

# Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

## As of January 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	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 book of Proverbs.
Carpenter's Class	Rotates among the class leaders	CEC Building, Rm. 4	9:30 a.m.	The Carpenter's Class focuses on various books of the Bible. 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 scripture from the weekly sermon in greater depth in addition to 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.	<p><b>James: To Walk and Talk</b></p> <p>We live in a world which struggles with ethical standards. But that is nothing new. That is a human condition which we have been struggling with since we were created.</p> <p>James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the church in Jerusalem, wrote his letter to address the ethics of a Christian life. Though we know that, as Christians, we do not live under law, but under grace. Still, there are "rules" we often feel compelled to follow, or else ... God will be mad with us, we will miss God's blessing, we won't be good enough – and on it goes.</p> <p>Our focus will be on striking a balance in our faith between the walk and the talk, between believing and living, between knowing and doing.</p>
Transforming Grace	Linda Criswell	Chapel	Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.	The group is currently studying prayer and various prayer practices and techniques from a biblical perspective. 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	Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.	We are currently studying the Revelation of John 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.
Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus	Janet Westlake	Chapel	Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am	<b><i>Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewish Words of Jesus Can Change Your Life</i></b> is the study text for the Wednesday morning Bible Study. Sessions begin on Wednesday, January 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Chapel with Janet Westlake, Minister of Discipleship. The book is available in the church office for \$12.
<b>Spiritual groups</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
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.
<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 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.
Point of View: The Way Forward	Pastor Gary Upleger and Janet Westlake	Chapel	Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 pm from January 22 to February 12	The work and preparations for the 2019 General Conference continues. Part of our work and preparation at a local level is to make known what the issues are and provide avenues for discussion among members of the congregation. The Ministry Staff of the Church have planned a 4-part series of study sessions. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office 352-383-2005 to reserve your seat. (Childcare will be provided with a reservation). This is a duplicate of the series offered this past fall.

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