

Connections

The Newsletter of the Adult Education Ministry
First Church of Christ

Winter 2012

In 1 Timothy 4:16 Paul encourages young Timothy to watch his life and doctrine closely. This admonition is vital for all Christ-followers. The adult education ministry seeks to provide an opportunity to help you in fulfilling this biblical admonition.

Through various educational opportunities such as Connect Groups, Adult Bible Fellowship, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study you are afforded a chance to grow deeper in God's Word. In addition, Connect Groups provide a great opportunity to be in a small group relationship with others where you can share your life and find strength and encouragement to help you navigate the seas of life.

Take time to read of various opportunities afforded you to fulfill 1 Timothy 4:16 below and get involved in 2012.

Financial Peace University

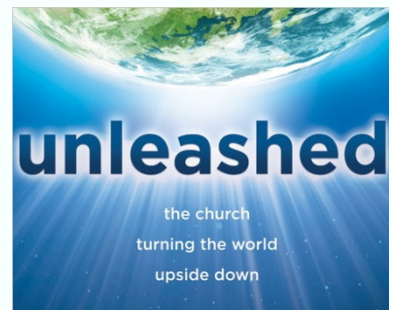
One of the major issues of conflict within a home and marriage is money, or sometimes the lack of it. This study provides a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever!

Sundays, 5:45-7:15
Phillip Mobley, Facilitator
Location: Church building, Room TBA

Unleashed: *The Church Turning the World Upside Down*

Are you praying for boldness? Or have you become satisfied with the status quo—afraid to offend, almost apologetic of presenting Jesus as the only way to Heaven? If so, then it's time to join the radical mission of Jesus.

The church in the New Testament impacted the world. It changed culture from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria and to the ends of the earth. The early disciples turned the world upside down with their message, their lives, their



commitment, and their passion.

Unleashed uses the book of Acts as a foundation to share powerful examples of how the church is fulfilling the revolutionary mission of Jesus.

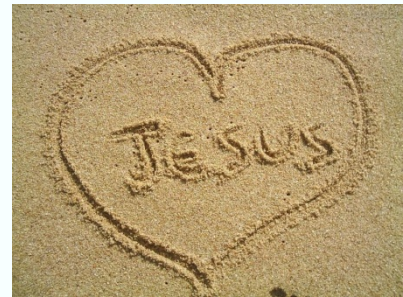
Sundays, 5:45 - 7:15

Michael Thomas, Facilitator

Location: Church building, Room 101

Falling In Love With Jesus Again

Each time you study the life of Christ you come away with a greater appreciation and renewed commitment to him. This study is a continuation of the Bob Russell series covering the gospel of Matthew.



Sundays, 6:00 7:00

Horace Miller, Facilitator

Location: Miller home, 8175 US Hwy 264 E

The Book of Philippians

The book of Philippians paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian. Because of his love for Christ, Paul was able to pen these popular and profound words: "To live is Christ and to die is gain" and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Sessions include:

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| -ODD BEGINNINGS | -THE WORTHY LIFE |
| -THE ONE GOD EXALTS | -THE ONE GOD OPPOSES |
| -CHRISTIANITY MADE SIMPLE | -OWNED |
| -NEVER SATISFIED | -WAITING |
| -REJOICE? | -MATURE FAITH |
| -POLAR OPPOSITES | -TRUE CONTENTMENT |

Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Church building, Room 102

Mark Lilley, Facilitator

What Is Worship?

When people hear the term worship they think about either a certain hour of the week (a worship service), a style of worship (traditional, contemporary, reflective), or simply music.

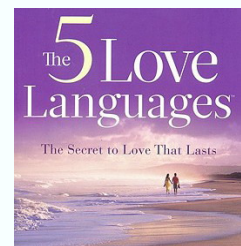
But worship is so much more. For Christ-followers, worship is life and life is worship. This series will focus on what it means to really worship, not just on Sunday morning, but to worship with your life daily.



Sundays, 6:00-7:00
Jonathan Hudson, Facilitator
Location: Church building, Room TBA

The Five Love Languages

What if you could say or do just the right thing guaranteed to make that special someone feel loved? The secret is learning the right love language! Millions of couples have learned the simple way to express their feelings and bring joy back into marriage through this study.



Sundays, 6:00 - 7:00
Location: Church building, Room TBA
Steve Hill, Facilitator

Life's Tough Questions

We have questions. Child-like inquiries. And deep, heavy ones. In more than twenty-five years of writing and ministry, Max Lucado has been the receiving line for thousands of such questions. This DVD study with teaching by Max Lucado offers thoughtful answers to more than 150 of the most pressing questions on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter. He responds to the day-to-day questions--parenting quandaries, financial challenges, difficult relationships--as well as to the profound: Is God really listening?



Various Connect Groups will be using this study.

Sundays, 6:00 - 7:00
Ray West, Facilitator
Location: Church building, Room 122

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Russell Smith, Facilitator
Location: Smith home, 102 Roberson Dr.

Sundays, 6:00 - 7:00
Gene Andrews, Facilitator
Location: Andrews home, 152 Joshua Dr., Chocowinity

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00
Jim Joyner, Facilitator
Location: Joyner home, 310 Williamsburg Rd.

Ladies Connect Group: *Verbs of God*

When we look around at the pain, loss and hurt in our world and even in our own lives, we can't help but wonder, "God, don't you see this? Can't you do something about this? Where are you?"

In these four DVD sessions, Margaret Feinberg uses fresh insights and Biblical teaching to study four verbs that Scripture uses in connection with God. When we understand God's active nature, we realize how God is always active and engaged in our lives. Even when we can't see or feel him, God is constantly on the move and working.



Sundays, 6:00
Sherry Hill, Facilitator
Location: Church building, Room TBA

Grief Share: *Your Journey From Mourning to Joy*

When you've lost a spouse, a child, family member or friend, it's hard to feel optimistic about the future. Grief Share is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. This group is sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time.



Wednesdays, 6:30
Shelia Moore, Facilitator
Location: Church building, Room 112

Four options to sign up for one of the above Connect Groups:

- Visit website www.firstchurchofchrist.net and click on the Connect Group link
- Go to Connections Central in the main lobby
- Send an email with your preference to Gene at gandrews@firstchurchofchrist.net
- Call Gene at 946-5236.



Adult Education Classes

In addition to the small group studies offered through Connect Groups, there are larger class setting for Bible teaching as well.

Adult Bible Fellowship is the Sunday morning adult classes offered during both hours. These include:



9:00 AM

What does it take to walk by faith, not by sight?
What does a faithful follower of Christ look like?
How can I grow as a faithful follower?

These and other questions about faithfulness and discipleship will be covered in this new class beginning January 8.

Gene Andrews, Teacher
Room 102



10:15 AM

God Establishes a Faithful People

Much of what Scripture teaches about faith comes through stories about people of faith. This is a study of the actions of faith in action in lives in the Bible.

Bruce Watson, Teacher, Room 102
Ray West, Teacher, Room 122

The Bible Speaks

A discussion of various life issues addressed from the Word of God.

Mark Lilley, Teacher - Room 112

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM, Room 102

Bible 101: A Basic Bible Overview for all Christians

This study is designed to assist seasoned veterans of the faith as well as those newer to the faith to understand and apply to their lives the book of books, The Bible. This 26 week study includes an overview of:

- how the Bible came into existence
- history and geography of the Bible
- Old Testament institutions
- the life of Christ
- the early history of the church.

Bible 101

for people who
don't know everything