

Wednesday Evening, 7:00 PM

The Body of Christ: Learning from Each Other

Northside Fellowship Room (119)

This summer a distinctly unique and special series is planned for Wednesday night. Instead of hearing sermons on assigned topics, we will instead spend time listening to one another. All presenters will be relating personal stories of faith and life. Some will offer autobiographical sermons, teaching through transparency, as they reveal their own individual challenges and victories. Others will present personal life narratives in an interview format, sharing experiences of joy and struggle, communicating what they've discovered about faith, hope and church. Our purpose is not only to know each other better, but to learn how to persevere and live together in the kingdom of God.

June 6

Bruce Utley
Autobiographical Sermon

June 13

Roger Crozier
Personal Story – Interview

June 20

Mark Abshier
Autobiographical Sermon

June 27

Charles & Mary Jane Howard
Personal Story – Interview

July 4

No Services

July 11

Ryan & Erica Blase
Personal Story – Interview

July 18

Clifton Fuller
Autobiographical Sermon

July 25

Marvin Bryant
Autobiographical Sermon

August 1

Dessert Fellowship
VBS Week

August 8

Bill & Tina Hayes
Personal Story – Interview

August 15

Jeff & Carrie Williams
Personal Story – Interview

August 22

Al Campbell
Autobiographical Sermon

August 29

Robert & Stephanie Chancellor
Personal Story – Interview



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"Pointing to Jesus...traveling together"

Adult Bible Classes

"Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ" (Eph. 4:15).

Summer Quarter 2018

June

July

August



10:00 - 11:00 AM Beginning June 3

What Good Is God? In Search of a Faith That Matters

Bruce Utley 119 (Fellowship Room)

What good is God? That question occurs in some form to every person who has experienced pain and loss, personal difficulty, or acute unfairness. In other words, it has been asked by almost everyone. We assume that faith should make a difference in life, but there are real occasions when that doesn't seem to be happening. What good is God in a world where terrorists attack, where women are oppressed and children sold, where unexpected violence is a regular occurrence? Does faith really matter when you're struggling with depression, get laid off, encounter terminal illness, or are overcome by grief? In this class, we will honestly examine these questions, seeking to find a faith that provides enduring help and certainty in an unpredictable and uncertain world.

God's X-Men: Learning to Live as Exiles

30-ish – Ben Crain, Travis Holland 238

The people of God have often found themselves living as a minority group. It began centuries ago, when God's children were forcefully taken to live in the foreign communities of Assyria and Babylon. They faced a distinct test holding on to the values of faith in a land of superstitious idolatry. We face similar challenges today in our own post-resurrection age, for we too often live as strangers in an increasingly secular world. Just like the cinematic x-men and women, we also discover that we are living different from many around us. This class will look at the people of God who lived as exiles in both the Old and New Testaments and apply their lessons of faith to how we live today.

YESHIVA – A Place for Learning

Tad Dowell 204 (Library)

Do you have a desire to move deeply into Scripture? Have you ever wished to go further into the text than typically occurs in a regular adult Bible class? This special class will serve as an extemporaneous, discussion-style study group for students who yearn to plumb the Scriptures in search of God's perspectives on questions that most haunt us. Led by facilitators who acknowledge that we are all still learning, participants will strive to approach each study in a thoughtful, humble manner, to follow the text wherever it leads, to consistently seek applicability to the present circumstances of life.

Natural Outreach

Kelli Efurd, Celina Lopez 220

Many Christians are uncomfortable with the call to evangelism, and we often have more questions than answers. How do you share the message of Jesus without seeming to force your views on someone else? Is it even possible to do outreach without invading the privacy of others? We all recognize that the world is lost without Jesus, but how do you share the gospel in a way that truly touches people and affects lives? In a setting of free exchange and personal encouragement, this class for women will discover a way of outreach that is natural and effective.

Pilot Class on Evangelism (4 weeks, June 3-24)

Hubert and Celeste Denson 221

This special training class is for those who desire to become more skilled in personal evangelism, learning how to intentionally share the gospel of Jesus, the power of God that brings salvation. By studying Scripture in context, students will be equipped to make disciples who trust in Christ's authority and submit to him. The emphasis throughout will be on making the most of each opportunity so that all will experience a sense of preparedness as the Spirit extends the call to – Go!

Finding God – Serving Others

College – Wayne Alsop 222

College is a unique time of great opportunity and limitless possibility. Yet it can also be characterized by unpredictable change and bewildering uncertainty. This class will look at the distinct challenges facing college-age singles today, as they seek to negotiate the contests and obstacles of today's hectic culture. Students will guide the content of the class and will establish the agenda and define the curriculum. The goal is to point to Jesus and maximize each person's potential for service in the church and the world.

The Church in Transition: I and II Timothy and Titus

Maynard Leese, Marvin Walker 239

Today a lot of things seem to be changing in both the world and the church. We truly want to make the gospel applicable to our contemporary age, but sometimes find ourselves personally uncomfortable with everything that is taking place. It is important to realize that this is not the first time the church has had to navigate through a shifting landscape. At the end of his life, the Apostle Paul addressed a second generation of Christians who were being led by two young preachers, Timothy and Titus. In these letters, Paul passes the baton of leadership, and encourages these young men to guide the church faithfully through challenging and uncertain times. It is a relevant message for us today.

He has Made Him Known: A Study of the Gospel of John

Philip Heisler, Don Smith 240

What we long for in the experience of religion is a relationship with God. The difficulty is that God is not easily found? Who is God? What is he? Is he like a person? If so, what kind of person? In Jesus God has pushed aside the curtain and provided a fuller glimpse of who he is. The Son reveals the Father. Jesus whom we can see reveals God whom we cannot see. The class on the gospel of John will point to the Father through the Son. "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known" (John 1:18).