Pain: The Cutting Edge

Genesis 44:16-34

life is... Still messy with Joseph

November 1, 2015
Generosity Sunday
Did You Know?

VPC Youth Choir has a new communication tool called ‘Remind’! Parents and students should text @vpcy to 81010 to receive choir updates and information. Please enroll today. Don’t miss out on important reminders!

VPC students in grades 7-12 can join the Youth Choir and lead 8am Sunday worship each week. Our youth learn about music, but more importantly, they learn about God, community, and fellowship. Contact Jennifer.mathews@viennapres.org

Hats for the Homeless: Create warm hats for the Lamb Center. Knit, crochet, sew, quilt, or weave! Full instructions at viennapres.org/serve-at-vpc; click on the GO tab. No computer? No problem: contact Sue Hamblen at 703.938.9050 x111.

Volunteers are still needed to lead our Cherub Choir and Friendship Chimes. Please pray that God will provide leaders to serve in these areas. Contact Lance.vining@viennapres.org for info.

Families to light the Advent Wreath on Sunday mornings. First come, first served! Please call Lee Taylor at 703.938.9050 x103 to sign up for a date and time.

Nov. 29 – 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 am
Dec. 6 – 8:00 or 11:00 am
Dec. 13 – 8:00 or 11:00 am
Dec. 20 – 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 am
Dec. 24 – 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:45, or 10:30.

If you liked Old Testament in 2 Hours, you’ll love Joseph...Beyond a Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Dr. Bruce Birch returns to VPC: November 8, 6:30-8pm, Sanctuary.
Thank you for your generosity in financially supporting the Ministry and Mission of VPC in 2016.

These are some of the many ways your money is transformed into ministry and mission, as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ.
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**Prayers of the People (8:00)**

**Children’s Blessing (9:30)**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Generosity**

**Scripture**

Genesis 44:16-34

**Sermon**

Pain: The Cutting Edge  
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

**Communion**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God  
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**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**  
Tomlin

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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9:30am Sunday School and Jr. Choir dismissed after the Children’s Blessing. 1st-3rd graders in Bridges, Gateways, and Power-Up are dismissed to their teachers after the Children’s Blessing. Children with yellow and blue wristbands, line up in the center aisle. Children with green and purple wristbands, line up in the outer aisles. Those who wish to attend but have not yet registered and received wristbands, please take your child to the lobby for registration.

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"Lift High the Cross" is a 19th-century English Christian hymn. It was written in 1887 by George Kitchin, while he was the Church of England Dean of Winchester, for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. It has been suggested that the hymn was inspired by the story of Constantine the Great’s conversion to Christianity after seeing a cross inscribed with "In hoc signo vinces" ("In this sign you will conquer").

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TODAY

Coffee Hour & Breakfast Snacks: Great Hall in between services!

Now in Grapevine:
Bring the story of Joseph to life for young readers!

THIS WEEK

MOMSnext - Wednesday, November 4, 7-9 pm, join us for food and fellowship as we hear Paul Goodnight discuss “Can You Hear Me Now?” (communication between husbands and wives). For more information, contact MOMSnextVPC@gmail.com.

LOOKING FORWARD

Bridgepoint Luncheon: Friday, November 13, noon, Maggiano’s, Tysons Corner II. Special Guest Leslie Curran, Partner, Plave Koch Law Firm will present “Miracles Are for Real.” To register or for more information, visit bridgepointconnections.org or contact phil.kravotil@viennapres.org

Married People Night Out! All married couples are invited to attend a night of fun in the Great Hall, Friday, November 20, from 7–9pm. Join us as we celebrate having “serious” fun in our marriages. Come see how well the pastors know their spouses in VPC’s rendition of the Not-So-Newlywed Game. You’ll laugh…you’ll cry from laughing…and you’ll enjoy some yummy desserts! $20 per couple. Free childcare. Sign up at viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage

LOOKING FOR HELP?


Simplify for Parents:
Sanity in a Crazy, Busy World tonight, 6:30-8pm.
For more info contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/group-finder

November Club Is Coming Up!
4th-6th graders, we hope to see you there!
11/6, 7-9pm, Basement
11/20, 7-9pm, 3rd floor
For more information check out viennapres.org/children

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

You are not alone. Connect with support, encouragement, and advice to survive the holidays:

Passages/DivorceCare
Tuesday, November 10, 7-9pm.
Room 324.
viennapres.org/divorce

Griefshare:
Sunday, November 15,
6-7:30pm. Room 203.
viennapres.org/griefshare
Engage & Apply

Follow along with the sermon:

1. How did the silver cup get in Benjamin’s sack? Why was it placed there?

2. What are the different kinds of pain that Joseph, his dad, and his brothers experience in the Bible passage for today?

3. How do the people in the story deal with their pain?

4. Pain that is not ______________ will be ________________.

Sketch the story

Challenge of the Week:

What do you do when you experience pain? Who do you turn to? How do you act?

Jesus is inviting you to let him carry your pain. What does that mean to you? How can you lean in to God to help you through pain?

Take time to pray that God will be present for you in your pain.

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

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Wish to talk about our worship services?
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