

Vienna Press

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Upcoming Events

July 6 - 13	Mexico SMP
July 8 - 15	Haiti SMP
July 10 - 14	Vacation Bible School
July 13	Bubble Soccer
July 16	VBS Sunday
July 16 - 21	Sports Outreach SMP
July 17 - 21	Pittsburgh Project SMP
July 24 - 28	Cunningham Park SMP
July 29 - Aug.4	Cuba Mission Trip
July 30	Mission Event
August 4	The Jesus Film Project
August 11-12	Global Leadership Summit

Welcome to the *Vienna Press* a monthly newsletter just for VPC

Why a monthly newsletter? To give you more detailed information about what's happening here inside the church and our outreach outside our walls in our local community and beyond. We hope to provide insights into each of the ministries important to you at VPC: from Next Gen ministries to adult ministries, missions and outreach, worship and music ministries. You'll hear from church leaders, staff, and volunteers alike. Look for the newsletter the first Sunday of each month. Copies will be available with the bulletin or all month long at the Connect and Welcome tables, at the doors in the lobby, and in the church office. The *Vienna Press* will also be posted on our website at viennapres.org/newsletter.

If you would rather receive the newsletter by mail or know of someone who might like the newsletter mailed to them, please email us at communications@viennapres.org or call 703.938.9050 x112.





Time to Renew Your Mind?

Romans 12:2 tells us to be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

For me, having a renewed mind has transformed a difficult family relationship. I believed the lie that her opinion determined my value. Now, I know the truth that her criticism of me is HER stuff and I'm free to respond in love.

This fall (beginning September 12) the Renewing Prayer Leadership Team will offer training classes at VPC. During these classes, we will learn how to focus our prayer time so that there is a genuine encounter with Jesus, resulting in a renewed mind. When we depend on God to renew our minds, we no longer listen to the lies of the past. We can then be free to handle life's trials in a faith-filled, God-centered way. This is true transformation

Would you like to know more about being transformed by the renewing of your mind? Visit viennapres.org/renewing-prayer

Lisa Baltzer, VPC Member

“At the Movies”



I love stories, which is why I love movies. Every story connects with God's Big Story. I learn lessons by watching how characters grow and develop (or fail to do so). Since having children, I have watched many Pixar and Disney movies over and over with them. I have discovered these films do a great job of engaging people on different levels. These movies are entertaining and instructive for all ages.

That is why we have decided to do an “At the Movies” sermon series beginning July 30th. As a part of the sermon, we will look with eyes of faith at movie clips and then explore the lessons that connect with God's Word. Whether we are young or old, there will be something to help us in becoming like Christ together for the world.

Pastor Glenda



College Student Get-Togethers

Join us this summer at our Water Ice & the Word gatherings to connect with other college-aged students while enjoying Rita's Italian Ice. We are diving into the word of God and discussing how college students can effectively and lovingly communicate the message of the gospel on campus. Come once or every week — drop-ins are welcome. Invite a friend and join us for the conversation. Tuesdays, 7 -9 pm, at 1820 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22182. Questions? Email steve@garnercb.com

Jordyn Pistilli
VPC Member and Children's Ministry Intern

Reach Out!

As part of our Ignite Campaign, VPC has made a major commitment to local outreach, which is about being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Imagine Jesus coming personally this week to Vienna. He would certainly teach in church, but no doubt he would also spend time with people on the margins of society, perhaps among the roughly 6,000 people living below the poverty line within a 5-mile radius of VPC, or with people caught up in abuse, or with immigrants who feel isolated and fearful.

Jesus was concerned about the whole person, attending to physical, relational, and spiritual needs. He first forgave the sins of the paralytic whose friends lowered him through a roof to receive his healing in Mark 2. He fed the 5,000, but later said, “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27).

Likewise, VPC members over the years have cultivated relationships in the Vienna Park/Cunningham Park neighborhoods, about 1.5 miles to the south of us on Park St., where up to two-thirds of the population makes less than \$40K/year (see viennapres.org/blog). We have partnered with the elementary school to provide tutoring, mentoring, food, backpack supplies (in need again this summer!) and fellowship. We have taught English as a second language, and we have reached out directly with the message of Christ. As a result of these relationships, VPC is a trusted partner and there are many new believers in Vienna.

How is God calling you to participate in VPC’s expanded outreach?

Visit viennapres.org/viennaoutreach/volunteer or send an email to phil.covell@viennapres.org.

Phil Covell
Interim Outreach Coordinator



Ignite Initiative

We strongly believe God has called us to make a bold impact in our local community while continuing to be good stewards of our church by caring for our facility and paying off our remaining debt.

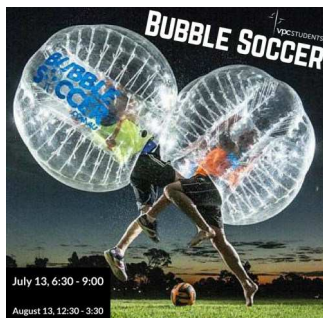
On April 23, we worshipped together, ate breakfast together, and learned how we can all participate in Ignite. June 4, we celebrated the generosity of our congregation at a church-wide block party: BBQ, music, train rides, playing, and, best of all—Pastor Pete in the dunk tank! Thank you to all who made both events so special.

To date, we have raised \$4,736,958, or 92% of our \$5M goal. With gifts already received, we have paid off one of our three loans, are moving forward with our Ignite outreach efforts, and are starting much-needed maintenance projects. But there is more to be done. We are only \$263,042 from reaching our Ignite goal. With full participation from our congregation, we can accomplish so much. If you have not yet made your 3-year commitment to Ignite, please consider joining us. Make your commitment at viennapres.org/ignite-pledge. Together we can be the light that Christ has called us to be.

Nina Graves
Director of Generosity

Upcoming Events in the Life of VPC

Bubble Soccer



Join Student Ministries July 13 at 6:30pm and August 13 at 12:30pm at Nottoway Park

Have you ever wanted to play soccer inside of a giant air bubble? Here is your opportunity!

Registration is available at viennapres.org/sm-events

VBS Sunday

Join us at worship, Sunday, July 16, at 9 and 10:45am as we welcome all the children and families who participated in Vacation Bible School week.



We will sing songs and hear Bible verses from the week as well as join together in our traditional worship elements. Don't miss this time of worship and fellowship with our community.

Meet and Greet with Farthest Corners



Learn about the work of Austin and Sinte House as they serve as Christ's instruments throughout Myanmar, Burma!

For ten years we have supported the work of this Prince William County native. Christ called him and his wife to travel to Southeast Asia and return to serve those displaced by war and strife. Their work is inspiring. We hope you'll join us to share the vision on Sunday, July 30, at 12:00 noon for a luncheon/discussion in the Great Hall

Have You Ever Prayed for a Second Chance?

Every eight seconds, somewhere in the world, another person indicates a decision to follow Christ after watching the *JESUS* film.

You are invited to join us for dinner and watch the *JESUS* film on August 4 at 6:30pm in the Great Hall. All ages are welcome, so bring your family and friends. Bring your favorite dish to share.



Global Leadership Summit

Global Leadership Summit is for everyone! When you improve your leadership, you impact lives,

families, churches, businesses, governments, schools, and more. Come to the Summit August 10- 11, in the VPC Great Hall.

Register Now at viennapres.org/gls

Discounted rates apply until July 10.

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