



A few years ago I spoke to a young man about his faith. He told me that he was "into Jesus," but he wasn't into "religion." For him, that meant he felt no need for the institution of the church. He felt just fine working on his own relationship with God, practicing his own personal spirituality, and didn't want to bother with all the messy elements of a church community. He was just fine on his own.

This young man's approach makes sense in the context of a radically individualistic culture that sees spirituality as a personal journey. However, in the context of biblical, New Testament Christianity, this young man's approach is not only wrong, but it is actually an impossibility. According to the New Testament authors, the only type of Christianity is a communal one. There is no such thing as a Christian who is not also a participating, engaged member of the Christian community. A Christian is a person-in-community.

Of course, the Christian life is also personal. Each and every Christian is called into an intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. It is personal, but it is not individualistic. To be a Christian is to be converted both to Christ and to community. As Paul wrote in Titus 2:13-14, "Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify a people for himself that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Jesus died not just to save us from our sin but also to create a new community that represents him in the world. The church community is that important to him. The question, though, is whether it is that important to us.

This summer, we are going to explore together what it practically means to be a part of the community of Jesus. The fact is, part of the reason that young man was avoiding the Christian community is because being in relationships with fellow Christians can be difficult. People are messy, people have problems, people disagree, people hurt one another, people sin. Therefore, Christian community, like anything good in life, requires work, patience and discipline.

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THIRD —
*training disciples to love
 and transform the world
 through
 Jesus Christ.*

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This is why there is an enormous number of "one another" commands in the New Testament: "love one another," "forgive one another," "put up with one another in love," "encourage one another," "confess your sin to one another," "show hospitality to one another," and the list goes on and on. For 7 weeks this summer, beginning on June 19, we are going to look at a number of these commands and explore how we can put them to practical work in our life together. Alongside the sermon series, there will also be an intergenerational Sunday School class at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall that will be looking at the same themes in an even more interactive way.

It's a great time to be exploring these themes, considering that our focus statement for the next few years is to "orient around relationships for community, discipleship and mission." If we are going to do this together, we need to fully and deeply understand why this is vital to our life as disciples, and we need some practical guidance at how to function in our relationships together in healthy, life-bringing ways.

This summer, we're inviting you deeper into community. It's scary, it's messy, but it's what you were made for!

Grace and Peace of our Savior+

Corey Widmer

How to "One Another" One Another 2016 Summer Sermon Series			
Date	Topic	Scripture	Preacher
June 19	<i>Love One Another</i>	Colossians 3:12-17	Corey Widmer
June 26	<i>Live in Harmony with One Another</i>	Romans 12:16	Rick Hutton
July 3	<i>Confess your Sins to One Another</i>	James 5:16	Corey Widmer
July 10	<i>Forgive One Another</i>	Galatians 4:32	Richard Haney
July 17	<i>Offer Hospitality to One Another</i>	1 Peter 4:9	Corey Widmer
July 24	<i>Serve One Another</i>	Galatians 5:13-15	Corey Widmer
July 31	<i>Spur One Another On</i>	Hebrews 10:24-25	Nan Clarke

**THIRD PRESS DEADLINE FOR
 MAY: Friday, June 10**
 Submit to: beccap@thirdrva.org



STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

MAY 2016

Just a few short months ago, we rearranged our Sunday morning schedules so we could meet together as a church family, to discuss the outcomes of our 10-month TAG consulting process. Since then, many individuals have been hard at work planning, praying and organizing around what we learned from that process. We wanted to take this opportunity to give you a brief update on this work.

FOCUS STATEMENT: *Re-orient around relationships for community, discipleship, and mission.*

In the years to come, we will use this focus statement as a lens to approach the work of the strategic objectives.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

In order to accomplish our focus statement, we identified (through the TAG Consulting process) five strategic objectives, which now represent five project-oriented, working groups. We have since identified co-chair leaders for each working group, and these leaders have recruited teams of individuals from both staff and the congregation to join them in their work. All five teams will operate under the direction and supervision of Session. The five objectives, and the co-chair leaders of each team, are as follows:

- **#1: Communicate Our Purpose**
Co-chairs: Becca Payne, Mark Mendez
- **#2: Reorganize Staff and Session**
Co-chairs: Ed Satterfield, Dave Skove
- **#3: Connect, Train, and Send God's People**
Co-chairs: Corey Widmer, Jeff Hassler
- **#4: Modernize Our Infrastructure**
Co-chairs: Alan Ware, Rob Lanphear
- **#5: Love Our Neighbors**
Co-chairs: Ron Klipp, Jennifer Parham

These co-chairs, along with the Lead Pastor, and the former chair (Annhorner Truitt) and current chair (Scott Ziegler) of the Strategic Planning committee, comprise the current Strategic Planning Committee.

CURRENT PROGRESS:

Teams are currently creating Work Scope documents— a high-level implementation plan of the projects and initiatives they hope to accomplish in the coming months and/or years. Once these Work Scope documents are finalized, they will be presented and approved by Session, and will then be shared with the congregation.

However, some groups have already started their work to begin addressing immediate needs, such as pressing updates to our buildings, changes to the structure and responsibilities of Session, and piloting a few geographically-based Parish groups. You can expect further updates on these initiatives and more in the months to come.

NEXT STEPS:

- **Stay tuned:** We will continue to update you through our weekly emails, our website, or by Third Press when developments are made. As they are individually approved by Session, each Work Scope document will be circulated to the congregation.
- **Pray:** Please be in prayer for each of these teams, their leaders, the committee, and the work they will collectively do. This is our foundation, and nothing is more important to this work than the prayers that will help guide us through it.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: questions@thirdrva.org

To revisit what we shared in January, visit: thirdrva.org/blog/town-hall-meeting-recap.

FOR THE JOY OF THE CITY:

A CELEBRATION OF THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"
Matthew 28:18-20 (Capital Campaign scripture)

In 2010 when the “For the Joy of the City” Capital Campaign began, Third Church came together as a people blessed by God with a vision for spreading the Gospel by developing fresh ministry opportunities in Richmond’s West End, East End and at Forest Avenue. Many people chose to be a part of what God would do through the Campaign! As it concludes, we want to celebrate the completion of the campaign and share with you how our Lord used it to bring his shalom to our city in new places and in new ways. Your grace and patience have been appreciated since this report has been several months in the making, as certain aspects of the Campaign were not finalized until March and April of this year.

The Campaign had three areas of focus:

- (1) At the Forest Avenue campus—to purchase 500 Forest for office and adult classrooms/meeting space, allowing for the repurposing of ministry space in the 600 Forest church building and increasing the space needed for children and youth ministry; and to purchase 607 Silverspring from the patient LLC investors who acquired it for the church in 2003;
- (2) In the West End—to acquire a 19-acre parcel of land on Pump Road and secure it for ministry purposes;
- (3) In the East End—to make a tithe from all Capital Campaign funds to East End Fellowship to further their ministry in Church Hill.

With glad and grateful hearts for God’s grace and your generosity, we are pleased to report that the Lord has used the funds to these ends and to the continued building of his Kingdom here in the metro Richmond area.

Capital Campaign dollars made possible the purchase of 500 Forest and the servicing of its mortgage over the last 5 years. The original debt of \$2.1 million has been reduced to a current balance of \$1.6 million. Its purchase provided space for staff offices, large and small meeting rooms and additional adult discipleship areas. It also made possible the repurposing of 600 Forest ministry spaces for adults, children and youth.

Following congregational approval, the house at 607 Silverspring was purchased for \$330,000 in 2015 and is now held debt-free along with 605 Silverspring, providing a convenient “buffer” between 600 Forest and our residential neighbors on Silverspring and an option to expand our facilities at Forest Avenue should the need ever arise.



The financial gifts played an integral role in securing a rare parcel of undeveloped West End property for current and future ministry purposes God has preordained, both in the form of lease payments on the property and through an \$800,000 contribution of Capital Campaign funds toward Community West Church's purchase of the property, which took place on March 3, 2016. The purchase also allows continued use of the property by the Christian Arabic Church and by Third for ministries like youth events and the annual Sports Outreach Camp.

East End Fellowship was also able to accomplish great things from Third's tithe. During the Capital Campaign, a property critically needed for children's ministry and office space was leased across the street from the Robinson Theater where they worship. Capital Campaign funds were used to do major renovations to the building in exchange for 6 years of greatly reduced monthly lease payments, making the building habitable and the rent to fall within EEF's budget constraints. Remaining Capital Campaign dollars are currently held in trust by EEF in hopeful expectation of the eventual purchase of this building. Additionally, EEF used some of the Capital Campaign funds for their summer intern program and the hiring of their youth pastor. East End Fellowship just celebrated its 10-year anniversary on May 15!

On April 26, 2016 the Session of Third approved a disbursement plan for the remaining \$450,000 in Capital Campaign funds. That plan is as follows: on or before July 1, an additional \$275,000 principal payment will be made on the 500 Forest loan and the new balance of approximately \$1,360,000 will be re-amortized to recognize the debt reduction; the remaining \$175,000 (of the \$450,000) will be used to pay debt service on the loan as Third's operating budget grows to the capacity of fully covering this annual expense. Capital campaign funds will be used to pay our debt payments in declining amounts: \$97,000 in 2016, \$55,000 in 2017 and \$23,000 in 2018.

We want to thank everyone who sought God's will for the part they would have in the Capital Campaign and for faithfully fulfilling their pledges. We thank them for trusting the leadership of Third Church as they sought God's will in regard to using his resources to build his Kingdom.

Please join us in celebrating His faithfulness to us as individuals and as His church. To Him be the glory forever and ever!



Sunday Morning

CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP

Summer 2016
June 19 - July 31

Starting June 19, we'll kick off our Summer Classes. These classes will run for 7 weeks, until July 31, when we will take off the month of August from all Sunday School and discipleship classes. Join us at 10:00 a.m. for any of the following!

1. Intergenerational Class: "How to 'One Another' One Another"

Our church family will gather together for a special, interactive intergenerational class. We will be following the sermon series and putting each teaching from the "One Another" series into practice. Each class is stand-alone so join us when you can!

Teachers: Rotating

Location: Fellowship Hall

2. Good News Class: "Summer of Psalms"

Each week, we will be discussing a psalm and how they express the full spectrum of experience and emotion. Each class is stand-alone so join us when you can!

Teachers: Rotating

Location: Room 101

3. The First 500 Years: An Introduction to the Early Church & Why It Matters

Ever wonder why some books are in the New Testament, and some are not? Why we say the Nicene Creed? Is Dan Brown's hypothesis about the role of Constantine in defining the Church really right? How did the Bishop of Rome become Pope? Who was Augustine and why should you care? If these questions interest you, this is the course for you. Learn something new about your ancient heritage and how it continues to shape who Christians are and how they believe and behave.

Teachers: Nan and Boyd Clarke

Location: Room 100

4. Sunday School for Kids (Ages 2 - 5 years old)

Sunday School will continue for kids ages 2 through 5 (Little Lambs, Little Lions, Little Eagles) for the same 7-week season. Any children Kindergarten and older are encouraged to attend the intergenerational class along with their parents.

Location: Little Lambs: 103; Little Lions: 223; Little Eagles: 202

REFLECTIONS FROM AN RCLI GRADUATE

Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative is one of our Missions Partners and seeks to invest in the future Christian leaders of Richmond through an intensive ten-month program, examining, from a Christian perspective, the many dynamics that face our region. For more information, visit: rcliweb.org.

I am completing what has been a path-altering experience with RCLI. It has been a sacrifice and a challenge, but as our faith promises, it was so rewarding and I feel myself overflowing with joy, love and confidence that can come only from a deep shared experience with the God and fellow believers.

Not everyone is called to the mission RCLI embodies, but my heart was being tugged in that direction. The richness of the program's historical content, personal stories and relationships provided me a road map for my personal calling, while equipping me with the tools to draw confidence and clarity on how God shaped me and how I can play a role in the redemptive work he wants to accomplish in the Richmond community and in the greater world.

My relationship with God the Father did not start with RCLI but it deepened in a way that was so rich and I didn't realize how much I was thirsting for until this experience. For years I had been working in the community and the institutions that play a role in government and land-use, but felt alone in my professional circles as it was largely secular and my solutions based from a Christian perspective were not shared by my peers. Over the year-long program, I discovered so many public and private leaders in the community that I had no idea had a heart for the Lord. This revelation not only gave me the confidence to lean into my faith in my professional life, but it also gave me great hope that God was at work in our region and had placed his people throughout our institutions and they were fast at work for his glory.

When the enlarged vision of community mission was implanted in my heart was about the time Wendell, who was my journeyman, helped me to appreciate my gifting as a connector. From his coaching I was able to see how God had already been using me and how I could best contribute to kingdom work going forward. Most of all, Wendell restored my confidence when he shared that my gifting was needed and important to the community. This was just the elixir I needed to recharge my spirit, because I had bought into a false narrative that my skill set did not offer meaningful value.

I had participated loosely in the reconciliation work the church was doing in Richmond, but my eyes were opened to a much deeper level of understanding from the decades of sin and pain that had infected our community. Now I feel a greater need to serve, paired with the confidence and knowledge to speak boldly about the challenges and solutions for our city. RCLI also forced me to deal with conversations and thoughts concerning "white privilege" that were new to me and that I had not fully understood from the perspective of others. These topics were challenging for me to process, but I could feel God at work in me, stripping away old thought patterns. As a result, I have become more committed to sharing God's love with those whom society has discouraged and disenfranchised, and advocating for them in circles where they are not represented. I now view myself not as a person with privilege, but as a person with a responsibility to help heal the wounds and mistrust carried by others. I also walked away in great awe of the many spiritual giants in our community, who are not lifted up in the eyes of the world, but who inspired me to follow in their footsteps as they modeled obedience, grace, sacrifice and love.

My RCLI classes sessions are ending, but I feel my RCLI work is just beginning.

Peyton Cox

NEWCOMERS: *April 2016*

On Sunday, April 17, 2016 we had many new faces join Third as new Covenant Partners. Please welcome them into our church family and find opportunities to meet them and get to know them!



Stewart & Doug
Albertson



Boyd Clarke



Lauren Sharp &
Steve Deluca



Alan & Jen deCerff



Pam Haney



Jeff Hummel



Steve & Lindsay Krieger



Jess McDaniel



Jason & Suzanna Phillips



Hannah & Alex Sawyer



Mark & Estelle Short



Charles & Elizabeth
Teixeira



Tyler & Ashley Tuite

Our next Newcomers Class will be held in the fall. If you're interested in attending, please save the date for the following:

- Sunday morning, September 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Friday evening, September 16 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., with dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, September 17 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 25 – the Sunday morning service you normally attend (for those deciding to become members)

Visit our [Newcomers page](#) to sign up or for more information.



THIRD CHURCH
COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP
SUMMER 2016

2016 SUMMER SCHEDULE

COLLEGE

JUNE 16 | 7:00 PM
DINNER AT TAVERN PORCH

Discuss how to grow spiritually while at college.
The Tavern | 7110 Patterson Ave

JULY 14 | 7:00 PM
DINNER AT CHIANTI

Discuss how to find community while at college.
Chianti | 1304 Gaskins

AUGUST 11 | 7:00 PM
SUMMER WRAP-UP
9009 Rio Grande Drive

OTHER

JULY 23 | 9:30 AM
REDEEMING SEX

Third and East End Fellowship host author and speaker Deb Hirsch.

Veritas | 3400 Brook Road

JULY 13 - AUGUST 24
WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

Book study of Nicole Unice's *Brave Enough*.
Fellowship Hall | Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

COLLEGE BRUNCH
SUNDAY MORNINGS

We leave from the Courtyard at 11:15 AM.
U of R Dining Hall | 11:30 AM



Join our Facebook group for updates and to stay in the loop:

facebook.com/thirdsummercollege

Questions? Contact [Tim Latham \(timl@thirdrva.org\)](mailto:timl@thirdrva.org).



STUDENT MINISTRY
DESSERT AUCTION

**Join us for the annual
Student Ministry Dessert Auction
to raise money for our student's
mission trip to Mexico!**

**JUNE 12 | FELLOWSHIP HALL
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Treats will be set up for bidding on June 12 in the Fellowship Hall, for the whole morning.

Stop by before or after any of the Sunday morning services, place a bid, and take home a delicious baked good for a great cause.

Want to contribute a dessert to be auctioned? [Email Andrea](#) by June 8!



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GRADUATION

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**
Reception to follow ceremony

Have you been interested in being involved in or serving with the Jobs for Life ministry? Graduation is a great opportunity to learn more about how this program impacts all of those who are involved, and to join in the celebration of God's good design for work and discipline.



Join the women of Third for our annual Summer Study together. We'll meet on Wednesday evenings beginning July 13 and running through August 24, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This year we'll be studying Nicole Unice's new book *Brave Enough*.

Registration is now open. Sign up today!

Cost: \$20, includes the book.



At our 4th annual Sports Skills Camp, we combine great sports training in soccer and basketball with the great news of the Gospel. Sponsored by Third, the Christian Arabic Church and Community West, this week offers time for your children to build sports skills and to learn about Christian character-building from skilled college athletes from the Sports Outreach Institute. Great for kids and students, rising 1st grade through 12th.

Register (\$75) today! For more info and sign-ups, visit: thirdva.org/news-events/sports-skills-camp.

EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

A Reflection from Third's Trip to the Holy Land

Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon" (Exodus 14:1-2).

Early Friday morning, April 1, seven of us went "schnorkling" (as Raphael, our guide, pronounced it) in the Red Sea at the southwest corner of Eilat. We could see the mountains of Egypt and Saudi Arabia to the south. The Jordanian flag, the size of three apartment buildings, was clearly visible across the 5-mile wide Gulf of Eilat.

While Egyptian war chariots were not bearing down on us that morning, we whined a bit as did the Israelites in Exodus 14; our whining, however, was about the frigid temperature of the water.

The reef was well protected by a buoyed rope and a park service guard tower. We entered on the far side of the reef using a pier and swam about 1/4 mile in each direction for 40 minutes. The fish and coral were fabulous.

Just as I whined about the cold, yet shortly thereafter experienced a gift of nature in the beautiful fish and coral, I often whine about small interruptions in my day or circumstances that affect me or my loved ones.

I must remember the story of the Red Sea from Exodus: God will always make a way for His tired yet trusting children just as he did for the Israelites: "The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left...Israel saw the great work of the Lord." (Exodus 14:21-22, 31)

The Red Sea reminded me to fear not, but in darkness and in dawn, count on God's presence; He never forsakes, He never is gone.



Ellen Armstrong

Our next trip is planned for May 15-25, 2017! If you'd like to be a part of this trip in the future, please get in touch with Tom Barila at tomb@thirdrva.org.

EVENT RECAPS: *Women's Ministry Morning of Service*

It was Saturday morning, April 16, and the Fellowship Hall at Third was abuzz with women. Excitement was palpable, coffee and sweet treats provided diesel, and many in attendance were sporting their weekend "work" clothes. It was clear that this morning was unique, and that we were there for a purpose much bigger than ourselves.

Before beginning our service projects, Nan Clarke anchored us in the truth found in Ephesians 3:19. She reminded us of the collective nature found in the verse, and that when we serve, we take the Holy Spirit with us.



While the ways in which 80+ women spent the morning varied – some gardened, farmed, and weeded, others cleaned, cut, and wrote – I have heard from many team leaders about the "sweet sense of joy" that each woman had as she labored in service to others.

The eight projects included flower bed beautification and the creation of a pea gravel pathway at Westover Hills Elementary; planting, prepping, weeding, and grass cutting at CHAT's Urban Farm; picking up trash on Richmond's Northside through Clean Sweep RVA; potting, fertilizing, and weeding at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens; spring cleaning at the Pregnancy

Resource Center; writing encouraging notes to members of Third's community through the Cards and Care ministry; cutting fabric pieces for what will be made into 30 pairs of shoes for Ugandan children through Sole Hope; and assembling Mother's Day gift bags (that were bursting with goodies, thanks to the generosity of the morning's participants) for the many single moms who receive care at CrossOver Clinic. With such a variety of service opportunities, each woman was able to choose a project that piqued her interests and best utilized her talents. Not only were we able to impact our immediate community at Third Church, but also the greater Richmond region, and even some organizations across the world.



As the morning came to a close, some bowed their heads in prayer for the organizations, others took group pictures of what had been accomplished in three short hours, many asked for more ways to help, and a few even suggested having weeding parties in each other's gardens! There is no doubt that the women who participated in the first (annual) Women's Ministry Morning of Service birthed new friendships, deepened existing relationships, and felt a new sense of community by serving together.

Kate Mendez

JUNE CALENDAR

**June
5**

4:00 p.m.
Pump Road Fields

GILLETTE GAMES

Mark your calendar for this annual youth event. Shaving cream, games, lots of mess, lots of fun.

Contact Rick (rickh@thirdrva.org) or Andrea (andrewaw@thirdrva.org) with questions.



**June
8**

6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

JOBS FOR LIFE GRADUATION

Have you been interested in supporting or serving with Jobs for Life? Come out to the Spring Class of 2016 Graduation to celebrate with the students, and learn more about the impact this program has on everyone involved.

A reception will follow the graduation ceremony.



**June
12**

9:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

STUDENT MINISTRY DESSERT AUCTION

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Stop by before or after any of the Sunday morning services, place a bid, and take home a delicious baked good for a great cause.



**June
13**

8:45 a.m. -
2:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SAM JACKSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Come out to this annual fundraiser, organized by Third Golfers in Fellowship. This year the event, held at Richmond Country Club, will benefit Crossover Ministries. Checkin begins at 8:00 a.m., shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. **Registration (\$80) closes June 8!**

Sign up today! Contact Tom Barila with questions.



**June
15**

7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Join us for this special, informal time to pray and worship together. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for this evening of prayer and praise.



JULY CALENDAR

**July
4**

6:00 p.m.
The Diamond

THIRD CHURCH AT THE SQUIRRELS GAME

Each year, we purchase a block of 100 tickets to the Richmond Flying Squirrels July 4th game at The Diamond. The game is family friendly, and a great event to bring friends and neighbors to. Game starts at 6:05 p.m. Concessions available for purchase.

To purchase tickets (\$10 each), contact [Jane Wood](#) or [Sue Hendrickson](#) directly. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.



**July
11-15**

8:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

SPORTS SKILLS CAMP

This awesome week includes learning soccer and basketball skills combined with character-building devotions and sharing of the Gospel! Invite your friends.

Sign up today! Contact [Tom Barila](#) with questions.



**July
13**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY KICKOFF

Join the women of Third for the annual summer book study. This year, we'll be reading Nicole Unice's latest, *Brave Enough*. We'll meet together each Wednesday (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) through August 24 in the Fellowship Hall. Registration (\$20) includes the cost of the book.

Sign up today! Contact [Beth Nichols](#) with questions.



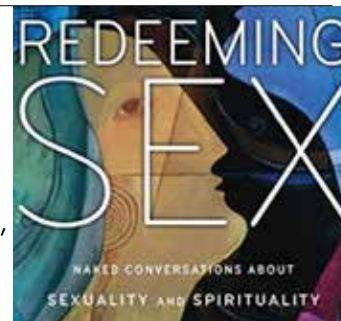
**July
23**

9:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.
Veritas School

REDEEMING SEX WORKSHOP (with [Deb Hirsch](#))

Discover a holistic, biblical vision of sex and gender that honors God and offers good news to the world. In this workshop, Debra Hirsch, author of *Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations about Sexuality and Spirituality*, will help us explore how when you consider the world from the perspective of God's kingdom mission, it turns out the smoke clears and a redemptive imagination takes root. Deb has an incredibly unique ability to help facilitate this conversation and to bring things to light that are fresh, rooted and hope-giving.

Sign up now! Registration is free, but seating is limited.



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VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLE!



Buck Rosenberger and Chip Buehler are assembling a team of people to help provide construction, electrical, plumbing, painting, landscaping, carpentry, and HVAC repair and maintenance to help our neighbors in need.

The team is taking the lead for updating some ministry space used by one of our local missions partners, Crossover Ministry.

If you're interested in joining in this work, get in touch with Buck at ggrlaw@comcast.net.



Grant Holbrook, Buck Rosenberger, and Dave Skove painting the Crossover Ministries offices.

