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## THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

by Pastor Bruce

I have been reading a book by Tullian Tchividjian, the new pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This is the church the late D. James Kennedy pastored. The book is entitled *Unfashionable*. The premise of the book is that the Church seeks to look like the culture in order to attract the culture to the Church. This principle for church growth has been behind several movements we have witnessed over the last three decades in America. The irony, according to Tullian, is that though the Church is seeking to look more like the culture, but all the while, the culture is looking for something different in the Church. Hence, Tullian's call to the Church to be unfashionable. The author is not calling us to be odd for odd's sake. This is the very reason so many churches seek to look like the culture because they don't want the culture to think of them as odd. Some within the Church even wear their oddness as a badge of honor.

I have an additional reason for why the Church seeks to look like the culture around us. I believe many churches have given into a secularization and professionalization of their church because they have lost confidence in the gospel. If the gospel is what God entrusted to the Church as the only power by which people and cultures are transformed (Romans 1:16-17), then when we lose confidence in it, we are open to using other means to achieve our goals.

There is a very unhealthy move in the church to turn ministry over to "the professionals." The members of the church pay for others to do what God has clearly called them to do. Ephesians 4:11-13 teaches us that the role of the "professional" is not to do the ministry by themselves, but to train the members to do the "works of service." Over the last few decades we are witnessing a trend where commitment and involvement by the members of the local churches, particularly large churches, is in decline. We have been richly blessed with a wonderful staff to help lead us, but their role cannot supplant or be confused with your role as members of EP.

Second, there is an unhealthy secularization of the Church. Tullian tells the story of a meeting between his grandfather, Billy Graham and a Hollywood studio executive. During the height of the Graham Crusades this executive met with Rev. Graham and told him that it would be useless for the crusades to adopt the Hollywood model of production because Hollywood will always do it better. The executive's point is that when the Church tries to be like what is seen on television or on the radio it produces a poor copy because Hollywood can always do it better. When worship is trying to be like the David Letterman Show or something similar to a MTV special, we not only are a poor copy but we fail to be different.

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 4, we are told that we have this ministry (v.1), and this ministry is setting forth the truth (v.2), and this truth is the gospel of the glory of Christ (v.4), and this gospel is a treasure (v.7). Paul is telling us that we have a gospel ministry and it is a stewardship of God's treasure. Therefore, we are stewards. As stewards we are never held accountable for what we don't have, only for what has been given to us. There is great value, dignity, worth and relevance in being a steward of God's treasure.

We are told in verse 5 that *we are not to preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord*. We have been given a message to herald. We do not have to convince or argue, just declare it as truth. I know this is unfashionable, but

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frankly that is the point. Our culture tells us that we cannot know the truth, but the Bible offers true truth. Our calling is that of stewards of this truth (about Christ), but our duty is that of telling it to others. God has good news for this world and we have the privilege to tell it.

Though the gospel has facts, it is not primarily facts. The gospel is primarily a story that encompasses our individual stories. It is a drama unfolded. II Corinthians 4:6 uses the language of Genesis 1 because Paul is comparing the effects of the gospel in the life of an individual and that creation. Light comes into darkness at the dawn of creation and the void of cosmos is filled by God. This is what happens to the soul of an individual when God breathes new life into it; He brings the light of the gospel into the darkness (John 1:4-5) and fills the soul with His Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19). The amazing thing is that God uses us to tell the drama of the gospel. Romans 10:14 says: *How will they believe in Him (Christ) whom they have not heard and how will they hear without a preacher.*

We not only tell the drama of the gospel, we witness it as a person moves from death to life. It is a miracle every time someone becomes a Christian. It seems the Pharisees were disappointed when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralyzed man in Mark 2. They wanted to see a miracle of healing. We often fail to take notice and celebrate the miracle of belief. Jesus asked, *Is it easier to heal or to forgive sins?* Of course, salvation is the greater miracle.

This ministry of the gospel is durable because it is based on God's grace and not on the durability of the steward (I Corinthians 4:7-10). In fact, this passage implies the way God has designed his glory to be seen is through the cracks and fissures of the people to whom He gives this ministry. It is ironic sometimes Christians are so busy hiding their cracks all the while the cracks are necessary for the glory of God to be seen. It is as though we are seeking the glory when we think we must be durable in order to be effective stewards. The gospel itself is durable even when we are not.

**EP MINISTRY CAMPAIGN UPDATE - 2008-2010**

This Ministry Campaign is a three-year initiative by the Session and the Congregation of EP Church, and we are in our second year. Its goals were to provide:

- Additional classroom and office space
- Upgrades to parking
- Upgrades to various Church properties (Mission House, Youth Ministry House, etc.)
- Sanctuary Upgrades

**As of 08/16/09: Building (Campaign) Fund**

Amount Pledged since 01/01/08	\$ 646,000
Anticipated Giving to Date	\$ 349,000
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 255,000
Ahead or <b>(Behind)</b> Anticipated Giving Level	<b>(\$ 94,000)</b>

Our Church Missions work receives 15% of all funds collected, irrespective of meeting our stated goals. As of the end of May, the work accomplished to date includes:

**Additional Classroom and Office Space**

The Church hired an architect/consultant for planning and permit assistance, and explored the project to build out new classrooms under the portico with the County Planning and Zoning committee. Revised cost estimates came in around \$250K, so we are awaiting increased funding in the Campaign before we consider building out the portico in this manner.

The immediate, near-term office space needs for TE's Wenger and Borger have been met through the reallocation of existing offices.

**Upgrades to Parking**

The Church continues to encourage use of the available parking spaces at the Mission House (40+ spaces). New Visitor Parking has been implemented near the Narthex, and interim parking at the corner lot of Ridgely has been made available, pending an ultimate decision regarding the long-term use of that property.

We are working with the County Planning and Zoning committee to explore the conversion of the field near the Mods to allow for intermittent parking for perhaps 60 - 75 cars. It is in a critical area of the Chesapeake Bay, wherein impervious surfaces are highly regulated, and absent increased funding to the Campaign, the

other intermediate steps taken to alleviate parking near and around the Sanctuary are proving effective.

**Upgrades to Various Church Properties**

The four properties the Church owns across Wilson Road and down Ridgely Avenue have been addressed. Details for each of them are provided below:

**Youth Ministry House (541 Wilson Road)**



- Attic insulation installed
- New energy-efficient windows installed
- New bathroom - a total renovation
- New central air conditioning installed
- New hot water heater installed
- Bedroom, kitchen & living room painted
- New kitchen floor installed and cabinets painted
- Furnace rebuilt
- New roof
- Exterior painting

**Mission House (640 Ridgely Avenue)**



- Repaired porch ~ screens, new doors, steps, deck and flooring
- Painted exterior of house, garage, carport, back porch and outbuildings/annex
- Replaced front porch columns
- Converted outbuildings to storage
- Roof replaced on annex building
- Siding completed
- Soffit repaired; gutter guards installed
- Removal of old deck by Battalion

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- Living room ceiling repaired
- Removed chain link fence
- Painted interior

**Stillwell House (646 Ridgely Avenue)**



Structural issues and termite damage made razing the house the best course of action. Razing was accomplished in May 2009. The lot significantly expands the contiguous property that EP Church owns along Ridgely Avenue, making it amenable for future Church use.

**DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAY!**

The Flower Committee will be decorating for the holiday on the following days this year.

- Monday, November 30th, they will be placing the tree in the Sanctuary.
- Tuesday, December 1st from 9:00-5:00, the artificial wreaths and swags will go up. Snacks and lunch will be supplied.
- Thursday, December 3 from 10:00-4:00 will be the finishing touches.

If you have any questions or would like to help, call Carol Bishop 410-987-8009 or Brenda Hulting 410-923-2511.

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**GIVING THRU AUGUST 9**

Operating Fund:	Year To Date
Budgeted Giving	\$ 1, 437,000
Actual Giving	\$ 1,530,000
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 93,000

**Small Green house (636 Ridgely Avenue)**



This old house has been uninhabitable for years, and was also razed, making that lot available for constructive use in the future.

**Sanctuary Upgrades**

All of the goals of the sanctuary upgrades have been met. That is, new task lighting has been installed, a new lighting control board has been purchased and installed, and new wall-mounted cameras have been purchased and installed.

**Looking Ahead**

We are still working on the tasks of providing additional classroom space and additional office space. It will be revisited and plans finalized as money is available.

The Long Range Planning Committee is developing a series of options with respect to the property along Wilson and Ridgely Avenues for EP Church, within the context of the approved 1999 Master Building Plan, and will be bringing those options to the Congregation for consideration next Spring (Spring 2010).

**Deadline for the Dec/Jan/Feb Epistle is November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The EPistle is published quarterly and distributed free of charge to members and friends of Annapolis EP. For submissions, send them to mdrouin@epannapolis.org, by email or paper copy to the Church Office. Submissions may be edited for clarity and brevity.

If you would like to receive the EPistle electronically, please email Melissa Drouin, mdrouin@epannapolis.org.

**SOME NOTES FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION**

- **Church Giving Envelopes** - If you are a regular contributor to our church and you don't have numbered giving envelopes, please call the Church Office. The use of church envelopes allows us to give you an accurate year-end tax statement for all of your contributions during the year. If you have envelopes, please put your envelope number on ALL CHECKS, (memo line) made out to EP, regardless of the reason for the check.
- **Deacons' Mercy Fund** - On the first Sunday morning and the third Sunday evening of each month, after the serving of communion, a "special" collection is always taken to fund the Mercy Ministry for our Deacons. With today's economy, our church needs to be in the position to help those of our members that are without jobs or are in need of other assistance. Please contribute generously to this ministry.
- **Special Fund Giving** - Did you know that you can use your church envelopes to allocate one check among several different accounts. The first line on the envelope is labeled "Amount (For Budget Requirements)" and this donation of your tithe goes to our Operating Fund. The next line is labeled "Special Purpose Gifts". You can use this line to contribute to our Building Campaign Fund, our Mercy Fund, our Romania Fund or any one-time fund drives that may be going on at the time (i.e. backpacks, etc.).
- **Our Church Cemetery** - Many of our members are under the mistaken impression that our cemetery is sold out. This is NOT correct. We still have over 150 plots left for sale. Each plot costs \$2,000.00. If you would like to reserve one or more plots, please call Herb Conklin at 410-266-8091 ext.113.
- **Attendance Pads in the Pews** - It's very important that you make sure that you sign in, legibly, on the attendance pad when you attend a church service. The name tags that we print for the following Sunday are generated for the folks that have signed these attendance pads.
- **Name Tags** - Please take advantage of using our new name tags to learn the names of folks that you don't know. In a church our size, it is always a challenge to get to know other people. Using these name tags each Sunday helps other folks to learn your name.

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

**Praise the Lord** for His protection and care throughout my recent hospitalization plus EP's incredible response. I now wear a pacemaker and all seems to be well. Mel and I, as well as our children, deeply thank EP for your various acts of Christ-like love in our behalf. We especially thank you for your prayers. May God richly bless each of you,  
Marge and Mel

**Dear Friends at EP,**

My sons and I appreciate your cards, phone calls and especially your prayer support in the home going of, husband and father, Wayne Herman. We know that the power of prayer, by so many thoughtful people, made all the difference by giving us the strength we needed at this time.  
With our thanks,  
Dorothy, Dean, and Doug Herman.

**In Appreciation**

To all the dearly loved EP Prayer Warriors who lifted me up before the Throne of Grace, what a blessing you are!

Your calls, cards, flowers, wonderful food and cherished visits cheered and encouraged me. The Pastors who came despite their busy schedules, dear Pastor Jim, with the perfect Psalm to meet the day's need! Thank you each and every one.  
In His gentle, healing hands.  
Bea Medeiros

**ON LOAN FROM GOD**

Gabriel Matthew Raspa  
Born: April 8, 2009  
Parents: Greg and Stephanie Raspa  
Sister: Evelyn Ann Raspa  
Brother: Avery Daniel Raspa  
Grandparents: Dan and Jessica Raspa



Seth Edward Vander Wall  
Born: June 6, 2009  
Parents: Dale and Kristine Vander Wall  
Sisters: Hannah and Sophia

### PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Preparing for Marriage is a premarital course for couples who are seriously dating or engaged, or those married for less than one year. Now is the time to register for the September class. Brochures describing the class as well as registration forms are available in the Church Office.



Couples from outside the EP family are welcome. The course dates are Sunday, September 13 through Sunday, December 6, 2009, excluding the weekend of Thanksgiving. Sunday morning classes are held at the church from 9:00 to 10:30AM. In addition to the 13 weekly classes, a trained mentor couple is paired with each couple to work closely with them throughout the course. The most beneficial time to participate in this course is from six months to a year prior to the wedding.

Of all the plans that a couple makes together, the most important are those for their life AFTER the wedding. Please take advantage of the opportunity to grow your relationship and to build solid foundations for the future. For more information, call Al and Nancy Strong at 410-643-0975 or contact the Church Office.

### THE ARDILL FAMILY

Dr. Bill Ardill and his wife, Dorothy, are missionaries for SIM (Serving In Mission) in Jos, Nigeria. They have four children: Marie (17), Heather (15), Anna (15), and David (9). Bill is a surgeon and teaches surgery to residents at Evangel Hospital. He oversees the crisis pregnancy ministry and the provision of prosthetics to amputees. He also teaches the Bible at Hillcrest School. Dorothy is a third grade teacher at Hillcrest School.

Bill was born to a missionary family in Jos, Nigeria and was raised with a desire to work in missions. Dorothy remembers hearing missionaries speak at their church when she was growing up and feels that their testimonies opened her heart to missions.

When Bill and Dorothy were asked what were the greatest challenges and rewards of working on the mission field in Nigeria, Bill replied that the difficulties

with security problems and violence and the unreliability of fresh water and electricity were the greatest challenges, but these were outweighed by seeing young people mature in God as they developed and by being able to help people with severe medical problems. Dorothy feels great joy in teaching and feels that the reputation of Hillcrest School has kept people on the mission field because they were assured of a quality education for their children.



This summer the children at Vacation Bible School raised \$2,123 for the pediatric department at Evangel Hospital. This money will be used to help families pay for their children's medical care. The Ardill family is on furlough this year, and they were able to visit VBS and explain their ministry to the children. The Ardill family will be spending the next year in San Diego while they prepare to return to Nigeria next summer. During their furlough, Bill will be working at the Veterans Hospital, the three youngest children will be attending school, and their oldest daughter will be starting classes at Azusa Pacific.

### Prayer Requests:

1. The family would adjust to life in the United States and that this would be a time of rest and refreshment.
2. Marie would adjust to life in college.
3. The staff at Evangel Hospital would be blessed and manage well with short staffing and the many challenges they face daily.

## OUTREACH UPDATES

“God gave his own Son to die for me on the cross for my sins.”

“One day Jesus will come again to earth for me.”

“God is ALWAYS with me.”

“To trust God and to bring Him into my life.”

These were just some of the responses received when we asked the children to write down something they learned during their week at Camp Wabanna this past summer. Thanks to the contributions you made towards our Kids to Camp campaign we were able to send 20 children (ages 7 to 14) from Woodside Gardens Housing Community, Iglesia de Dios and Angel Tree to Camp Wabanna the first week of July. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry and the eternal difference it has made in many of these kids lives. Please continue to pray that Gods continues work in their lives and the lives of their family members.



Also, this summer we had about 20 volunteers gather at Woodside Gardens Summer Camp each Tuesday morning to provide two hours full of singing, crafts, recreation, story telling, nature walks and more for 30 children ages 4 to 13. Thank you to all of you that made those mornings possible and for the blessing you were to these kids as well as the women that ran the camp.



Finally, as I write this article, my desk is literally surrounded by mounds of school supplies that you have provided over the past couple weeks for Project Backpack this year. Our goal is to fill 230 backpacks for children at Woodside Gardens, Iglesia de Dios as well as children in need in our own congregation. Your generosity in financial support as well as the supplies were overwhelming. Please continue to pray that the Bibles that are placed in these backpacks would impact not only these children but their families.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FALL

As the fall fast approaches, we have many Outreach Opportunities that we would love for you to be involved in. So, mark your calendars and come on out and join us!

**Good News Club** - In conjunction with Child Evangelism Fellowship, we will begin our second year at Germantown Elementary School (located near the USNA stadium) every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30PM to 4:45PM beginning in October. With the help of teachers, parents and volunteers we were able to minister to 34 children this past year. If you have a desire to love on these children and share Christ with kids in our community, please contact Laurie Nelson or Donna Schmidt at 410-268-1822.

**Lighthouse Shelter** - AEP has committed to preparing and serving dinner to approximately 25 residents of Anne Arundel County's only homeless shelter located just off of West Street in Annapolis. This is a great ministry for Bible study groups, Sunday school classes or simply your family to serve in such a compassionate way. The dates that are still open this fall are 9/26, 10/24, 11/28, and 12/26. Also, this fall, our Harvest Sunday will be on Sunday, October 18 to collect non-perishable food items for their pantry.

**MOPS at Woodside Gardens** - Do you have a heart to minister to young moms in our community? We are looking for women that are interested in working with these young moms and/or their children. We will be meeting from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Woodside Gardens (located off of Forest Drive) on 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, and 12/3.

**Homework Haven at Woodside Gardens** needs volunteers interested in helping children (ages 6 to 10) with basic reading and math skills anytime Monday through Friday from 3:00PM to 6:00PM in the neighborhood community center.

**Great Clothing Giveaway** will be hosted by our church on Saturday, October 24. Anyone may come for free clothing and toys between 9:00AM and 12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our greatest needs are DONATIONS! This is a ministry that reaches out to hundreds of people in the Annapolis community. We need clothes in all sizes, toys, books, and household items. Donations will be accepted on Friday, October 23 from 3:00 - 8:00PM. Anyone needing more information may contact Linda Hannigan at 410-647-2071.

**Pregnancy Clinic 5K Run and Walk for Life** - Don't just stand there, make a lifesaving difference for women and preborn babies! 5K Run and Walk for Life - Severna Park September 19 8:00AM at the B&A Trail. Walk for Life - Bowie, September 26 10:00AM

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**FRESH START**

Once a year, EP offers the **Fresh Start Seminar** as a community resource for those who are coping with the painful breakup of a marriage. Some who attend are just beginning to walk through the trauma of a broken relationship; others have moved through divorce but realize there are many lingering issues. The goal of Fresh Start is to encourage people to move forward on the path to recovery and renewal and to give them practical, Bible-based insights that will move them towards a healthy and secure future.

Fresh Start Seminar  
 Friday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
 All day Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
 at EP Church  
 Brochures and registration available  
 in the Church Office  
 Call Sue Sadlier, ext. 111

**NEW VISTAS**

Following the seminar, there is an opportunity to continue the healing process offered in EP's on-going ministry called **New Vistas**. In **October**, New Vistas will meet the first 4 Fridays (Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23), 7:00PM - 9:30PM, in the L-Room. Speakers will continue to address issues involved in the divorce recovery process. In **November**, New Vistas will resume its usual schedule of meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month.

***What can you do to help?***

These events are best publicized by those who attend EP Church as they reach out to friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., that could benefit from the support and encouragement offered by Fresh Start and New Vistas. Willing workers to help with registration, set up and clean

up, preparation of food, prayer support, and more, are eagerly sought from the church body as we welcome hurting men and women and extend to them the love and compassion of Jesus.

In addition, there is a great need for members of EP, who have experienced the traumas of separation and divorce at some time in their life, to

prayerfully consider becoming part of those who seek to minister to those who are currently in crisis. To learn more about the opportunities for being involved in this divorce recovery ministry, contact either Glenn and Diane Schmincke, 410-544-1042 or Al and Nancy Strong, 410-643-0975.

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at Allen Pond Park. For more information or to register, [www.pregnancyclinicministry.org](http://www.pregnancyclinicministry.org) or call 410-431-5000.

**Gabriel Network** is a transitional maternity home located right down the street from our church. We are continuing to seek women from our church that would be interested in being an "Angel Friend" to the young moms that reside at this home. Because of the proximity of this home we have a wonderful opportunity to minister in providing transportation, meals, yard work and friendship. We will also be hosting a baby shower for a young mom that is due the end of August and is expecting a baby girl. The baby shower will be on Saturday, September 12 from 2:00 - 4:00PM in the Parlor.

**Habitat for Humanity's Clay Street Restoration Project** - Because of permits and relocations, the start date for the actual work will not begin until January 2010. If you would like to be kept apprised of how this develops please send an email to Tom Beall at [tabeall@epannapolis.org](mailto:tabeall@epannapolis.org).

**Operation Christmas Child** - For all of you in the process of buying new school shoes this month, SAVE YOUR SHOEBOXES and start filling them. We will continue to be a Relay Center for OCC this fall and will need many volunteers to help receive shoeboxes the week of November 16 to 23.

**Angel Tree** - Look for more information to come on how you can be involved in this outreach which ministers to children with parents that are incarcerated. It simply involves "purchasing, wrapping and delivering gifts to prisoners children on their behalf which not only delivers a message of love from parent to child, but also the true meaning of Christmas - the Good News of Jesus Christ." For more information contact Dee Chalfant at 410-674-5621.

**Greeters and Welcome Station** - Do you have a desire to make people feel welcome on Sunday mornings? We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to greet before the 9:15 and 11:00 services on a rotation basis. First impressions mean a lot and can make a difference as to whether someone will return the next week! If you desire to be a part of this ministry please contact Christy Jo Wilson at 410-544-3685.

To get involved or for more information contact Laurie Nelson at 410-266-8091 ext 103 or [lnelson@epannapolis.org](mailto:lnelson@epannapolis.org).

**GRIEF: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

In previous years, a person might have complained about the hectic holidays. There were numerous programs to sit through, countless gifts to buy and way too many parties to attend. But now that person wrestles with grief this holiday season and they'd gladly take those busy times over what they are experiencing now. That's because no matter who that person lost, the holidays are a constant reminder that he or she is missing. There is an empty chair at the holiday table. How will they ever survive the holidays?



We are pleased to announce an addition to our fall GriefShare.

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

The holiday season remains difficult for many people even years after the loss of a loved one. At this special GriefShare workshop, you will learn:

- why the holidays are so difficult
- not to avoid holiday pain
- to *plan* your holiday season
- to heal through relationships
- why Christmas is a reason for Hope

No matter when your loss occurred, if you are struggling with the holiday season because of grief, this workshop is for you. This presentation and small group discussion is also an ideal time to invite family members, co-workers and friends. In fact, a more personal touch is for you to *bring* your friends and co-workers to this workshop. We will be extending an invitation to this workshop to the community at large. So, if you have a willing heart and hands to help with food or help in *any* way, please contact Mindy Leydorf 410-224-3510 or Jane Joseph 410-849-8504.

**The next regular GriefShare 13-week session begins: Wednesday, October 14.** We will be meeting from 7:00 - 9:00PM in The Parlor. Brochures are available in the Church Office. To pre-register or for more information, contact Paul & Carolyn Woodie 410-626-8430, [carolyn.woodie@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.woodie@verizon.net) or Walt & Karen Asplund 410-923-3285 - [asplundmd@yahoo.com](mailto:asplundmd@yahoo.com).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

We are looking for Stephen Ministers and right now we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers. God answers our prayers because He is faithful. A training class for Stephen Ministers will start on September 13 and another training class is scheduled this spring.



**What Do Stephen Ministers Do? Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?** Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

**Do It All in Jesus' Name!** Stephen Ministers bring distinctive Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others by listening and comforting, using the training they have received and employing the tools of faith.

**What Is a Stephen Minister Like?** They are among us. No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Scriptures describe their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3). If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Brenda Hulting, Carol Bishop or Jim Taylor.

**Praying Right Now** - *So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.* Ezra 8:23. James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). During the coming month, we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry.

To encourage men to grow in their faith and love for Jesus Christ;  
 To provide fellowship opportunities and growth in the Body of Christ;  
 To provide opportunities for using spiritual gifts in ministry  
 To share the Good News of the Gospel to a dying world.

**MEN'S FRATERNITY: THE GREAT ADVENTURE**

It's that time to start thinking about participating in Men's Fraternity again in the fall. *The Great Adventure* explores the uniqueness of a man, his world beyond the everyday, and how to discover a satisfying life focus. The 20-session study puts the roof on the house of masculinity, creating a vision for a man's future and destiny, and helping men rediscover the adventure in life through a greater understanding of who they are. It will challenge men to consider several important questions they are continually asking themselves:

- "Who am I?"; "What are my dreams in life?";
- "Do I have courage to pursue those dreams?" Go to [www.mensfraternity.com/curriculum/adventure.aspx](http://www.mensfraternity.com/curriculum/adventure.aspx) for more details about the course

Begins Tuesday mornings at 6:00AM in the Youth Room starting September 15. Workbooks are \$10. Breakfast will be available for donations. Call Brian Saxman 410-980-1352 to sign up or for more details.

**REACHING EVERY MAN SEMINAR:** Are you involved in leading, teaching, discipling, or mentoring other people? Has God put it on your heart to help another person grow in their faith, but you don't know how or where to start? Want a new vision for ministry, or to learn new skills, and strategies for making disciples? Are you a Sunday School Teacher, Small Group Leader, member of a ministry leadership team, meet with another man regularly to encourage each other to grow in Christ? Then this seminar is for you. Based on the book, *No Man Left Behind*, this dynamic, encouraging training will inspire you to:

- Build a strong ministry that moves people down the discipleship path.
- Help men develop deeper friendships so they are not alone in their spiritual battles.
- Shape your ministry so that it changes hearts, not just behavior.

**Seminar Details:**

Date and Time: Saturday morning, October 17, 2009 from 8:30-12:30.

Location: Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 710 Ridgely Ave., Annapolis, MD. 21401

Experienced Trainer: Gary Yagel is the men's ministry coach in his denomination, the PCA. He works closely with Man in the Mirror as a faculty member of the *No Man Left Behind* seminar.

Costs: EP members \$38, or \$25 if registered and paid by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

To Register: call Tom Beall 410-266-8090; come to Fellowship Hall beginning September 13 or email Tom at [tbeall@epannapolis.org](mailto:tbeall@epannapolis.org).

Men's Golf Tournament: Thursday, September 17 at Bay Hills Golf Course. Cost: \$65 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, prizes. Sign up by yourself or in pairs and we will put foursomes together. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall beginning August 30 or call Don Russell 410-956-5946.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 17 - Men's Golf Tournament

September 19 - Church Family Picnic

October 17 - Reaching Every Man

Leadership Training Seminar

February 19-21, 2010 - Men's Retreat

at Camp Wabanna

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GOD'S WORD

# Women's Ministries: Joining our hearts on the Lord's path...

Dear Friends,

It's Fall 2009.... This past summer many of us have been studying prayer in our summer studies. Our Pastors have taught about prayer on Sundays. We have been reminded of the utter need for prayer in our lives as well as the ultimate privilege we have to pray to our Father in Heaven. This fall we pray that each of you will be in prayer as to where God wants to use you and grow you. Pick up one of our Fall Brochures that lists the many opportunities in Women's Ministries to learn and serve. May you also be in prayer as to whom the Lord would have you invite to join us.

We have such a diverse community of women. We are old and young, single, married, remarried and single again. We are mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts and sisters. We are chronically ill and chronically needy. We are cancer survivors and cancer strugglers. We have broken cars, broken bones, broken homes, broken hearts and broken souls. We have material wealth; we struggle from paycheck to paycheck, and we have no income. We have lost our car keys, lost our Bibles, lost our babies, lost our children, lost our husbands, lost our minds. We have been abused and we abuse. We're outgoing and introspective, outspoken and quiet, brusque and gentle. We speak English, we speak English as a second language. We have walked as believers for years; we are still trying to figure out where Hezekiah is in the Bible. We have great faith, little faith and no faith yet.

The beauty of a fall landscape is the kaleidoscope of leaves and colors; no two are exactly alike. Yet together in a forest we see the glory of Autumn. The Father has gathered us together and as we gather with all of our differences, may our unity in Christ reflect His glory.

One of Satan's greatest lies is to convince you that no one understands your position and pain. Yes, all of our lives and struggles are different, yet there is one who knows us utterly and completely. The Good Shepherd knows each of His sheep and it is He that has brought us together in His flock. We pray that the Lord would join our hearts together as we seek Him.

In His Grace, Jenny Woodruff, Director of Women's Ministries



*"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:4-5*

**The Goal:** The goal of Women's Ministries is to see every woman become a mature worshipper of God; that she would know Him personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, church, community and throughout the world.

**The Purpose:** Women's Ministries exist to provide opportunities for women to be transformed by the gospel through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, evangelism and service.

Women's Ministry

## Women's Bible Studies 2009-2010

	Time	Topic	Location	Childcare
<i>Monday</i>	6:30pm-8:30pm	I and II Timothy	Ruth Tindall's Home	No
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Luke: The Early Years	Susan Fox's Home	No
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am-11:30am	Romans	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Life and Teachings of Jesus	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Ruth	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	A Woman's Heart; God's Dwelling Place	EP Church	Yes
	12:30pm-2:30pm	John: The Parable of Joy	EP Church	No
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:15 am-9:30am	Luke: The Early Years	Irene Park's Home	No
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Characteristics of a Life that Counts	EP Church	Yes
	7:30pm-9:00pm	I and II Timothy and Titus	Borders Bookstore	No
<i>Thursday</i>	9:00am-11:00am	Hebrews to Revelation	EP Church	No

### September:

6 Last Day of Bible Study Registration  
 10 Naomi's Sisters and Friends Lunch, Nordstrom's Café  
 11 Daytime MOPS  
 14-18 Beginning of Fall Bible Studies  
 17 Evening MOPS  
 25 Daytime MOPS

### October:

9 Daytime MOPS  
 14 Naomi's Sisters and Friends Lunch, Roma D'Italia  
 15 Evening MOPS  
 23 Daytime MOPS

### November:

2 Naomi's Sisters and Friends Lunch, Punks Backyard Grill  
 6 Daytime MOPS  
 16-22nd Operation Christmas Child  
 19 Evening MOPS  
 20-21 Marriage Conference, EP Church, with Paul Tripp, description on page 14.  
 23-28 Thanksgiving -No Bible Studies

### December:

4 Daytime MOPS  
 7-11 Last week of Bible Studies before Christmas Holidays  
 12 Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner  
 17 Evening MOPS

### 2010

January 16 - Women's Ministry Mini-Prayer Retreat  
 March 19-21 -EP Church Women's Retreat  
 August 6-8 - All Church Retreat

**EP Kids News and Updates**

**Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow...**

**SUMMER UPDATE**

Our summer outreach with VBS Upward Bound 2009 was a wonderful week of seeing God at work among us. There were a total of 412 campers registered. Daily totals: Monday 338, Tuesday 366, Wednesday 353, Thursday 367 and Friday 341. The campers came from over 40 different churches and over 30 indicated no church affiliation. Letters and follow-up calls were made to these families. Our missions offering total was \$2,123.00 which will help the Ardill family provide medical supplies to the Nigerians who come to Evangel Hospital for quite awhile! It was a week of excitement, joy, challenges and life-changing decisions made for Christ. Thank you to our volunteers, and most of all to the Lord Jesus for making it all possible!

The summer Sunday School session is going very well for all departments: thanks to Suzette Bressler (Infant Nursery Coordinator), Mary Rouland (Toddler Nursery Coordinator), Valerie Chick (Nursery/Preschool Staff Coordinator) and Christy Lenham (Elementary Staff Coordinator) and all of their wonderful teachers and leaders and substitutes. The Elementary kids have had fun with a change in schedule this summer. K-2 meet for large group teaching time with Jan Borger and Nikki Wagner, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders have had teaching by Laura Hoover, Jen Park, Shelley Vaughn and Deb Geis. Everyone has used the same curriculum from Children Desiring God called "Lord, Teach us to Pray", a 13-week study on the Lord's Prayer. They also have had a lot of fun during recreation time led by Christin Powell and her team: James and Maria Powell, and Jack Gott. Small group leaders for each grade have led discussion and prayer time each week with their class.

Thanks to all of the CM team!

Noah's Ark Preschool: Cindy Grunert, Elizabeth Hortopan, Diane Gruber, Kathy O'Neil, Emily Lentz, Bekah Thompson, Caroline Kerr, Natalie Stephens, Elice Shelton, Carol Hamilton, Ruth & Alena Tindall, Mark & Debbie Strickenberg, Jeff & Maryann Stevenson, Mark & Debbie Strickenberg, Grace Janvier, Dakota Lueck, Clay & Claire Reddig

**THE WELL**: Laura Hoover, Jan Carpenter, Scott & Jill Furniss, Erin Schlesinger, Sarah Nydam, Beth & An-

drew Colley, Lauren Bigelow & Melissa Caton, Bill and Sara Hoover, Curtis Bates, Sandy Smith, Aaron Cubbage, Denni Mitchell, Ruth McClain, Elizabeth Barnes, Randy & Chi Scholl, Stephen Neuman, Daniel Norman, Nicki Wagner, Deb Geis, Jen Park, Shelley Vaughn

Crib and Toddler Nurseries: Kathy Knight, Cathy Shreeve, Cathy Jones, Ardath Powell, Beth Baur, Andrea Stone, Mary Rouland, Mike & Patsi Touma, Will & Peggy Royce, Joyce Baer, Stephanie Bressler, Mike & Linda Hannigan

**Coming up this Fall...**

**Sunday School**

**Kids in the Pew Day**: All Noah's Ark Preschool children who are entering Kindergarten this fall will have a special talk/tour of the "big building" August 30 at 11:00 in Mod 6. Parents are welcome!

**Sunday School Promotion Day** is Sunday, September 6, all school-age children will be promoted to the next grade they will enter in school. Class lists will be posted in The Well and on the classroom doors. Stop in the Fellowship Hall Sunday August 30 to update your child's registration card.

The Well reopens in the Chapel on Sept. 6! Doors will open at 10:55.

**FAMILY NIGHT**

Wednesdays beginning October. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30PM  
Pioneer Club - for girls K-6<sup>th</sup> and Stockade for boys 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grade. More leaders and helpers are needed for this wonderful outreach ministry.

Activities for adults and youth include Bible studies, choir, prayer meeting; a nursery will be provided. Contact Linda Cate if you would like to know more about becoming part of Children's Ministry's paid part-time childcare staff.

**BUSY BEES BIBLE CLUB**

Women's Bible Study program on Tuesdays includes a program for children 6 mos. through 5 years old, and a homeschooler class. Reserve your children's spots by registering for a women's Bible study. To register call Jill Benjamin 410-451-0256. Leaders and helpers are needed. Contact Jill Furniss 410-647-0456 or sjfurniss@yahoo.com.

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**FROM THE DIRECTORS KEYBOARD**

Belinda and I recently spent 3 days at a worship confer-



ence in Gaithersburg that refreshed our souls and gave us a fresh view of the Kingdom. We were able to connect with other worship leaders and hear new songs that lead us into the presence of our great redeemer, Jesus Christ!

The overall theme of the conference was “From Generation to Generation”. During the conference this question was asked, “What biblical values do we need to keep in mind when we transfer the values of worship to the next generation?” They are: **The Command:** Deut 3:6-7, “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” **The Content:** (see 2 Chronicles 1:11-12 where Solomon asks for wisdom and knowledge). **The Purpose:** Hope in God and Obedience to God (Psalm 78:70-72, how David was “taken from the sheep pens” to become a King “with integrity in heart”).

Passing the “baton” to the next generation is one of my passions for the EP Worship & Arts Ministry. In the coming weeks I will be speaking with the Youth department and Children’s ministry on how we can instill these values and continue to develop our “next generations” worship, through music and the Word.

**NEW REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

On September 2 we will begin our new rehearsal schedule for the music ministry on Wednesday evenings. Beginning at 6:30 - 7:45PM the Sanctuary choir will rehearse followed by the rehearsal of the worship band from 8:00pm-9:00pm. The choir will begin working on songs for the fall services and preparation for Reformation Sunday and the Christmas season.

The Worship bands will be focusing on building three cohesive teams that can be rotated during monthly schedules. A Great Thanks to all of you during the summer months and adjusting your schedules to accommodate the summer services!

New Involvement: If you have an interest in being

involved in the Worship & Arts Ministry I would really love to meet you to see how you can get involved in serving God with us (we need all positions: sound crew, administration, instrumentalists, visual tech crew and vocalists). Please contact Randy Pendleton at rpendelton@epannapolis.org or ext. 106.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 20 - “The Brethren” in concert (acapella vocal group), 6:30 - 8:00PM, in the Sanctuary of EP, free will offering, and no child care.

October 28 - Reformation Services at 6:30PM @ EP with our sister churches.

In His Tempo,  
Randy Pendleton

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**Tips for Parents...**

In closing, I’d like to share with you some good ideas from an article by Mary Larmoyeux found on [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com):

**Connecting with your Kids**

1. During dinner ask everyone to share one piece of both good news and bad news from the day.
2. Have regular “Kids Nights to Cook.” Set up a restaurant atmosphere in your home and create some lifetime memories. Little ones will enjoy decorating the table and making special menus for the evening.
3. Visit a local bookstore with your children and ask them to help you choose a family devotional. Then work through it together.
4. When bringing the kids to school, take turns being prayer warriors- praying for each person’s day.
5. After dinner, rotate sharing a “joke of the day.”
6. Take turns choosing Bible verses that the entire family can memorize together. Using a special journal or notebook, ask the children to record each verse after the family has memorized it together.

With joy in the journey,  
Linda Cate, Children's Ministry Coordinator

# Marriage Conference

DATE: November 20-21, 2009  
COST: \$35 per couple / Childcare: \$5/day  
(early registration before October 15<sup>th</sup> \$30 per couple)  
SCHEDULE: Friday 7:00PM to 9:15PM Saturday 9:00AM to Noon  
Refreshments served during breaks. Snacks provided for children.  
LOCATION: 710 Ridgley Ave. Annapolis, MD 21401  
CONTACT: Pastor Bob Borger at borger.7@gmail.com or 410-266-8091

## About the speaker

Paul Tripp is the president of Paul Tripp Ministries, a nonprofit organization, whose mission statement is "Connecting the transforming power of Jesus Christ to everyday life." He is a gifted communicator and is a sought-after national and international conference speaker. Paul is on the pastoral staff of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia where he preaches on Sunday evenings and leads the Ministry to Center City. Paul is the author of several books on practical issues of Christian living. As a teacher, Paul has served many institutions including Westminster Theological Seminary, Faith Bible Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. Paul is the founder of a Christian school, and has been a counselor for many years. He has been married for 36 years to Luella and they have four grown children.

BOOKS: Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Our Communication Struggles, Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens, Lost in the Middle: Midlife and the Grace of God, How People Change (co-author), Relationships: A Mess Worth Making (co-author), A Quest for More New Growth Press, Whiter Than Snow, (New Release) Broken Down House.

## Registration

Childcare provided - ages 0-5  
Childcare registration must be made by November 13

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Names & ages of children:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone and E-mail

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

### EP CARE NET

EP Care Net is the new communication and coordination structure for providing physical and spiritual care to the congregation of EP Church. The Care Net has four parts:

- Officer Care: Every member is assigned to one pastor, ruling elder and deacon who are concerned for the spiritual needs of their "small-flock". Contact information for this is listed in the church directory under each member's name.
- Staff Care: EP Church employees provide oversight for numerous church programs. Ask the appropriate staff person about the program you are interested in.
- Volunteer Care: Four directors oversee and refer needs to various coordinators who help recruit volunteers in a multitude of need areas.
- Self Care: Often we have not because we ask not. If you have a need: ask! Likewise, Gal 6:1-5 tells us to bear each other's burdens while continuing to bear our own load. If you're confused about the balance, let's have a conversation.

### Steps to Take:

#### If you have a need, take these steps:

1. First, ask your family for help, if appropriate.
2. Then bring your need to your Sunday School class, Bible Study or small group fellowship for assistance.
3. If a need continues to exist after steps 1-2; now it's time to inform a Care Net Director or the church office concerning what further ways EP Care Net can help..
4. It's important to put your request in writing through the Church Office. Give as much lead time as possible but don't be hesitant to call.

#### If you want to volunteer to meet a need:

1. Fill out the Volunteer Form on page 15 indicating your areas of interest and your contact information.
2. Help coordinate others in your small group or Sunday School class to meet a need that arises there.
3. If you are not being asked to help frequently enough, be proactive and call a Care Net Director and let them know of your availability.



## Volunteer Form

*Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"*

EP Care Net is the new communication and coordination structure for showing care to the body of Christ at EP. EP Care Net links the care from our church officers (pastors, elders, deacons) and the church staff with the volunteer manpower of our whole congregation. If we don't know your need we can't help you. On the other hand, every need is met by others coming forward with loving sacrifice so we need to know how you are willing to help others out. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you.

Today's Date:		Privacy Notice: This information is for in-office use by EP Care Net only and will not be published or openly shared.	
Name:		Occupation:	
Date of Birth:		Marital Status: (circle) single, married, separated, divorced, widowed	
Home Address:		Contact: (list all and check preferred method of contact)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> home phone:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work phone:	
Community:		<input type="checkbox"/> cell phone:	
EP worship service you usually attend:		<input type="checkbox"/> e-mail:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:15 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 pm
EP Member? ** (circle) Yes No Year Joined:			
<b>I could use my gifts to volunteer in the following ways:</b>			
<b>Handy Hands</b>	<b>Home Needs</b>	<b>Caring Contacts</b>	<b>Senior Care</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> auto repair	<input type="checkbox"/> short-term meals	<input type="checkbox"/> cards/notes	<input type="checkbox"/> check-up phone calls
<input type="checkbox"/> carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> emergency child care	<input type="checkbox"/> hospital visitation	<input type="checkbox"/> weather emergencies
<input type="checkbox"/> computer and electronics help	<input type="checkbox"/> emergency housecleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> iPod music preparation for the ill	<input type="checkbox"/> guidance and help for major purchases (car, appliances)
<input type="checkbox"/> electrical/plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/> grocery shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> phone visits	<input type="checkbox"/> companionship
<input type="checkbox"/> painting	<input type="checkbox"/> emergency pet sitting	<input type="checkbox"/> visit shut-ins	<b>Special Needs</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> household moving or junk removal	<input type="checkbox"/> internet grocery shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> grief support and companionship	<input type="checkbox"/> helping families with special needs – physical needs or mental challenges
<input type="checkbox"/> home renovation	<input type="checkbox"/> freezer meals	<b>Growth Partners</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> respite care
<input type="checkbox"/> home repair	<b>Transportation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> assimilate newcomers	<b>Continu-Care</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> lawn care/landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> to/from church	<input type="checkbox"/> financial mentoring	<input type="checkbox"/> helping with long-term needs
<input type="checkbox"/> legal	<input type="checkbox"/> doctor appointments	<input type="checkbox"/> home organization	<input type="checkbox"/> paid home services
	<input type="checkbox"/> emergency child or senior transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> spiritual/discipleship	<input type="checkbox"/> developing resources
<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

\*\* It is the policy of EP Care Net that non-members should not serve as care-givers unless approved by the church leadership. If you are not a member of EP, please comment below whether you are willing to become a member through the next Intro to EP class, are currently a member of another church, or have some other special circumstances. 6/05/09

**EP Church Family Picnic**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

1:00-6:30PM

On "*the Field*" behind the church

Fun, Games, Fellowship, Great Food,

Menu: Pit Roasted Beef, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls,

Kids Meals: Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese,

Each family unit bring a desert (finger food type) to share.

Costs: \$4.00/person; Maximum \$18/Family

Bring: chairs or blankets to sit on, Frisbees, sports equipment, appetite.

Invite your friends, relatives, or someone from church you'd like to get to know better to come join you.

Sign up begins Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church **Office**.  
For more details call Tom Beall 410-266-8091 x. 117, or, to offer your help with the food preparation, call Tammy Graham at 410-757-6725

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**Psalm of Praise**

Blessed art Thou, oh Lord  
Who hath led, in tender years, through ever-shifting waters  
Who hath delivered from the grip of the Tempter's riptide  
Who hath silenced the voice of rising pride  
Who hath stilled the rumor-monger's dirge  
And hath triumphed through love where hate would surge.  
Blessed art Thou.

Blessed art Thou, oh Lord  
Who hath cupped my small craft in the curve of your palm  
Who hath breathed succor in the midst of storm  
Who hath steadied my foot when the pace has faltered,  
And put a song in my heart when life's rhythm altered.  
Blessed art Thou.

Blessed art Thou, oh Lord  
Who hath folded me close, through amazing grace,  
In the splendor and wonder and joy of the race.  
Blessed art Thou, my Lord and my God.