

# \*Education Newsletter \* Education Newsletter\*

## Sunday School Classes

Beginning October 14, 2018; 10:00 a.m.

### **New Horizons – Tom Leclair and John Yarborough – S212**

New Horizons will study the Standard Lesson Commentary. It is a year-long curriculum providing weekly Bible passages for study and reflection. Topics include: God's World, God's People; our Love for God; Discipleship and Mission; and Covenant in God.

### **Young Families - Mary Catherine Raines – S201**

**Six Themes in Matthew Everyone Should Know – October 7 – November 11** – led by Dan Holloway

This study focuses on Jesus as Messiah to begin considering Matthew's perspective of who his Gospel is about as it portrays the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**Advent lessons – The Way of the Child – November 25 - December 16**

An opportunity to explore and reflect on God's messages and actions in the lives of real people: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna. May engage time with children during this series.

### **Serendipity – S-203**

**Reformed Spirituality** - Reformed Christians are often suspicious of anything "spiritual." Yet spirituality and spiritual discipline were essential components of the reform movement. Just what is Reformed spirituality, and how should we live spiritual lives as Reformed Christians?

### **Contemporary Christian Issues- Judy Timmons - E205**

**Study of the book of Isaiah** - allows us to see and hear the word of God through faithful witness of this prophet as he reveals, with reverence and compassion, what God would say to us

### **LIFE – Living In Faith Everyday – S212**

**Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World** – by Max Lucado

Are you familiar with the message of Philippians 4:4-8? This study will show how we can be anxious for nothing and discover true peace from God that surpasses human understanding.

## Bible Studies

### Intensive Bible Studies (Pre-Registration Required)

**Jesus in the Gospels** – Andrea Paschal – **Thursday mornings – 10:30a – 12:00p** Start Date: **August 30 – S211**

**ORIENTATION: August 21 – 6:00pm - Fellowship Hall**

This 30-week study invites participants to look at Jesus as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Participants will study the name, the place, and the people – and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control.

**Invitation to Genesis** – Anita Poole – **Monday Evenings – 6:00 – 7:30pm** – Start Date: **September 10 – E102**

This study takes groups into the rich tapestry of Genesis exploring the interaction between God and very human people – pride, family relationships, conflict and journey all showcase the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah and Joseph.

**Disciple 1** – Ellen Skidmore – **Tuesday Evenings – 6:30 – 8:00pm** – Start Date: **August 28 – S211**

**ORIENTATION: August 21 – 6:00pm - Fellowship Hall**

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, is a 34-week intensive overview of the Bible. The Old Testament is covered in the fall and the New Testament in the spring (with short breaks for holidays). In addition to class on Tuesday evenings, there is daily reading in Scripture. This study is great for those who have never studied or read Scripture before and assumes NO prior knowledge. The study will end in late April, and is aimed particularly towards those who have not studied the Bible before/in a while, or taken a Disciple 1 Class in a long time.

**First Thessalonians** – Jim Rowell – **Thursday Mornings – 10:00 – 11:30a** – Start Date: **August 30– S212**

The first letter of Paul's to find its way into the collection of New Testament books was I Thessalonians. Although rather brief, it is one of the most positive statements we can read that portrays a first-century congregation. Those Thessalonians were downright contagious! In our day, when the church is all too often viewed with jaded, cynical eyes, this affirming letter needs to be declared. A 12-week study

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**Opening Doors to Discipleship: Bible Background – Online Course**

**ORIENTATION: September 9, 10:00am, Check-in dates: September 30, October 21, November 11-Parlor**

Would you really like to study the Bible, but not sure you can find the time? Thinking about attending a class but not sure you have enough knowledge? Have you thought about attending Sunday School in your pajamas? Would you like to 'brush up' on scripture? [This online class is for you!](#) This 12-session study provides an opportunity to get an overview of the Bible and study some of the important parts of our faith history. Everything is online and can be accessed on YOUR time line. We will provide check-in dates and communications through the fall to help guide you. This study can be started at any time. Join us for an orientation to the program or contact Andrea Paschal to get started.

## Other Study Opportunities

### **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** - Henry Gibson, David Hunter, and Carl Todd - **Fellowship Hall - Beginning September 4.**

Join the Men of the Church every Tuesday morning at 6:45am from Sept-May, for the best home-cooked breakfast in town! This year, the men will be studying *Devotional Classics: Revised Edition: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups*; edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith.

### **Presbyterian Women Circles**— Sandy Helfer - **Meet monthly from September to May**

All women of Forest Lake Church are invited to participate in any Forest Lake Presbyterian Women activities and to attend any Circle meeting to become acquainted and visit with new friends. "Circles" (smaller groups) meet monthly for friendship, spiritual enrichment, missions and Bible Study. For information please contact Sandy Helfer, FLPW Moderator, (788-8111).

We have a variety of meeting times and locations to choose from. Forest Lake Presbyterian Women use the PC(USA) *Horizons Bible Studies*. This year's study is *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. The study takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. The nine lessons show how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community, and how God's presence is with us wherever we are on our life's journey.

### **New Here?** - Jodi Beckham and Ellen Skidmore – **E102** – Date TBA

This one-time dinner and discussion gives participants a brief overview of Presbyterian theology, government and history and provides a way to find out more about Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. Questions welcome! This is scheduled throughout the year. Please contact the church office if you have an interest in attending the next event.

### **U@FLPC** – Jodi Beckham – **E209—September 16—October 7 - 10:00am**

This four week class is for members and guests who want to know more about Scripture and FLPC. The purpose of this class is to help you identify what you need to grow in faith. An overview of the story of Scripture as well as other topics of interest to those who want to grow in their faith are presented. Please contact the church office if you have an interest in knowing more.

### **Officer Training** - Ellen Skidmore, Margaret Harris, and other experts! - **C204 - 10:00am**

This class is required for all those who have been newly elected to serve as Elders and Deacons in our congregation. Training is held, during the Sunday School hour, beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup> and concluding on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes cover topics essential for both Deacons and Elders. The *PC(USA) Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions* are our primary textbooks.

## Kirk Night

**Meal served from 5:30-6:15, Fellowship to follow  
Nursery Available 5:30—7:30pm**

- ◆ September 5 - **First Kirk Night of the Fall Season** - Join the Fellowship for the first meal of the season
- ◆ September 12 - October 24 - **Mudhouse Sabbath** - Dan Holloway—Parlor  
Beginning on Wednesday night, September 12<sup>th</sup>, following our Kirk Night Dinner, we will continue our study of the book *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. This is a continuation of this summer's study of spiritual disciplines and helps us consider the meaning of spiritual practices from both a Jewish and Christian perspective. You don't need to have participated in the study this summer in order to be a part of this ongoing study but are encouraged to get a copy of the book.
- ◆ October 31—**All Hallow's Eve, All Saints, & All Souls** - Come hear of the significance of these three days
- ◆ November 7 & November 14—**Christmas Alternatives** - alternative gift giving/invitation to practice something different