women's retreat this year will be held at a great new location, the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort, right on the beach. Our speaker will be Billie Cash, a southern lady of many talents who claims Collierville, Tennessee (Memphis area) as her hometown. She majored in Theater at the University of Memphis where her communication skills led to successful ventures in radio, TV, fashion, and teaching. Her life and career adventures including moves, separations, and the challenges of raising a family developed in her a ministry of encouragement. She is a retreat/conference speaker who has addressed women across America, the British Isles and the Dominican Republic. She is gifted by the Lord to bring freshness, authenticity, accountability, hope, and a thirst to know God.

Ladies, you can register in the KPC lobby on weekends before or after morning services.

Gift certificates for the Women's retreat are available in the lobby for \$50, \$100, and the full cost of the event.

Gentlemen, this would make a great Valentine's gift for the special lady in your life.

Community Groups

The JOY Club (Just Older Youth)—2010

Tuesday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joe Paluszak will be speaking—his topic, "The Right Stuff." Lunch is \$5. Please call Linda at 495-1913 to make reservations for lunch.



SERVING

Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

Momentum in Mobilization—Matt Dussia

Mobilization Coordinator at KPC.

You may ask yourself, "What is Mobilization?"

Mobilization is a ministry designed to intentionally help people connect to the life of the church in 4 primary areas: Gathering (Worship Services), Community (Life Groups), Serving (Opportunities), and Deeper (Your Personal Walk with God).

The way to connect people into the life of KPC is through the "Mobilization Ring":

**Assessment → Opportunities → Placement →
Evaluation → Celebration → (back to Assessment).**

The basic idea behind this "Mobilization Ring" is that a person will assess where they are currently (in Life Groups, Service, & their Personal Relationship with God) then be shown opportunities to move into the area(s) they are interested, then reevaluate their ministry involvement once they have given it a try, and finally celebrate their efforts in that ministry.

Currently, I am in need of help to begin to move forward in this ministry. There are 4 teams that I am specifically asking for help: Prayer Team, Coaching Team, Connection Team, and Blessing Team. These teams are specifically designed to help increase awareness of ministries at KPC and to empower people for participation. If you are interested in finding out more, or if you would like to volunteer any time during the week or during the weekend in Mobilization, please do not hesitate to contact me at dussiam@kpc.org or call KPC at 495-1913 ext. 257.

Help Connect People into KPC—

- ◇ Would you enjoy encouraging others in finding their places of service and/or community at KPC?
- ◇ Do you love seeing people thrive in meaningful ministry?
- ◇ Would you like to see others become part of something bigger than themselves?

Then you would make a wonderful "Connection Interviewer."

You'd have the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with

KPC attendees to discover their needs and interests, see how KPC can best serve them, and how they can best serve KPC and the community! For more information, email [serving@kpc.org](mailto:-serving@kpc.org).

What is AssessMe?

AssessMe helps people discover their personality types, leadership styles, & spiritual gifts to empower, & equip them for ministry service.

How do I take AssessMe?

Go to www.kpc.org and click on the “Serve” box, then scroll to the bottom of the page and click “AssessMe.”

How long will it take?

About 30-45 minutes.

When will I get my results?

Immediately after you finish the test!

What are the assessment tools?

ePersonality – Identifies how God has wired you for ministry service

Leadership Style – Defines how you best fit into a leadership team

Grace Gifts (Spiritual Gifts) – Recognizes special talents & gifts that God has given to you

Other Notes: Just so you are aware, KPC will also receive a copy of your results and information, so we can know how to better support you in understanding your gifts & in connecting you with service opportunities.

If you have any questions about your AssessMe results, please feel free to contact Matthew Dussia at dussiam@kpc.org or call 757-495-1913 ext. 257.

Serving KPC

KPC’s Friendly Faces— Please call Chris at 495-1913 ext. 250 or email her at chris@kpc.org for details on any of the following awesome serving opportunities and to begin serving!

Ushering— This is an important and satisfying ministry position. The benefits you’ll receive are the contented faces you greet and minister to during each gathering.

Greeting— The Greeter Ministry at KPC hopes you will join their team of friendly faces. Let Chris know which gathering you attend and, before you know it, your smiling face and kind words will make our gatherings even friendlier.

KPC Café— Our KPC Café has several service opportunities: Sunday mornings 8—10; 10—11:15. Benefits include a satisfying service experience and making new friends!

Serving Hampton Roads

God is Moving!

All over our city, God is bringing people to Himself. Listen to what God accomplished through one willing servant:

I am a chaplain's volunteer at the Virginia Beach Correctional Center. I serve with a team that goes "behind the bars" on Sunday mornings to visit inmates, encourage them with the gospel, and pray.

One Sunday morning we were singing the song "Greater Things are Yet to Come in this City" during KPC worship when God spoke into my heart that He was starting one of these "greater things" in the Virginia Beach jail. The Holy Spirit propelled me out of my seat to speak a word to the congregation to call us to corporate prayer for the work He was starting there.

Weeks later at the jail, God did something I had never seen there before. This cell block has no interior bars, so a deputy unlocks the door and stands attendant. The door is normally open less than 5 minutes because it requires a sheriff to remain with me. It is not conducive to inmates asking for prayer.

This day, when the deputy asked if anyone wanted prayer, I was astonished that all 18 or so inmates formed a line! First, I have NEVER seen all inmates in an entire block ask to receive prayer. I laid my hand on the first woman and as I prayed, huge silent tears fell from her eyes onto her jumpsuit. I literally felt Christ's power and love surge over us in firm waves. As the women waited in line, no one spoke—I still remark at how unusual that is, for the jail is a noisy place. In turn, each woman started to weep as I prayed. There was a peace that was tangible; the only way to describe it is that the peace had weight. I was instantly aware that God was doing something very significant—touching straight into the heart of each woman.

Another unusual thing is that the inmates did not return to their cells or other activities but stood near in complete silence and reverence as I prayed. I noticed some of them even interceding silently and nodding in agreement to my words. One woman waited a long time in line merely to pray blessing and life over ME! What joy both of us knew standing in that threshold in that moment!

At first, I was conscious of delaying the deputy, but then became so absorbed in the movement of God that I didn't pay attention. When I had finally prayed for the last one, I realized I had been at it for about 30 minutes! I praise God that He provided a deputy who never once rushed us or admonished the inmates.

As the deputy reached out to close the door, one last inmate appeared from behind it. I hadn't seen her. She spoke so softly that at first I

didn't understand her. She requested prayer. Something prompted me to ask if she knew Jesus. She replied yes. There was a gentle check in my spirit. I asked if she had put her full trust and life in Jesus. When she said, "I guess so..." I knew what was going to happen next. We spoke a few minutes and she prayed to receive Jesus with wide eyes of wonder. 'Jane' had only been incarcerated 2 days. She didn't have a Bible, but she watched at a distance for 30 minutes and... when the door was almost shut... she decided she wanted some of what she had seen. Praise God!

The door slammed shut and I stood on the other side speechless. My only comment to the deputy was, "so many tears..." Then the deputy confessed that she herself had fought back tears herself the entire time. Wow. God was penetrating even the bystanders. I believe Jesus is bringing revival and awakening to that cellblock. Please pray that His will continue to be done there.

I came to church later that morning rejoicing and--for the first time since that day 6 weeks prior--we sang "Greater Things are Yet to Come." I trusted it was a heavenly wink to confirm that what I had just witnessed was what God had promised He would start.

The land deal for City of Hope is exciting, for our Lord is doing amazing things. But He is writing His God-stories all around us right now as well...in the jail, at trailer city, at the clothes pantry, in the Sunday schools, in the assisted living centers, and everywhere our feet trod. Let's continue to pray for the great things He is starting right now through His body of believers at KPC, in Jesus Name.

Amen!

To get involved with the Good News Jail Ministry or to serve in another area in Hampton Roads, email serving@kpc.org or call 495-1913.

KPC Food Pantry Update—

The KPC Food Pantry distributed groceries to several hundred families over the holidays. Your food and money contributions make it possible each Monday for us to help our community in this way. We thank God for your heart and participation in this ministry. Please continue bringing your used brown paper bags and dropping them off in the food bin in the lobby.

Cookie Time!

Perhaps you already resolved this year to eat less candy and cookies next Christmas. Or maybe you're looking at all the leftover treats from the holidays and aren't sure what to do with them. Don't throw them out! On Saturday Jan. 9, we're collecting baked goods to donate to the Union Mission. Then, don't miss baking day on the following Saturday, Jan. 16! We'll be baking up a storm to give homemade goods to the homeless at the Union Mission. Email Larissa at peternusz@cox.net for upcoming details.

SERVING

Sanctity of Life Week—January 17-24

The Sanctity of Human Life Week will be observed Jan. 17-24. Thousands of churches all over the nation will take time to recognize the value and sanctity of human life. KPC is no exception. Over the last four years, the number of abortions in South Hampton Roads has reduced yearly. Praise God!

Let's continue to pray that God will eliminate abortion in Hampton Roads altogether. To find out ways to get involved during this special week, email serving@kpc.org.

Hope Team—an invitation from Mark Robison

I recognize in my own life how there are many wonderful things to be involved in, but that I am limited as to just what I may do. Let me trust in the Lord's power to bring each volunteer to his desired area of ministry. You are welcome to join us!

Out of consideration for the elderly during the flu season we are not presently visiting our dear elderly members. Nurse Jane Hixon alerted us to the dangers for these dear ones.

Nevertheless, when we do return we invite you to join us.

Contact information: Deacon Mark C. Robison 523-1261

Serving the Nations

Next ACTS 13—Sunday January 17

Come join us for our first ACTS 13 of 2010!

Our very own Christina will be with us sharing some important updates and testimonies about her ministry transitions this past year as well as her upcoming relocation to Central Asia. In addition, Kara Hanger, KPC's Serve Hampton Roads Coordinator, will join us briefly to share about some exciting new opportunities for you to serve in Hampton Roads this year. Remember—missions is serving and loving people both internationally AND locally! Lunch will be served for \$3/person, \$10 maximum/family. We begin at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

STM Application Deadline: January 27

(STM — Short-Term Missions)

This year we are excited to bring you several opportunities to serve in a cross-cultural setting alongside our KPC workers. Each trip offers a unique opportunity and context for you to reach out to those who have not yet heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. STM informational brochures are available in the lobby. Participating on a short term missions team will undoubtedly be a life changing experience that impacts those you serve as well as you. If

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you are interested in joining one of these teams, but not quite sure which trip would be the best fit for you, please call Kate at 495-1913 ext: 285. We are happy to help you in your journey toward serving the Lord and His people across the nations!

Coffee Hour—the Last Tuesday of Each Month

Do you have a heart for missions and a desire to get involved but have trouble finding where to begin? We have some answers for you! On the last Tuesday of every month, we welcome you to share your heart and questions over coffee, while receiving some guidance on your journey toward missions involvement. If you are interested in attending please contact Dana Petrelli at 495-1913 or petrellid@kpc.org for information on time & place.

Regent University: Study Tour of Israel and Jordan—

KPC members are invited to join the Regent University School of Divinity's Study Tour of Israel and Jordan from Feb. 26 through March 13, 2010. This trip will be led by KPC worker from West Asia, Dr. Mark Wilson. For more information or to register online, go to: www.regent.edu/studytour or email markwil@regent.edu.



Jesus said, "Could you not pray with Me for one hour?"

The Heart of "Deeper"—

While worship gatherings, community, and serving are critical to spiritual growth, personal spiritual disciplines are the unmistakable earmark of the mature in Christ. Yes, this comes down to daily prayer and reading the Bible. "Deeper" ministry is all about investing these daily spiritual disciplines in your life through devotional resources, retreats, classes, and counseling.

New Years Resolutions —

Looking for a New Years resolution to really start 2010 off right. Try reading the Bible through in one year. You can pick up printed readers' guides in the front church lobby. What a great way to start your day or to end it before you turn in for the night by flooding your mind with God's Word. (Psalm 1:1-6)

DEEPER/FAMILY LIFE

Marriage Retreat—February 5-6, 2010

Save the Date! February 5th and 6th is our KPC Marriage Retreat in beautiful historic Williamsburg, Virginia. Come get refreshed, relax, and learn the important principles of love and respect taught by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Surprise your sweetheart! This would make a great Valentine's gift that would last a lifetime! Look for details in your weekly Express. Contact Linda Harrison for more details at harrisonl@KPC.org or 495-1913 extension 230. You can also go to www.kpc.org and look on the Deeper page for information on the Marriage Retreat.

Eden Counseling—

Sometimes our relationship with God gets “stuck” because our relationships with others—or how we view ourselves—become damaged or broken.

Eden Counseling is KPC's resource for comprehensive, Christ-centered, fully professional counseling. We help individuals and families with a variety of problems. If you need some help, don't go it alone! Give us a call at 201-6136 or call KPC at 495-1913 or email harrisonl@kpc.org.



Our purpose in Family Ministry is to reach the next generation for Christ, disciple them, and equip their parents.

Early Childhood Ministry

EARLY CHILDHOOD Schedule

Nursery ages 12-24 month

Preschool ages 2 through Kindergarten

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 in Nursery & Preschool wing

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Infants through 5-year-olds can be taken directly to rooms N1-2 in the Nursery wing before the service begins.

Contact: Tara Powell, 495-1913 ext. 239, powellt@kpc.org

Mother's Haven— (in the Nursery Wing)

The Mother's Haven is a room designed especially for moms and their infant children. You'll have access to all of the amenities a mom could ask for, plus you'll still get to see and hear the sermon via live feed!

Can You Spare One Sunday?

We need substitute teachers for all ages, which usually amounts to one Sunday a month. Also, on those months that we have a 5th Sunday, we need caregivers for infants. Can you spare an occasional Sunday to minister the love of Jesus to the wee ones in the Kingdom? If so, please contact Tara at powellt@kpc.org.

Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Flipt Kids - Living Inside Out for Jesus GRADES 1-5 Schedule

Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. in the KPC Learning Center
Sunday evenings in the Den

Our Flipt Kids gatherings follow worship in the sanctuary. Children are dismissed and meet up with a team member in the lobby. Our gatherings alternate each week between big and small groups to get kids into God's Word through skits, Bible stories, games, memory verses, and object lessons. Our goal is children walking in the reality of salvation through Jesus Christ, impacting their world by living the gospel, and serving others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Parents, please pick up your child immediately after service, and don't forget your copy of "Partnering Together" to stay informed about what we're learning in Flipt Kids.

New Year's Resolutions—

It is that time of year when we are reflecting on 2009, deciding what were the good, God-centered characteristics that we grew in, and where we still need to grow. For 2010, we invite you to come and grow in God through serving with a healthy sprinkling of fun and fellowship in Flipt Kids.

You can work at any service in a variety of opportunities on a two-week on, two-week-off rotation. We have a vibrant group of kids, great, creative curriculum and we supply all the materials. Training is ongoing and covers all the aspects of Flipt Kids. Just add YOU and watch how you can grow in God in 2010!

Youth Ministry

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY

Hi, and welcome to KPC Youth Ministries. Our heart is to strengthen families by encouraging their kids through the often difficult teenage years. We do this by providing students with places to serve others, through challenging teachings, and by connecting them with friends, adult mentors, and to their Savior who loves them.

Crossfire Meeting Times—

Crossfire, our large group meeting, is on Saturday nights from 6:30—8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Connect with people who care about you, and hear live student-led worship bands and challenging teaching. Merge (6th-8th graders/middle school) meets in the Den during both Sunday morning services immediately following worship.

Kudos to our Media Team!

We are so grateful to Kim Soto and our Media Team! They've really worked hard this year to cure our "media hiccups," and they've added a lot to the overall quality of our meetings. So thank you all for a job well done!

January Happenings—

Jan 2	NO Crossfire – holiday break
Jan 9	CF kicks off 2010 with small groups reading Isaiah 1-7
Jan 16	Teaching: "Biblical Reasons for Good Stewardship"
Jan 17, 24, & 31	Foundations of Faith classes (middle schoolers)
Jan 23	Small groups studying Isaiah 8-14
Jan 29	Volunteer leaders' retreat at the Monastery
Jan 30	Teaching: "Good Stewardship Practices"

Coming Up— (in February & March)

Feb 7,14,&21	Foundations of Faith classes (middle schoolers)
Feb 26-28	High School retreat at the Monastery
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28	Foundations of Membership classes (high schoolers)
Mar 27	The Quest at the Chesapeake Arboretum
Mar 7	Parent meeting, 1 PM in Celebration wing

Foundations of Faith for Middle Schoolers—

Foundations of Faith is a 6-week series of lessons specifically for middle-schoolers that deal with the basics of the Christian faith: salvation, baptism, communion, and the Apostle's Creed. This class is a prerequisite for the Youth New Members class, which will be offered at a later date. The class will meet on Sunday mornings from Jan 17—Feb 21, 9 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. There is no cost, but please register with Deb Hill at hilld@kpc.org to reserve your materials.

Do you have sales experience?

If so, we need your expertise to enlist sponsors for our annual youth missions fundraiser, Putt-Putt Madness. This event is held in late May each year, and all the proceeds go to our youth overseas missions teams. For more info, please contact Deb Hill at hilld@kpc.org.

Notes for Parents — from Deb Hill

In the book, *All Grown Up and No Place to Go*, David Elkind describes a common mistake made by parents of adolescents—it's the expectation that, since the adolescent body is nearly that of an adult, the adolescent mind should be as well. This expectation sets us up for disappointment because, as any parent of teens knows, our teens don't always behave as if they have adult thought processes. There's a reason for that. Cognitive development lags behind physical development and is still going on well into the teen years.

Cognitive development involves thinking, problem solving, understanding, and information processing. This developmental process explains why our teens sometimes seem to go in and out of being rational. It explains their confusion and inability to make decisions, and their apparent need to argue just for the sake of argument. It also explains why they can seem so adult one day, and so much like a very large child the next.

So, how can we help? We should remember that our teens still need guidance, but they also need to be allowed to make their own mistakes, as long as they aren't permanently damaging. At this stage, they can actually learn from those mistakes. They need lots of support and encouragement for whatever talents and strength of character they have, even if they try and fail. Sometimes, they just need a sounding board and a little understanding. As with the young child, the adolescent still needs to feel secure in our love, so secure that even when they fail, they know they're still accepted.

And of course, they need our prayers.

FAMILY LIFE

A good scripture to hang onto at this stage is Phil. 4:8: “Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” This keeps our focus on the positive. It speaks of finding the good and praising it. It’s about sowing good seed in them for a good harvest. During this confusing time, it is encouraging to remember that one day our teens really will be all grown up, and we will have had the privilege of watching God’s plan for their lives unfold before our eyes. **He** is the Source of all wisdom—for them and for us.

KPC Youth Ministry—Come Talk To Us

We’d like you to know that we’re available and ready to help, even if you just want to chat. Call us, email us, or even find us on Facebook (under the name “Johnny B. Crossfire”), and we’ll be glad to find a time to get together with you.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL KPC LIFE UNIVERSITY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—KPCLU Winter Quarter classes (through Feb. 21)

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. during 1st service.

The Kingdom-Focused Christian—

Teacher: Rev. Stephen Ruckel / Location: Celebration Wing

Description: A Kingdom-focused Christian lives in a Kingdom-focused church. The Kingdom of God must be the central life focus that every person and church should seek and align with in order to experience the complete transforming power of the life God created us to experience in Christ Jesus. We will explore the concepts of the Kingdom and the missional consequences for our lives and for our church.

Ecclesiastes: Nothing New Under the Sun—

Teacher: Reed Sprague / Location: Rooms A1 & 2

Description: “The Preacher” has much to tell us in this fascinating book. Though written some 2,250 years ago, Ecclesiastes equips us to deal with the tidal wave of humanism sweeping over our world today. This class will be especially helpful for Christians who want to understand the full meaning of living in God through Christ—the good times and the struggles. Seekers, skeptics, and doubters will also benefit because the writer of Ecclesiastes deals squarely with many of the issues important to them. The questions raised are timeless, finding answers as meaningful now as then.

SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. during 2nd service.

Predestined to God’s Glory

Teacher: Pastor Neil Ellison / Location: Celebration Wing

Description: What does the future hold for each of us? How do we get there? Everyone has an opinion. Even talk show hosts weigh in on the conversation. But what does Scripture have to say? Find out what God has in store for those who are “called according to His purpose.”

The Peacemaker Seminar

Teachers: Elders Hartley Dewey & David Bottorff /

Location: in Rooms A 1 & 2

Description: This practical study focuses on how to resolve conflicts biblically in the family, the church, the workplace, and everyday life. Featuring video teaching by author of The Peacemaker, Ken Sande, discussion and application are included. Topics cover how to glorify God in the midst of conflict, how to confess, and how to forgive. Special attention is given to peacemaking in the home.



Submit Room Requests for 2010—

If you use the building for on-going monthly/weekly meetings, please remember to re-submit a Room Request for 2010. 2009 room requests do not automatically rollover to 2010!

How May We Serve You?

If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address, please fill out a "How May We Serve You?" card—then drop it in the offering plate. Cards are available in the backs of the pews, and at each entrance to the balcony.

If You Need Prayer—

KPC has a robust prayer ministry including staff prayer, elders' prayer, prayer "chains," and prayer teams. If you have a prayer request, contact Kathy Daugherty at 495-1913 or daughertyk@kpc.org, and we'll pray for you!

Elders Available to Pray With You—

Remember, every 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. a team of elders gathers in the Prayer Chapel (in the "A" wing) to pray for you. This month the date is January 12. Come, share your requests, and receive both prayer and encouragement.

For specific prayer needs—

KPC Prayer Liaison Kathy Daugherty,
495-1913 or daughertyk@kpc.org

The Prayer Chain: 420-1444 or 497-5854.

Names & prayer requests remain confidential.

Prayer requested for—

Jeff Klein, Billie Leigh (Surgery 12-15), Ray Witter, Paula Walter's mother, Herb Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Lisa Corbett, Joyce Dowling, Freda Edmondson, Amogine Homs, Carole Cook, Hector Kalagayan, Nadira Atangan, Robert Klein, Bill Catoe, Frank Tait, Virginia Teagle, Jerry Gray, Stacy Beale (pancreas & Kidney transplant).

Battling Cancer: Ed Brown, James Pethel, Helen Baden, Ruth Olbris, Bob Cheek, Chuck Laird.

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To help you connect to the diverse opportunities at KPC, we're pleased to introduce you to our ministry leaders. Online at www.kpc.org, you can use the Contact Us page to link to ministry pages.

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