LAY ACADEMY SCHEDULE
WINTER 2026
JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 11

Richard Andrews' Bible Study | Library
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

In The Epic of Eden Video Study, Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem. Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter uses this 12-week study to bring a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting any study group in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance to today — all without diminishing her reader's faith or dumbing down the scripture.

Legendary Bible stories take on new life as Dr. Richter clearly articulates their part of a larger pattern, revealing an even deeper significance for the stories individually. The Epic of Eden video study is ideal for serious church groups wanting a meaty study of biblical text, as would anyone eager for a strategic grasp of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Old Testament and how it relates to God's activity in the present.

Parenting Village | Conference Room
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

These parents meet after Wednesday Night Dinner to support each other while their children are in the care of our Christian Education staff. They also arrange periodic family outings.

Wednesday Night Dinners | Moor Hall | Registration required
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Welcome to Wednesday Night Dinners! Pricing is as follows:
Adults (13 and over) - $12.00
Children (ages 4-12) - $6.00
Children 3 and under - free.
Family (up to 2 adults + children 12 and under) - $30.00

Cash, check, or credit/debit cards are accepted forms of payment. Register on the Trinity app or on the Events page of our website, tumct.org.

Exploring AI | 305
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

While trying to predict the future is always tricky, one thing seems certain — that Artificial Intelligence, or AI, will increasingly become embedded in our lives. It's already evident in the use of virtual assistants such as Siri and Alexa, chatbots that attempt to answer questions or provide information online, facial and voice recognition, content creators like ChatGPT, targeted marketing, self-driving cars, smart thermostats, and in many other formats. Almost daily the media reports on some new aspect of AI and that promises to continue as its use grows.

To help us better understand AI, including both its potential and concerns, the Lay Academy Planning Committee has assembled a group of experts to engage us in learning about AI and to answer our questions.

January 14 | Interactive Introduction to AI
Dr. Paul Marty, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Professor, FSU School of Information

January 21 | How AI Is Transforming Health Care
Dr. Delaney La Rosa, Teaching Professor, FSU College of Nursing

January 28 | AI for Teaching, Learning, and Student Success in Higher Education
Dr. Holly Hunt, Director of the Academic Success Team, FSU Academic Center for Excellence

February 4 | Human-Centered Concerns About AI
Dr. Dina Vyortkina, Assistant Dean for Innovation and Instructional Technology Enhancement, FSU's Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

February 11 | AI Applications for Everyday Use
Dr. James Hunt, Associate Vice Provost and Chief Data and Analytics Officer, FSU Department of Institutional Research

AI is here and it will be increasingly a part of our lives. We hope that you'll take advantage of this opportunity to become better informed about it.