



Adult Discipleship & Learning Opportunities

Winter 2012

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Wednesday Nights

Here are the classes that will meet on Wednesday Nights!

Becoming a Contagious Christian

Join the Rev. Tom True, former District Superintendent, in a class that over one million persons have experienced as groundbreaking in the area of evangelism: Learn how to avoid the stereotypical approaches that feel intimidating to many Christians – and to their friends! Discover ways of communicating Christ to others and building spiritual significant relationships. The class is five weeks in length. Cost is \$10.00 for Study Book. Class will meet in A105, beginning on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

The Jesus Creed

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Discover the heart of Jesus' message and vision in this class! *The Jesus Creed* will guide persons into the basics of the laws and prayers that inspired Jesus and that shaped the lives of the early disciples. Class members will read scripture, view DVD resources, and carry on conversations about the biblical foundations of Jesus' ministry. Join teacher, Joe Sanford, in this five week class in A103. All are welcomed to participate. Class begins on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Book cost: \$15.00.

Tiger Mom or Missional Parent?

A great deal has been written about being a "Tiger Mom" by Professor Amy Chua of Harvard. A great deal has also been written about being intentional in raising children to serve others in Christ's name. How do parents raise their children with expectations that focus on Christ's mission? This class will offer an in-depth discussion of two books: Amy Chua's *The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom* and Helen Lee's *Becoming a Missional Parent*. Respondents to these books will include David Clendening, Superintendent of Franklin Community School, and Peggy Kinsey, mother and teacher. Pastor Jenothy Rather will lead the conversations, beginning on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the OARC. This is a five week class. Cost of two books: \$15.00.

Practicing the Presence of God

Gina Huff returns to teach this classic in the faith of the church: *Practicing the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence, a lay person in the Carmelite Order in the 1600's in France. Brother Lawrence spent most of his time in the kitchen, observing the presence of God in common ordinary scenes and places. Persons who want to seek a stronger, more potent faith and spiritual walk will sign up to participate in this book study, beginning on Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in A101. Cost of the book is \$10.00. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

How the Bible Came to Be

How did the Bible come to be? How did the Bible come to be written and collected into the authoritative scriptures of the Christian church? How long did this process take? This five-week class will untangle the web of history to learn how the spoken word became accepted as God's Word. Persons will take time to learn about the different books and genres of the Bible. Persons who are beginning or long-time Bible students will enjoy the class, begins on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in A104 with Pastor Andy Kinsey. Cost: \$12.00.

The following Bible Studies are offering throughout the week through Grace UMC.

Men's Wednesday Morning Study

The Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings as they begin the day at 7:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Topic: Paul's Letter to the Galatians. All men welcome!

Women's Thursday Morning Study

This Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the OARC. Pastor Jenothy leads discussion on *Real Women, Real Faith*, exploring the lives of women in the Bible.

Sunday Morning Classes

The following classes are offered on Sunday mornings at Grace UMC.

Meet and Greet Class (A104) – The Truth Project
Seekers Class (A105) – The Holy Land Revealed
Crusaders Class (A101) – Adult Bible Series
Faith-Sharing Class (OARC) – The God I Don't Believe In
Parenting (Wesley) – TBA

Special Programs

The following represent opportunities to learn about ministry and mission at Grace Church.

Men's Breakfast Speaker

The next Men's Breakfast is set for Saturday, January 28th, at 8:00 a.m. in Price Hall. Come and hear Mike Leonard, head football coach at Franklin College, share about his faith and leading the Franklin College Grizzlies over the last few years to several winning seasons. Breakfast will be served. Other business will include information about the Lenten Breakfasts and the Alaska Mission Trip in July.

Mission to Guatemala

Reverend Tom Heaton, missionary to Guatemala, will be coming to Grace Church on Wednesday, February 15th, to speak before our Wonderful Wednesday program at 6:15 p.m. All persons who are interested in learning about the church's mission in Guatemala are invited to come. The Wonderful Wednesday Meal begins at 5:30 p.m. in Price Hall. Tom Heaton is an Elder in the Indiana Conference, serving in Guatemala.

No Longer Silent

Reverend Mike Beck has recently published a book entitled *No Longer Silent: Doing Pastoral Ministry Excellence and Grace*. Rev. Beck, who served Grace UMC from 1997 to 2006, and who suffers with dystonias of the voice, eyes, and muscles in his lower face and right hand, has spent the last few years on the sidelines of ministry and has worked on this book full of stories from his years in ministry. Copies are available at the Welcome Center for \$16.00 (hardcover) and \$10.00 (paperbound). Proceeds of the book will go to support The Beck House in Tanzania.