

# Christian Education Classes

## Weekday

T U E S D A Y

### ★NEW OFFERING

#### **Class Name: Disciples of Christ Beliefs, Rituals, & Statements**

Instructors: Various

Meeting Date: Tuesdays (Oct 7 – Nov 25)

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Duration: 8 weeks

Ideal for the new member, or the one just wanting a refresher, this introductory level course will explore the fundamentals of Disciples of Christ (DOC) beliefs and practices. Students will learn and discuss why we take the Lord's Supper each week, what makes us different from other denominations, and how the DOC is structured.

**Materials Required: Study materials will be provided.**

#### **Class Name: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY (DISCIPLE I)**

Instructors: TBD

Meeting Date: Tuesdays (Sep 16 – May 26)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 34 weeks

*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program. A thorough look at the Bible, this study gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on a person to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study"**

# W E D N E S D A Y

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**Class Name: PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY**

Instructor: Debbie DeWitt

Meeting Date: Wednesdays (Sep 3 – Dec 17) 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Duration: 16 weeks

Precept is dedicated to equipping you with the tools to discover Truth for yourself by studying God's Word inductively. We are convinced that studying the Bible inductively using observation, interpretation, and application is the most powerful and rewarding method to personal discovery and longer retention. The Precept method uses an investigative approach that takes each person to the text directly.

This study will explore the Book of Daniel in two parts. Daniel Part One (Living Out a Biblical Worldview): Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme to change. Daniel Part Two (Gaining Understanding of the Time of the End): Does the turmoil in our times, the uprisings and the spiritual decay of many have anything to do with the Book of Daniel? Daniel was a man who knew what God said about the end times. He focused on what God said, not the events of his own time. Therefore, he had an impact on the people that God placed in his life. How do you live as a Daniel in the crucial days in which you find yourself? How can you dare to be different? How do you know God Most High? The book of Daniel has the answers.

**Class Name: SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY (I & II Samuel)**

Instructors: Marie Perkins, Vennie Robinson

Meeting Date: Wednesdays (Oct 8 - Apr 25) 5:30 – 6:45PM

Duration: Full Academic Year

The books of Samuel contain many familiar features. We will read about the rise of the kingdom of Israel. There is also the story of Hannah and her little boy Samuel; the story of David and Goliath, and the unusual touching friendship of David and Jonathan. This is an exciting study where we will find the real message is that God has called Israel into a special relationship with Himself. God was their real King and He would always be there for them; the people were never able to solve their own problems or make their own choices. These books, like others of the Old Testament, were written as temporal illustrations of the ultimate salvation God brings us through Christ.

**Materials Required: Study materials will be provided.**

# T H U R S D A Y

**Class Name: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY (DISCIPLE 1)**

Instructors: Mary Toney

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Sep 16 – May 26)                      6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 34 weeks

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**Materials Required: Students must purchase “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study”**

**Class Name: INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD (DISCIPLE 2)**

Instructors: Lois Dixon & Linda Augusta

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Sep 16 – May 26)                      6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 32 weeks

*Into the Word In to the World* encourages persons to encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. This thirty-two-week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Depth study of Scripture will be the work both of individual members and of the group in its weekly meeting. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts (eight lessons on each book). Appropriate connections are made to other parts of Scripture both through reading and study assignments and through commentary in the study manual. Participants will read familiar passages, see them in fresh ways, and anticipate that God will speak through them.

*Into the Word Into the Word* is prepared for those who have completed *DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase “Into the Word Into the World”**

**Class Name: REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE (DISCIPLE 3)**

Instructors: Crystal & Kenneth Brown

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Sep 16 – May 26)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 32 weeks

*Remember Who You Are* is prepared for those who have completed *DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*. Resident in the title is the driving idea in this study--the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word *You* in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and in its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory.

Participants in this thirty-two-week study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the thirteen letters traditionally attributed to Paul. To establish the historical context in which the prophets spoke for God, daily reading assignments also draw on the books of Deuteronomy through Chronicles. Study of the prophets will follow their historical sequence rather than their biblical sequence. The dating of Paul's letters influences the sequence of their study. Several themes weave their way through the study: the call to remember, the call to repentance, the need for renewed vision (eyes to see, ears to hear), and the place of community.

Students traditionally progress to this class after completing Disciple 2.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase "Remember Who You Are"**

**Class Name: UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE (DISCIPLE 4)**

Instructors: Jessie Miller & Inez Turner

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Sep 16 – May 26)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 32 weeks

*Under the Tree of Life* is a thirty-two-week study prepared for graduates of *DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*. The word *Under* in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest--home at last. This study concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament – Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. New Testament Scriptures include the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present though the entire study is the sense of living toward completion, toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in the Revelation.

Students traditionally progress to this class after completing Disciple 3.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase "Under the Tree of Life"**

**Class Name: JESUS IN THE GOSPELS**

Instructors: TBD

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Sep 16 – May 26)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Duration: 30 weeks

*Jesus in the Gospels* invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message.

Two questions frame this study: "Who is the Jesus you bring with you to this study?" and "Who is the Jesus you take with you from this study?" JESUS IN THE GOSPELS takes participants on a journey from one question to the other. While distinct in format and approach, this Bible study builds on the foundation and carries forward the philosophy and ideals that shaped DISCIPLE—high-commitment, long-term, disciplined study that fosters community and builds toward transformation.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase “Jesus in the Gospels”**

**★NEW OFFERING**

**Class Name: THE TWELVE PARABLES OF JESUS**

Instructor: Rev. DeLois Broady

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Oct 9 – Nov 20)

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Duration: 8 weeks

This class will lift up Jesus’ hidden heavenly message for earthly living to the disciples in parables. The class will examine some parable props to illustrate the parables’ meaning as it relates to contemporary time. The participants are required to bring their Bibles and note taking tools. Participants will be led to discuss parable issues, their insight of the parables, and application to their lives. Participants will receive handouts that include class activities.

**Materials Required: Students must purchase “The Twelve Parables of Jesus” by Maxie Dunnam**

**★NEW OFFERING**

**Class Name: SUFFERING & SALVATION**

Instructor: Pastor R. Janae Pitts

Meeting Date: Thursdays (Oct 9, 16, 23, & 30)

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Duration: 4 weeks

Following the passages from I Peter, students will explore the ways early Christians interpreted their faith and spiritual life through suffering. Through word studies and commentary exploration into historical events, students will gain a better understanding of the suffering experienced by Christians in I Peter and draw conclusions about one’s own faith journey. Students will be able to experience their faith amid personal and social suffering and discover God’s activity even through suffering.

**Materials Required: Study materials will be provided.**