

# Adult Education Classes and Bible Studies – Fall 2009

Sunday Morning

9:30 AM

## **Adventures in Missing the Point**

*Phil David*

Begins Sept. 20 (six weeks)

Room B-37

Do you ever look at how the Christian faith is being lived out in the new millennium and wonder if we are not doing what we are supposed to be doing? That we still haven't quite gotten it? Travel with *Adventures in Missing the Point*+authors Brian McLaren and Tony Campolo on an adventure . one that's about uncovering and naming faulty conclusions and assumptions about the Christian faith. The book will be available in the bookstore.

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## **11 Indispensable Relationships**

*Nancy Dickerson*

Begins Sept. 6 (ongoing)

Room B-34

Are you a Marlboro Man or Woman, boldly going through life by yourself? We all need friends for the journey, friends like Barnabas, Nathan, Rhoda and Zacchaeus. Without these people in your life, you'll miss out on the person you could have been. Join us as we study Leonard Sweet's book *11 Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without*+. The book will be available at the first class.

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## **Praying Grace**

*Craig Virnelson, Mike Beffel, Brenda May*

Begins Nov. 1 (nine weeks; no class on Nov. 29 or Dec. 27)

Room B-31

From our church sanctuary to the coffee house, there are people all around us that need a touch from God. And all it takes is these five words, *"Can I pray for you?"*+Using Dr. Terry Tekyl's *Praying Grace: Training for Personal Ministry*+, we will teach you to pray for family and friends. At the conclusion of the class, you may apply to become a prayer minister in our congregation. The book will be available in the bookstore.

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Sunday Morning

11:00 AM

## **Sharing Your Faith**

*Brian Otte, Drew Sulzer*

Begins Sept. 20 (six weeks)

Room B-37

What will you say when someone asks you about your faith? Will you clam up or stammer something incoherent, and lose an opportunity to share the Gospel message and the love of Christ? This class will explain evangelism and will teach you to ask the right questions, share the Gospel in four phrases, tell your faith story and identify your networks (where you live, work, exercise, shop, etc.) where you can begin to share your story. You will practice with other students until you feel comfortable and ready to share your story and the story of salvation in Christ.

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## **The "Cotton Patch Gospel" Bible Study**

*Bob Pappenhagen, Jan Fillmore*

Begins Sept. 20 (nine weeks)

Room B-34

What is the *"Cotton Patch Gospel"*? A study of the Gospels of Matthew and John, set in current times in current language. Many of us have heard the Bible stories so often in the same language that they have lost value and relevance to our lives. In this study we will compare the "Cotton Patch Gospel" to more traditional Bible editions. You will read the Gospel in a different language, in a way that requires new attention and new thought. This class is open to anyone . beginner to scholar . who wants to experience the books of Matthew and John in a new light. The book will be available in the bookstore.

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Sunday Evening

## **Marriage Group (Early to Mid-Marriage)**

*Kelly Nelson*

Every other Sunday, 6-7 PM (ongoing)

Room B-26

Our couples group combines fellowship, common problem-solving, skill-building and learning. We currently are studying the book "Love and Respect" by Emerson Eggerichs. Child care is provided. New members are welcome!

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Monday

## **Monday Morning Bible Study**

*Dennis Nelson Sr.*

6:30-7:30 AM (ongoing)

Bob Evans restaurant, 1437 Golden Gate Blvd., Mayfield Hts.

We have a very open group that has questions and interesting discussions. We learn a lot from each other. We typically study a book of the Bible with a commentary for guidance. We currently are studying *The Shack*+. *The Shack*+ presents many interesting views of the Trinity, free will, trust, and why God allows "bad things" to happen. New members are welcome!

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## **Recovering From the Losses of Life**

*Betsy Virnelson, Laurie Dye*

6:30-8:30 PM

Begins Sept. 14 (introductory session followed by 10-week program)

Room B-31

Life's inevitable losses can knock the props out from under us and plunge us into devastating despair. This support series offers encouragement and practical help for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or who has experienced other profound losses such as the loss of a job or home, a relationship, one's identity or a dream or goal. Please join us!

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Tuesday

## **Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**

*Lynn Woods*

6:30-8:30 PM

Begins Sept. 22 (32 weeks)

Room B-37

In this foundational course of Disciple Bible Study, we will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. The titles of the sessions, along with theme words, theme verses and major persons, events and topics, will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of class members. This challenging course is for all students of the Bible, from beginner to advanced. The study manual will be available in the bookstore.

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Wednesday

**Becoming Christian Wives**

*Kelly Sohn*  
8-9:30 AM (ongoing)  
5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Deli & Grill, 1445 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Hts.

Join us as we learn how we can become better wives. In September, we will begin *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman: A Bible Study With Martha Peace.* + New members are welcome!  
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**Financial Peace University (FPU)**

*John Wilson*  
7-9 PM  
Begins Sept. 30 (13 weeks)  
Room B-37

FPU is a Biblically based financial management course taught via DVD by author and TV/radio host Dave Ramsey. The program changes lives, strengthens marriages, provides new opportunities for giving and helps graduates start on their paths to true financial peace. There is a mandatory one-hour orientation meeting (either Monday, Sept. 21, or Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 PM), where course materials will be ordered. Materials will not be available at the first class unless ordered in advance.  
*Information: 216-952-8854; [johnwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwilson@hotmail.com)*

**Understanding the U.S. Constitution**

*Dave Welty*  
7-8:30 PM  
Begins Sept. 23 (10 weeks)  
Room B-30

What did our nation's Founding Fathers intend when they gathered in May 1787 in Philadelphia? What were their concerns about freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a powerful central government, states' rights? How would they have dealt with the current issues of prayer in school, abortion rights and gay marriage? We'll review English and U.S. history leading up to the Constitution, as well as how the President, Congress and the Supreme Court have acted since its ratification. Come prepared for lively discussions with attorney Dave Welty.  
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Thursday

**Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life**

*John Wilson* [Continued on back page]

6:30-8:30 PM  
Begins Sept. 17 (32 weeks)  
Room B-30

*Under the Tree of Life* is for students who have completed Disciple I. The Hebrew version of what Christians call the Old Testament is divided into the Torah (first five books), the Prophets and the Writings. This course concentrates on the Writings. Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations and Daniel. New Testament Scriptures covered include the Gospel of John; 1, 2 and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. The study manual will be available in the bookstore.  
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**REAL Faith Young Adult Bible Study**

*Jaelyn Sulzer*  
7:30-9 PM (ongoing)  
Room B-34

We are a group of people in our 20s and 30s that are committed to being REAL (Relate-Educate-Aspire-Live) in building relationships and growing together in Christ. We meet weekly to study the Scriptures (currently the book of Acts) and also enjoy monthly social and service events. New members are welcome!  
*Information: [jaclynsulzer@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynsulzer@gmail.com)*

Saturday

**M&Ms (Midlife and Married) Group**

*Kelly and Larry Sohn*  
Twice a month, 7-9 PM (ongoing)  
4836 Edsal Road, Lyndhurst

We are a couples group that meets for study and fellowship. In September, we will study Leonard Sweet's book *1 Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without.* + New members are welcome!  
*Information: 216-382-1753; [ksohn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ksohn@sbcglobal.net)*

**Come Walk With Us**

*Beth Stickle, Jan Fillmore*  
Oct. 3, 10 AM-Noon (rain or shine; dress for the weather)  
North Chagrin Nature Center (off SOM Center Rd., Mayfield Village)

Exercise your body and nourish your soul with this moderately paced, 2- to 3-mile walk in the North Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Naturalist Beth Stickle will explain some of the unique features of the park. Bring a Scripture that reminds you of nature or creation, and we'll discuss them as we walk the trails.  
*Information: 440-461-9647*

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United Methodist

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About Our Church

**“Meet Pastor Scott”**

*Scott Wilson, Jan Fillmore*  
Sunday, Oct. 4, 5:30-7:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy dinner and a discussion about Mayfield Church. Tour the building, view the mission and ministry fair exhibits, meet the staff and hear several members talk about how Mayfield has transformed their lives. This evening is especially for our visitors and friends who are considering becoming members of Mayfield. Reservations required; please RSVP to Lynne Pistillo in the office by Sept. 25.

**Class 101: What It Means to Be a Christian**

*Scott Wilson, Jan Fillmore*  
Sunday, Oct. 18, 6-8 PM, in Room B-37

What do Christians believe? What is essential to the Christian faith? What does it mean to be a Christian? This class will summarize Christian beliefs on everything from God to the afterlife in an understandable way. The class is open to all, but is required of those interested in joining the church.

**Class 102: What It Means to Be a United Methodist**

*Scott Wilson, Jan Fillmore*  
Sunday, Oct. 25, 6-8 PM, in Room B-37

What do United Methodists believe? Although Methodism's founder, John Wesley, shared with many other Christians a belief in grace, justification, assurance and sanctification, he combined them in a powerful way to create distinctive emphases for living the full Christian life. This class also will summarize what is expected of members of Mayfield. It is open to all, but is required of those interested in joining the church.

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