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LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups meet on a weekly basis for teaching, fellowship, caring, ministry, and prayer. Our goal is a real sense of community resulting in life transformation.

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 & 10:30am

Life Groups meet for approximately one hour throughout the year. Since these groups are offered at two different times, you may choose to attend either Worship Service (9:00 or 10:30am) and still be able to attend a Life Group during the opposite time period. Children's classes (Nursery-Grade 5) are offered at 9:00am. Youth classes (grades 6-12) are offered at 9:00am.

During the Week

Additional groups meet through the week. You will find them listed in this brochure.

It is our sincere prayer that every person attending Country & Town will find themselves involved in one of the Life Groups offered. We encourage you to try several groups until you find the one that meets your specific needs.

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9:00am Sunday Morning



2 Samuel Emerging Young Adults (ages 18-20s), Room 15 (lower level), 9:00am Teacher: Joe Cheng

All young adults are invited to join us.

2 Samuel continues the story of King David begun in 1 Samuel, including his military victories, centralization of the kingdom in the new capital of Jerusalem, and God's promise of an eternal dynasty. David's human failings - as a person, as a father, and as a king - as well as God's judgment and grace.



Bible Studies for Life: Adults Grace Class (Ladies), Room 19 (lower level), 9:00am This hybrid class meets in person and via Zoom. Teacher: Jane Koppenheffer (jkoppenheffer@gmail.com)

Bible Studies for Life is designed to help adult groups make disciples through comprehensive, in-depth Bible study. Each year, this series addresses the eight spiritual markers found in maturing believers to ensure that participants are getting a balanced approach to discipleship.

The spring studies are *It's All About Jesus* (which looks at passages from the Gospel of Luke to help us consider who Jesus truly is) and *Being an Authentic Church* (which shows that God intends for the church to be something far richer and more vibrant than an institution, a religious group, a voting bloc, or a tax-exempt non-profit organization). A special focus session is also included titled *The Joy of Giving*, which reminds us that believers are not only called to give but to give with great generosity. (13 sessions)

Please join us! Email Jane for the Zoom link.

9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING



Bible Studies for Life: Adults Mixed Adults, Room 114, 9:00am This hybrid class meets in person and via Zoom. Teacher: Dan Troxell (djtroxell@comcast.net)

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Colossians Mixed Adults, Fellowship Hall 1, 9:00am Teacher: Bruce Anderson

Despite facing pressure from their culture to turn away from Jesus, the Colossian Christians stayed faithful to the way of Jesus. Paul prays that they would grow even more in their wisdom, allowing every part of their lives to be transformed by the Gospel message.

We welcome couples and individuals of all ages.

9:00am Sunday Morning



To be Determined Median Adults, Room 201, 9:00am Teacher: Dave McDonald

All Young and Median adults are invited to join us! Room 201 is behind the sound booth in the balcony.

10:30AM SUNDAY MORNING



The Attributes of God by A.W. Pink JOY Class (Ladies), Room 107, 10:30am Teacher: Mary Alaimo

This classic work of Arthur W. Pink invites readers to discover the truth about seventeen attributes of God, including his sovereignty, immutability, patience, love, faithfulness, and much more.

Our class is mostly senior adults but all ladies are invited to join us.



Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World by David Jeremiah Advanced Bible Study (Mixed Adults), Fellowship Hall 1, 10:30am Teacher: Bill Scott

With the ten biblical principles discussed here, you will be firmly rooted in the truth of God's Word and have a roadmap to follow when times are tumultuous. Be encouraged that when Christ returns, all the chaos will disappear. And in the meantime, find peace in this promise.

10:30AM SUNDAY MORNING



Explore the Bible: Genesis 20-50 Mixed Adults, 10:30am, Fellowship Hall 2 This hybrid class meets in person and via Zoom. Teacher: Fran Burkholder

Teacher: Ross Cleveland (clevemail.rc@gmail.com)



God doesn't just want us to read His Word, He wants us to know it and live its truth. That's why *Explore the Bible: Adults* takes groups book by book through Scripture, framing every passage in its appropriate biblical and cultural context.

This spring, we'll continue our study of Genesis. For many, family makes all the difference. Our families shape us and test us. In big and small ways, we are who we are because of them. In Genesis 20–50, readers get a deep dive into one particular family: the descendants of Abraham. Through these patriarchs, God built the nation of Israel and established a line to the Savior. What's more, their examples of faith continue to resonate with Christ followers today. And these studies bring their stories to life. (13 sessions)

Email Ross for the Zoom link.

SUNDAY EVENING



Pastor's Bible Study Mixed Adults, Children's Suite, 6:30pm Teacher: Pastor Todd

We will begin with a short cooperate worship at 6:00pm in the Children's Suite followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm.

TUESDAY MORNING



Explore the Bible: Genesis 20-50 Retired Men, 10:00am, via Zoom. Teacher: Jack Hester (717.253.3835)



Teacher: Dave Pierce (717.487.0936)



Teacher: John Transue (john@johntransue.com)

All retired men are welcome to join us on Zoom for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer each Tuesday morning when we will continue our study of Genesis.

Historically, Jews and Christians have held that Moses was the author of the first five books of the Old Testament, known also as the Pentateuch. The 40-year period of Israel's wandering in the desert from 1446 B.C. to 1406 B.C. would have been the most likely period for Moses to have written the Pentateuch. The book of Genesis is foundational to the understanding of the rest of the Bible. It is a book of relationships between God and nature, God and man, and man with man. It is monotheistic, meaning that there is only One God. It clearly teaches that the One True God is sovereign over all that exists within His entire creation. It introduces us to the way God initiated and made covenants with His chosen people, pledging His love and faithfulness to them and calling them to promise faithfulness to Him. The message of Genesis is divided into ten main sections. The first five sections are grouped together and can be appropriately called primary history sketching the period from Adam to Abraham. The last five sections relate the story of God's dealing with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and their families. These five sections will be the emphasis of our Spring study.

We hope to see you at our Tuesday morning meeting via Zoom. Contact any one of the teachers to get the link.

TUESDAY EVENING



Hebrews Mixed Adults, 7:00pm via Zoom Teacher: Brian Kreutzer (briankreutzer@comcast.net)

The book of Hebrews has two main goals. First, the letter elevates Jesus as superior to anyone and anything else in order to show that he is worthy of total trust and devotion. Second, it challenges believers to remain faithful to Jesus despite persecution. This is why each section includes a strong warning to not abandon Jesus.

Everyone is welcome just email Brian for the Zoom link.



Women on Mission (4th Tuesdays) Ladies, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall 1 Teacher: Fanny Grote

This group is for women who have a real passion to see missions supported and expanded around the world. We meet the fourth Monday evening of the month for teaching about missions, for prayer, and to provide tangible support for missionaries. We will also pray for and minister to each member of our group. We are excited about the potential to truly make a global impact for the Kingdom in the days to come.

Wednesday Morning



Acts Men, 6:30-7:30am, via Zoom Teacher: Eric David (ericjeanne@comcast.net)

Relating Paul's dramatic call to spread the news of Jesus (9:1–18; 22:3–21; 26:1–23) is the central emphasis of the second half of Acts. The final verse of Acts summarizes the book's themes: welcome of all, bold proclamation and teaching about the kingdom of God, and God's plan as unstoppable.

Email Eric for the Zoom link.



Sewing Servants, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays Host: Mary Chambers



Host: Susann Jones

We serve the Lord with our hands using our talents to provide comfort to the church body, community, and for missions.

If you like to sew we would love for you to join us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING



Prayer Meeting Mixed Adults, 6:00-7:00pm, Room 114 This hybrid class meets in person and via Zoom Host: Jim Atwell (jimbatwell@yahoo.com)

Join us as we meet in person and via Zoom to pray for all aspects of our lives. Email Jim for the Zoom link.

THURSDAY MORNING



Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am via Zoom *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver Teacher: Kathy Transue (ktransue1@hotmail.com)

The life of a woman today isn't all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and want to serve him yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy life and extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Marys and Marthas alike can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy.

Email Linda Cook at Irc3920@comcast.net for the Zoom link.