

Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

As of August 2019

Please call the church office at 352-383-2005 to confirm class schedules.

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Sunday School	Leader	Location	Time	Description
Bible Explorers	Rotates among the class leaders	Chapel	9:30 a.m.	The Bible is read aloud in fellowship and its meaning shared with each other. Various translations are sometimes read, and videos, Bible dictionaries, maps and commentaries are also used to support our discussion. The class is currently studying the book of Psalms.
Carpenter's Class	Rotates among the class leaders	CEC Building, Rm. 4	9:30 a.m.	The Carpenter's Class' summer theme is "Faith at work in Christ's family" focusing on 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. The class studies together, encourages one another, eats together, and serves together.
Out of the Box Bible Talk	Rotates among the class leaders	Friendship Hall	11:00 a.m.	This class uses an interactive discussion style to explore the New Testament. They are currently discussing the scriptures from the weekly sermon in greater depth. Personal Bibles are strongly encouraged.
Weekly Bible studies	Leader	Location	Time	Description
Pastor's Bible study	Gary Upleger	Chapel	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	<p>Pastor Gary leads a Bible study on Wednesday nights. People are welcome to attend one night or every week. His fall study is "The New Testament You Never Knew"</p> <p>We all want to know 'the rest of the story.' Do you know the real story behind the New Testament? In this eight-session we will take a tour of the story behind the explosive story of the New Testament. Through our reading we continually discover that God indeed keeps his promises, but those promises don't always look like what people expected ... especially when it comes to Jesus. So, come join the journey to understand the New Testament you never knew!</p>
Martin Luther Bible Study	Paul Lane	Sanctuary Conf. Rm	Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.	We are currently studying the Letter to the Hebrews from Martin Luther's German translation. We read the German Bible aloud and discuss its meaning and significance in English and German and study vocabulary, grammar, history, and theology. Some knowledge of the German language is helpful. A German language Bible is required.

Transforming Grace	Linda Criswell	Chapel	Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.	The group is studying the Psalms both from a literary and a spiritual perspective, focusing on the elements of Hebrew poetry and imagery and how the thoughts apply to our lives.
Tuesday Night Sunday School <i>Returns this fall</i>	Carl Greene	Sanctuary Hall	Tuesdays at 7:00 pm	Our primary focus is Bible study. At other times we may research and study Biblically related topics. We enjoy our fellowship time and an annual service project.
Bible study on the Prophets Begins August 28	Janet Westlake	Chapel	Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am	A twelve week study of the major and minor prophets. Daily homework from the study manual is expected.
Spiritual groups	Leader	Location	Time	Description
Prayer group		Library	Wednesdays at 4:30 pm	Those present share prayer concerns and spend time in prayer, both individually and together.
Men's group	Rotates among several leaders	Chapel	Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm	A special spiritual gathering of men who combine prayer, worship, study, and support for their brothers in Christ.
Widowed support group	Rev. Carl Greene	Sanctuary Hall	Monthly on the second Monday at 10:00 am	For men and women who have lost a spouse.
Topical Groups	Leader	Location	Times/Days	Description
United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles <i>September to May</i>	Various Circle Leaders	Sanctuary Hall	Various days and times	Small groups known as Circles, as a part of the UMW, hold monthly meetings which include devotion, educational and fellowship time, and support for missions (local, UMW + church related). The entire unit meets quarterly.
Christian Book Club <i>September to May</i>	Joyce Duser and Harolynn Lanza-Hutlas	Chapel	3 -4:30 pm 2nd Wed.	Book club members recommend/vote on the books to read, which address religious topics/events; societal issues, historical and current event, etc. One book is discussed each month.

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