

# Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

## As of February 2018

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

Other details at [www.mtdorafumc.org](http://www.mtdorafumc.org)

Sunday School	Leader	Location	Time	Description
Bible Explorers	Paul Lane	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 Gospel of John.
Carpenter's Class	Rotates among the class leaders	CEC Building, Rm. 4	9:30 a.m.	The Carpenter's Class is studying Matt Rawle's <i>What Makes a Hero?</i> Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero? 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 studying the Gospel of Mark. 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.	Pastor Gary leads a study based on <i>Embracing the Uncertain</i> , written by Magrey DeVega, senior pastor at Hyde Park UMC in Tampa. "Embracing the Uncertain invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Each of these stories are signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience." <b>New people are always welcome.</b>
Transforming Grace	Linda Criswell	Sanctuary Hall	Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.	The Letter to the Romans is a wonderful book in which we see what makes Christianity unique among all other relations. Paul lays out the basic premises of our faith and helps us understand what it means to be a Christian under God's grace. Come join us as we read the Bible and apply it to our lives.

Tuesday Night Sunday School	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.
Martin Luther Bible Study	Paul Lane	Sanctuary Conf. Rm	Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.	We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke 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 prior training in German and a German language Bible is required.
Disciple: Into the Word Into the World	Janet Westlake	Chapel	Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am	<i>Disciple: Into the Word Into the World</i> studies the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts in depth. A study manual is required. Participants are expected to complete the daily homework before coming to class.
<b>Spiritual groups</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
Twenty30	Brian Lawson	Tijuana Flats	Every other Tuesday at 8:00 pm	<i>Twenty30</i> is beginning an incredible journey of living life and seeking God together. We want to be a life giving community of young adults seeking to live into God's holiness.
Prayer group		Chapel	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 <i>Latecomers welcome!</i>	A special spiritual gathering of men who combine prayer, worship, study, and support for their brothers in Christ.
Women's Lenten study  <i>February 15 to March 29</i>	Janet Westlake	One Flight Up	Thursdays at 6:00 pm	Proverbs 31 Ministries seeks to lead women into a personal relationship with Christ, with Proverbs 31:10-31 as a guide. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect daily from the devotional which is available by email or from the website <a href="https://proverbs31.org/read">https://proverbs31.org/read</a> .
<b>Topical Groups</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Times/Days</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 monthly.
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.