

Dear Third Family,

If you're not a Star Wars fan like me, you may not remember Dagobah. It's the planet where Luke Skywalker first meets Yoda in the movie *The Empire Strikes Back* (forgive the reference— I couldn't resist). It takes quite a long time for Luke to realize that this stubby green fellow is actually the mighty Jedi Master he has been seeking. But once Luke is clear on Yoda's identity, everything changes. He responds to the revelation of Yoda's identity by taking up rigorous new responsibilities, heeding the call of his new leader.

Identity begets responsibility. Because Sarah is my wife, her identity as my spouse demands certain responsibilities from me that would not be the case if her identity were that of a friend. The same goes with every relationship in our lives. Who someone is directly correlates to what we are called to be and do in relation to that person.

Since the beginning of January, we have been examining together the identity of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. The question that has echoed through these chapters is, "Who is this?" We have seen Jesus forgiving sin, embracing the marginalized, feeding the hungry, calming raging storms, casting out demons, healing the paralyzed and the sick, and even raising the dead. The dramatic question, "Who is this??" keeps intensifying as Jesus' power is magnified chapter by chapter.

All this culminates in Luke 9:18, when Jesus asks that same question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" The disciples look at one another. Who will speak first? Who will have the courage to say what they think?

Several mutter what they have heard other people say about Jesus' identity. But he will not let them off the hook: "Who do **you** say that I am?" Impetuous Peter speaks up, "The Christ of God." Suddenly, the clouds part and all is clear. Yes, this is the One we have all been waiting for. The Messiah, the Promised One, the Savior of the World.

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 through  
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But before the disciples can catch their breath, Jesus tells them what this revelation of his identity means for them. "If anyone would follow me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (9:23). Clarity about his identity begets new responsibilities. The disciples suddenly realize that though they are now clear on who Jesus is, their adventure with him has only just begun.

From April to mid-June, we will be looking at the next section of Luke, chapters 9-14. We are entitling this new series "The Call of the King." We have examined his identity; now we must turn to how we will respond. This is the call of our true King, who requires new responsibilities of those who accept his Kingship. This means leaving our old life behind, turning down a new path, and following.

Once you are clear on Jesus' identity, everything changes. Are you ready?

Grace and peace of our Savior+  
 Corey

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## THE CALL OF THE KING: SERMONS

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April 3 Easter 2	Luke 9:1-2, 10-17	Feed the Crowd
April 10 Easter 3	Luke 9:18-27	Lose Your Life
April 17 Easter 4	Luke 9:28-36	Listen to the Son
April 24 Easter 5	Luke 9:51-62	Don't Look Back
May 1 Easter 6	Luke 10:1-23	Join the Harvest
May 8 Easter 7	Luke 10:25-37	Love Your Neighbor
May 15 Pentecost	Luke 11:1-13	Ask for the Spirit
May 22 Ordinary Time	Luke 11:14-26	Sweep It Clean
May 29 Ordinary Time	Luke 12:15-48	Be Dressed and Ready
June 5 Ordinary Time	Luke 13:1-19	Repent or Perish
June 12 Ordinary Time	Luke 14:25-35	Give Up Everything

**THIRD PRESS DEADLINE FOR  
 MAY: Friday, April 8**  
 Submit to: [beccap@thirdrva.org](mailto:beccap@thirdrva.org)

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# THE CALL OF THE KING: RESOURCES

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If you would like to delve more deeply into this concept of calling and relational discipleship during the next series, please consider the books below. None of these books is written by Third people, nor are they exclusively connected to the Gospel of Luke. However, each one may be helpful while you attempt to understand your own calling, or to take the next step, just like the disciples did, moving from discerning Jesus' identity to understanding what this identity meant for their response.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDY

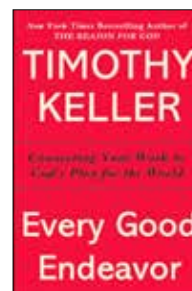
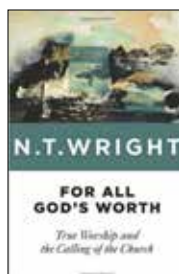
1. *Visions of Vocation: Common Grace for the Common Good*, by Steven Garber  
Garber uses several vignettes to illustrate his central question: "Can you know the world and still love the world?" This book might help you calibrate how to seek common good in the midst of brokenness.
2. *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting your Work to God's Work*, by Tim Keller  
Keller dismisses the fallacy that our work does not matter to God. His book presents a theology of work that can help you understand how the hours you devote to your profession have an important place in God's mission.

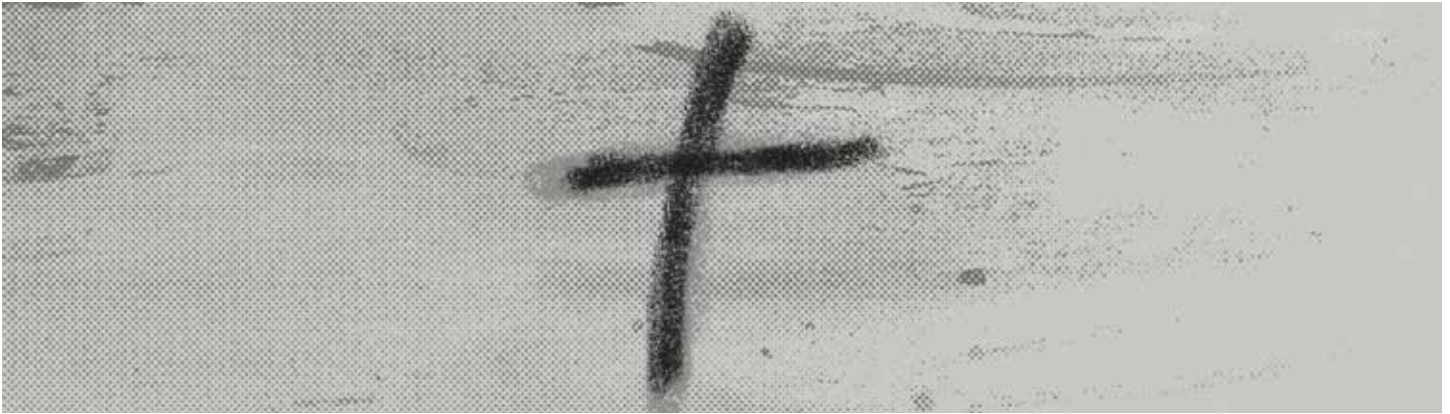
## SMALL GROUP STUDY

1. *Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good*, by Amy Sherman  
Sherman's work lends itself well to a small group or individual study focusing on how to live missionally in your current vocation. Focusing on Proverbs 11:10, she walks through four specific pathways enabling you to seek the common good within your spheres of influence.
2. *Everyday Missions: How Ordinary People Can Change the World*, by Leroy Barber  
Barber approaches the idea of vocation in a similar fashion to Sherman. He tells his own story and encourages readers to change the world in their regular rhythms instead of disengaging with the world around them.

## DEVOTIONAL

1. *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*, by Eugene Peterson  
Peterson focuses on Psalms 120 - 134 to encourage growth in the midst of a challenging culture. His work helps provide strength on a daily basis.
2. *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*, by N.T. Wright  
Wright divides this work into two sections: "The God who is worthy of praise" and "Reflecting God's image in the world." Wright's understanding of our calling is firmly established on the identity of Jesus Christ.





## ASHES TO ASHES AND DUST TO DUST

### A Reflection by Andrew Fuller

*"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."* Ephesians 1:13

Earlier this month Jill and I said goodbye to her uncle. JE had lived all his eighty-eight years on the land. A lifelong bachelor, he had farmed the same land, first with his father, and then on his own since before WWII. We called his land "The Farm on Lake Anna;" however, he had lived long enough to remember before the lake existed. He was a Virginia gentleman, quiet and strong, with hands calloused as the marks of his labors. He loved his animals, he loved children, and he loved his Lord. His funeral took place in Gordonsville and he was interred near his parents in a cemetery in Louisa. From the dust of the earth he came, with the dust of the earth he lived and worked, and to the dust his mortal remains return.

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we went to a service of worship at church. Following Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras, when many Christians of days gone by used up the remainder of their "rich" foods, the church enters a period of reflection and fasting during the weeks leading up to Good Friday. Jill and I both grew up in the Free Church tradition which places far less emphasis on the high and holy days than the liturgical tradition. I suspect the conduct of the Ash Wednesday service was a new experience among many of our fellow Presbyterians. However, an intentional focus upon sin, a call to repentance and a personal sense of contrition were a powerful prelude to the burning of our confessions written on paper, followed by marking with the resultant ash upon each forehead. It was precious to watch our kids embrace the moment. The nearby font provided a welcome reminder that the waters of baptism are a sign that our sins are washed away, just as water will wash away the ashes of the marks of contrition on a forehead.

The mark on my own forehead served as a reminder of my sin. It then confirmed my powerlessness to do anything about that sin, other than rely upon the grace of Jesus expressed upon the cross. It also inspired another thought. Muslims like to bear a mark upon their foreheads, looking something like a bruise. For some, the mark has become calloused as they intentionally press their foreheads hard to the ground in the ritual of prayer. The position known as *sajdah* requires the praying Muslim to place hands, knees and forehead upon the ground as he states: "Allah-Akbar" – God is great. Some wear this mark in pride, boasting in the dutifulness of their devotion to God in prayer. Others try to avoid such a marking lest they be considered prideful. Either way, the actions of a devout Muslim are an endeavor to reach God by gaining his pleasure. The mark is a symbol of his own efforts, as through good works and right guidance a Muslim hopes to gain eternity.

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Hindus also like to bear a mark upon their foreheads. The Bindi, or ornamental red dot, represents the third eye and is associated scientifically with the pineal gland. However, the Bindi is also the symbol of all unity marked where the third eye represents the seat of concealed wisdom. It is intended to focus the concentration of the mind, and lead the bearer into unity with all things. From the times of the Vedas, the Hindu scriptures, dating back 3,000 years, the Bindi is a means to worship one's intellect, to ensure that one's thoughts, speech, actions and character become pure. It thus represents human striving for perfection, a symbol of their quest to become one with the eternal.

The Apostle Paul, writing his great theological treatise of Christian experience to the people of Ephesus, tells us that when we first believed in the saving work of Christ, he marked us as his own with his Holy Spirit.

My wife's uncle faithfully served God in rural Virginia. He was laid to rest in the dust of the land, not needing to rely upon anything to see God other than the cross of his Lord and Savior. The ashes, representing our sins in this Lenten season before that cross, are dust in another form: the dust of death, washed away by a Savior before whom all our works count as nothing, a Savior who has replaced the marks of our sins with the anointing mark of His Spirit. We need no other mark upon us.



### Did you know...?

...An average of **52 people** stream our worship services every week. That means, **7%** of our weekly congregation is streaming our services on Sunday mornings.

...The Christian Arabic Church streams its Sunday evening service to up to **8 different countries** in North Africa and the Middle East each week.

In light of this, we are upgrading our infrastructure in accordance with our 4<sup>th</sup> strategic objective: to modernize our infrastructure. Currently in the Sanctuary, our projector is failing and the large screen is noisy, slow, and obstructs the cross and the other elements of the chancel. The view of the screen is also blocked for those sitting in the balcony. In addition, the web camera is of very poor quality.

This new project will upgrade the projectors to much higher quality HD projectors and will replace the big screen with two smaller screens on either side of the sanctuary. When retracted, these new screens will be hidden. This will improve quality and sight lines for everyone. We'll also be getting two new cameras for a much improved live stream for our friends watching here and abroad.

The worship committee, trustees, and staff have all been working on this project together. Two families have contributed a majority of the funds, and the Christian Arabic Church is also contributing to the project. We will keep you updated, and if you'd like to contribute to the project, you can get in touch with the financial office!





SATURDAY, APRIL 16 | 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

## JOIN THE WOMEN OF THIRD AS WE SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

We will meet for coffee and a group devotional at the church, then break into smaller service groups on and off-site. There are a wide variety of options that will appeal to all. Some will be working with existing mission partners, others with interesting non-profits and local groups. Join us as we seek to serve in our communities!

**Sampling of projects:** CrossOver Challenge race packets, Mothers Day gift bags for single moms, Westover Hills Elementary clean-up, CHAT urban farming, shoes for Uganda children, Pregnancy Resource Center cleaning, Brookland Park Boulevard trash pick-up, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden prep for spring plant sale, painting at the STEP office, Cards & Care at Third, and more!

Sign up at [thirdrva.org/registrations](http://thirdrva.org/registrations) or by [clicking here \(in Third Press Digital\)](#).

**Registration closes April 8!**

## JOIN THE CHOIR!

Spring is a great time to join the choir! We have many wonderful singers at Third who could use their musical gifts in worship. We would love to have you worship with us.

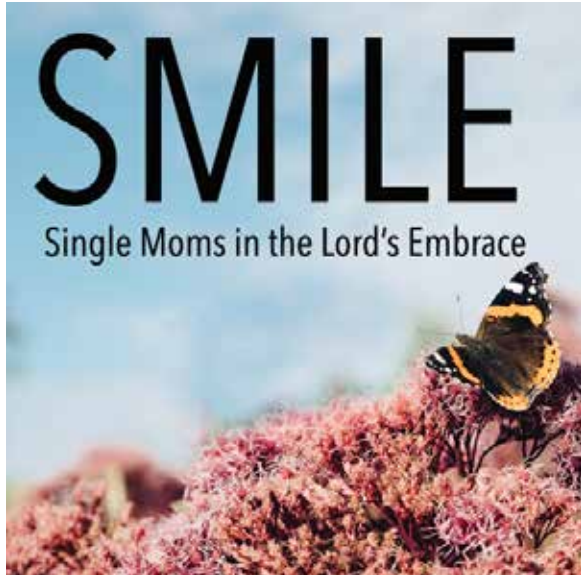
Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Please [email John White](mailto:johnw@thirdrva.org) ([johnw@thirdrva.org](mailto:johnw@thirdrva.org)) or give him a call if you are interested, 282-4645 ext. 104.



## *SMILE: Looking for Donations!*

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SMILE (Single Moms in the Lord's Embrace), our new ministry to single moms and their children, has had a great start. Plans are already being made for the dinners, events, and speakers for this monthly event for the rest of the year.

We want to be a blessing to single moms in our community and you can help! For our May meeting, we are collecting children's clothes for our SMILE moms to choose from. **Do you have any clothes in good condition, from sizes 6 months through teenage years, that you would be willing to donate?**

They can be winter or summer, and may include coats and shoes. There is a collection bin in the main hall across from the infant nursery to collect any donations. We so appreciate your help as we bless these sweet ladies and their kids!

For questions, [contact Kathryn Pruett](mailto:kbpruett@gmail.com) (kbpruett@gmail.com).

## *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration Opens in April!*

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Join us for this week-long exploration of scripture, music, crafts, recreation and more! Our VBS is entirely homegrown, and this year's curriculum will be Olympic-themed! VBS is for children ages 4 (by September 30, 2016) through rising 5th grade, and for the younger children (under 4) of our volunteers.

Volunteers are an essential part of making VBS a success! All volunteer positions and descriptions will be listed online.

**Registration (for volunteers and participants) opens April 15.**

**For more info and to sign up, watch our VBS event page:**

[thirdrva.org/news-events/vacation-bible-school](http://thirdrva.org/news-events/vacation-bible-school)

# other

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## Friday, April 8th

# THE MAKERS SERIES

CREATIVITY  
CONVERSATION  
COMMUNITY

Following the Apostle Paul's word to the Galatians that, in Jesus, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, no male and female," we in the Church often focus on the way Christ breaks down walls, crosses boundaries, and calls diverse people together in unity. Even more, we look to Jesus to bridge the gap between humanity and God the Father. But at the heart of this good news is the persistence of profound difference between people and—even more—between humanity and our creator God. After all, Paul's statement does not undo what we hear in Isaiah 55: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord."

### JOIN US FOR MAKERS

April 8 | Fellowship Hall  
Doors: 6:30 p.m.  
Program: 7:00 p.m.

Instead, the necessity, mystery, and beauty of what Jesus accomplished on the cross are rooted in the way we are still "strange" to each other, to the world, and to our Maker—though in now-transformed ways. Because unity in the Kingdom of God does not seem to come about by erasing difference but by somehow accentuating and redeeming it, we must learn to wrestle with the ongoing fact of otherness to truly appreciate the meaning of reconciliation.



Our visual artist will be abstract painter **Ryan Lauterio**, a long-time instructor and mentor in VCU's Art Foundations program. Ryan's MFA thesis project addressed whether art in a postmodern age could be a way to ask questions such as "Does God exist?" "Can we know for sure?" and "What might it mean to know this?" Both his visual work and his place in the RVA art world exemplify bringing ideas and communities together without overlooking their differences.



Poet **Natasha Oladokun's** writing likewise addresses the possibility of knowing, speaking to, and hearing from a God who is so manifestly "other" than his creatures, exploring the place of poetry as a symbolic system that mirrors the way Christ bridges the gap between God and humanity: her words reflecting the Word. Natasha is an MFA candidate and Teaching Fellow at Hollins University.



Finally, **The Fretful Porcupine**, Jake Armerding and Kevin Gosa, return to RVA as our musical Makers, creating "roots chamber music" with the unorthodox combination of saxophones plus fiddle and mandolin. Together, they specialize in improvisational methods in creating and performing music, looking for distinctively "other" contexts than the commercial music industry to share the sounds they make with local communities.



## NOTES FROM THE THIRD FAMILY

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### **Dear Third Church Family,**

How very blessed we've been, my family and me, by the loyal faithfulness of your thoughts and prayers which provided Joe and me with the necessary daily strength anew, having sustained us during our illnesses and Joe's death which occurred December 16, 2015.

The outpouring of your loving care and concern was quite evident during this time of our grief and loss. This brought much comfort to my family and me. God's blessing to each and every one of you! The cards, phone calls, visits, food and flowers that we received brought us so much comfort and will always remain generously appreciated, and forever be remembered.

I would like to add, before I close, that the blessings have truly flowed through the years for our family and me, having been members at Third Church since the spring of 1963. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Joe and I, had he lived, would have celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

I ask God to richly bless Third Church, the staff, ministers, choirs, musicians, teachers, members, and volunteers. May all who enter receive spiritual growth.

Betty Cox

### **Thanks for welcoming us into the heart of worship**

Nick loves sitting with his friends during worship. And now that the pews in the center of the Sanctuary have been shortened to make room for wheelchairs, there truly is room for all. These "short pews" are such a great help for our family and others — they allow us to sit side by side with our wheelchair-using friends. Thanks to everyone who leaves these short pews open for the friends and families of wheelchair-using worshippers.

Kevin and Margarete Jeffer

### **Thanks for your prayers**

Many at Third Church had been praying for Matthew Hewlett for several months. Matthew died March 7 of an inoperable brain tumor in Colorado. Even though he did not live, he made confession of his faith in his Lord which we all had prayed for during his illness.

Jean Hewlett (my daughter) and I wish to thank the pastors and staff for their prayers as well as the women of the church for their visits, flowers and cards. We are so grateful to all.

Thanks be to God, he is so good.

Ann Kooiman (grandmother) and Jean Hewlett (Matthew's mother in Colorado)

# BIBLICAL PEACEMAKING COURSE

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This April, we're hosting another Biblical Peacemaking course. If you've been thinking about joining one of our courses in the past, now's your chance.



## When?

Two weekends: April 22-23, April 29-30  
Friday evenings: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday mornings: 8:30 AM - 12:00 p.m.

## What will this course cover?

This course provides training in the foundational principles of establishing and maintaining peaceful relationships in your life. It answers questions such as:

- What does God say regarding establishing and maintaining peaceful relationships?
- How does God equip us to live out peace in our relationships?
- When do I confront my brother/sister and when do I turn the other cheek?
- Is there a structure or framework that is effective in dealing with the chaos of difficult relationships?
- How do I start and push through to have that awkward conversation that I must have?
- What do I do if they won't talk to me?
- How do I forgive when the other person doesn't deserve it?

## What is the format?

Biblical Peacemaking is based on the book *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande, who will be leading all the sessions via video. There is time after each lesson to discuss the principles and apply them to life situations that you encounter on a regular basis. Notebooks with all materials will be provided, including all the peacemaking tools you will need.

This course is held over two weekends that follow the same schedule. Friday nights start at 7:00 p.m. and shoot for an ending time of 9:30 p.m. We reconvene on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast and begin the next lesson at 9:00 a.m. We end at noon so you have the rest of your Saturday open. Snacks, coffee, tea and water are available throughout all the sessions.

## What is the cost?

We will gladly accept donations to cover your materials and the food (\$25).

## Where will we meet?

Classes will be held in the Multipurpose Room in Third's office building.

## How do I register?

[Click here to register!](http://thirdrva.org/news-events/biblical-peacemaking-class) (thirdrva.org/news-events/biblical-peacemaking-class)

Questions? Contact us at: [RelationshipsInPeace.ThirdRVA@gmail.com](mailto:RelationshipsInPeace.ThirdRVA@gmail.com) or call Margie Satterfield (804) 819-0260.

## SCARS: A Mosaic Ministry Reflection

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**About this reflection:** This is one story out of a series about accessibility, intimacy, and community. About being welcome. It's also about bringing up The Boy. He's 11 years old and has cerebral palsy. Also popping up are The Teen Girl, who just turned 13, and The Mom, who is awesome. It's written by The Dad. It's my words, my view. Other people will think differently and have different opinions. Good.

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The scars are always there.

Every morning when I put on The Boy's socks. Every night when I take them off.

Ugly, jagged scars starting just below the knee and going all the way down to the ankle. Right on top of the shin.

They are a reminder of a brutal surgery. The Boy's cerebral palsy was twisting his feet out of alignment. Soon, he'd have no hope of walking, ever. The only solution was to slice open both his legs, cut his tibias in half, rotate them a quarter turn, and peg them back together. Followed by six months of casts on both legs.

It was a difficult time for The Boy and for the whole family.

That was years ago. But the scars are still there.

And it would be so easy for The Boy (and me) to be defined by these scars. After all, isn't that what we all think in our darker moments? This pain will never go away. Life will always be like this. My damage is all anyone else will ever notice.



Doesn't matter if the damage is the result of a broken bone, broken relationship or broken promise. The hurt is real. And it demands a response.

The Boy's response was to express the hurt and big emotions as they were fresh. And then somehow – let it go.

I don't know how he does it, really. I think most people who know The Boy would say he is defined by laughter, friendship, the color red, and yes, the wheelchair he uses. These are the realities of his life. The scars are simply a means to an end.

And if The Boy can avoid being defined by his scars, I can too. How about you?

-Kevin Jeffer

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To read more of Kevin's reflections, go to [thirdrva.org/blog](http://thirdrva.org/blog).

# BETA GROUPS

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In late February we kicked off three Beta Groups, led by Rob and Kathie Cox, Bob and Susan Horne and Craig and Annhorner Truitt. Beta Groups are six-week small groups that are designed especially for those who are new to our church, new to small groups, or interested in getting more involved and meeting people at Third.

## BETA GROUP STORY

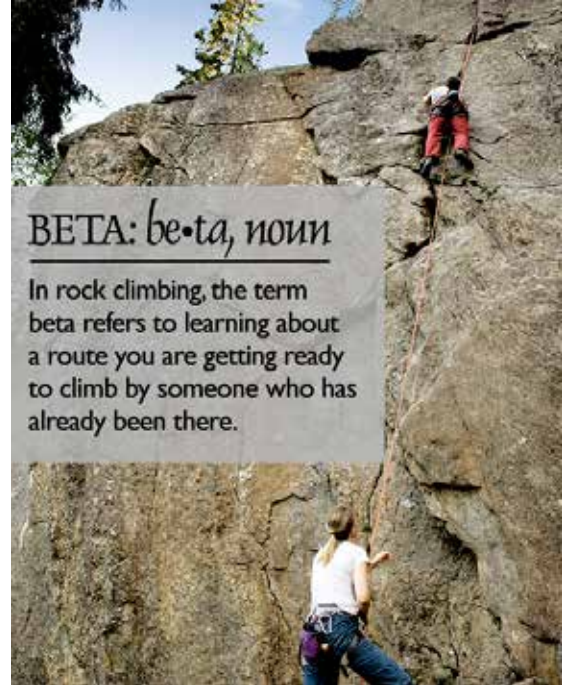
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As a newcomer to Third, I wanted to meet new people, get to know more about the church and get plugged into a small group of some sort. Specifically, I was looking for opportunities to connect with people across a variety of ages and backgrounds. Joining a Beta Group has offered me all of those things and more. There's something really special about

inviting a small group of people into your lives each week, sharing a meal together and being able to engage in rich and vulnerable discussions around faith. It's also provided me with a great deal of knowledge about not only the mission of Third, but the history as well. I have enjoyed getting to know the people in my group on a deeper level and look forward to continuing those relationships even after the six weeks are over!

Heather Zulauf



**BETA:** *be-ta*, *ноии*

In rock climbing, the term beta refers to learning about a route you are getting ready to climb by someone who has already been there.

**Look for new Beta Groups to be kicked off in the coming months!**

**Interested in joining or serving as a leader? Contact [Beth Nichols](mailto:bethn@thirdrva.org) ([bethn@thirdrva.org](mailto:bethn@thirdrva.org)).**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

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Due to some recent activity in the area, our trustees want to remind everyone who's coming to our building on any given day, and even on Sunday mornings, to be sure to lock your car when you leave it. Also, remember to either take your valuables (purse, laptop, etc.) with you or make sure they're out of sight.





## NEWCOMERS

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Interested in learning more about Third or would you like to consider membership? Join us in our next Newcomers Class, where you will learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach.

### **Next Newcomers Class:**

Thursday evening, March 14 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday evening, March 15 from 6-9 p.m. with dinner

Saturday, March 16 from 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 – Joining service for those deciding to become members

*Childcare is provided with a reservation for the class.*

*Sign up online at [www.thirdrva.org/newcomers](http://www.thirdrva.org/newcomers) or contact [Beth Nichols](mailto:bethn@thirdrva.org) at [bethn@thirdrva.org](mailto:bethn@thirdrva.org) or 282-4645.*

## VOLUNTEER & INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

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### YOUTH LIFE FOUNDATION: SEEKING INTERNS

Youth Life Foundation of Richmond is an education-based program that seeks the academic and spiritual health of the Northside. Our vision is to nurture the child, strengthen the family, and rebuild the community. One of the primary ways we fulfill this vision is through our learning centers, which focus on character and academic excellence. We recognize that the best way to foster growth and build leaders is through a one-on-one approach! We are accepting applications for summer interns now through May 1 to work with our students (K-5th, middle school/high school.) If you would like more information please e-mail: [mentor@ylfr.org](mailto:mentor@ylfr.org) and visit our website, [www.ylfr.org](http://www.ylfr.org).

### MMCT: SEEKING OFFICE/ADMIN VOLUNTEER

MMCT, a Richmond-based international non-profit serving missionaries in crisis care ([www.mmct.org](http://www.mmct.org)) is looking for a volunteer familiar with Quickbooks to do monthly entries into the general ledger, monthly reconciliations of bank accounts, and quarterly reports for budgeted and actual expenses. Approximate time 10-15 hours a week. Can be virtual. Contact [Darlene](mailto:dar@swissmail.org) at [dar@swissmail.org](mailto:dar@swissmail.org) for more information.

# APRIL CALENDAR

**April  
3**  
9:45 - 11:00 a.m.  
Parlor

## WELCOME COFFEE

If you are new to Third, or if you meet someone new to Third, please join us for our Welcome Coffee in the Parlor from 9:45-11:00 a.m.

This is a time when visitors can meet Corey and some of our lay leaders, see a short video about the vision and mission of Third, and find ways to connect at Third.

**Upcoming Welcome Coffees:** April 3, May 1



**April  
8**  
7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

## MAKERS SERIES | OTHER

Join us for our latest installment of the Makers Series, this time on the theme of "Other." Our three Makers include a visual artist, a poet, and a "roots-chamber" music duo.

For more info, check out page 8.

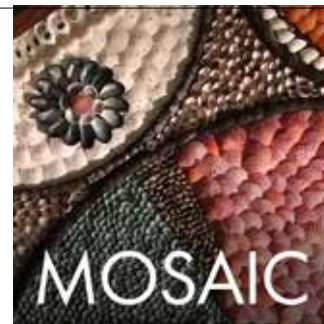


**April  
10**  
10:00 a.m.  
Room 217

## MOSAIC MINISTRY: ADOPTION PANEL

Join us on April 10 as several Third families will be sharing about their adoption journey. Come hear their experiences of God's faithfulness in fulfilling their families.

The talk will take place in the Fusion Sunday school class from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Room 217. Refreshments will be served.



**April  
16**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Richmond

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MORNING OF SERVICE

Join us for a morning of serving together with the women of Third. We will meet together for a devotional and cup of coffee before we disperse throughout the city to serve our neighbors. Go to page 6 for more information.

[Sign up now!](#)



**April  
14-17**  
Third Church

## NEWCOMERS CLASS

Interested in learning more about Third or would you like to consider membership? Join us in our next Newcomers Class where you will learn about Third's vision for worship, discipleship, community, serving and outreach.

[Sign up now!](#)



# MAY CALENDAR

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**May  
1**  
9:45 - 11:00 a.m.  
Parlor

## WELCOME COFFEE

If you are new to Third, or if you meet someone new to Third, please join us for our Welcome Coffee in the Parlor from 9:45-11:00 a.m..

This is a time when visitors can meet Corey and some of our lay leaders, see a short video about the vision and mission of Third, and find ways to connect at Third.

**Upcoming Welcome Coffees:** April 3, May 1



**May  
14**  
10:00 a.m.  
Parlor

## Shiloh: Coffee & Fellowship

Shiloh is a ministry at Third that provides support for those grieving the loss of their unborn baby or longing for a child yet to be conceived.

Join us in May for coffee and a devotional gathering for women and their husbands.



## EVENT RECAPS: *Family Mystery Night*

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Family Ministry hosted a "Family Mystery Night" on February 20. Families were invited to register without knowing details and all ages were encouraged to attend. We gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a game night, which included live action Hungry Hungry Hippos and Candy Land! Children of all ages played games, ate snacks, and spent time getting to know each other. What a fun time connecting families within our church family! We look forward to hosting other mystery nights in the future!



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As we wrote last month, we've started to send this publication out via email! (You may be reading this from your computer as we speak!) However, if you picked this up at the church, and would like to be on the mailing list, go to:

[THIRDRVA.ORG/SIGNUP](http://THIRDRVA.ORG/SIGNUP)

There, you'll be prompted to sign up for any of our mailings, including mailings from individual ministries you want to be in-the-know about.

Have questions? Contact Becca Payne ([beccap@thirdrva.org](mailto:beccap@thirdrva.org)) for any support or help.

