

GROWING FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS



Wednesday *Advantage*

**Second Semester
2011-2012
Academic Year**

**Classes Meet
January 4 – May 19**

**Holy Week
April 1–7
No Classes or Meals**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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**Luncheon
Bible Study**

**January 4–May 19
(18 weeks)**

Fellowship Hall

Lunch:

11:30am–12:30pm

Teaching:

12:30–1:00pm

**Evening
Bible Study**

Fellowship Hall

Supper:

5:15–6:30pm

Teaching:

6:30–7:30pm

**First
Presbyterian
Church**

*Greenville,
South Carolina*

Bible Study

1 Samuel

Bible Study Dates: January 4–May 9

Teaching: Dr. Richard Gibbons, Senior Pastor

Fellowship Hall, Luncheon Study: 12:30–1:00pm; Evening Study: 6:30–7:30pm

Journey back with us to some of the earliest days in the history of ancient Israel. Watch while Samuel fulfills the eternal purposes of God by being recognized as the voice of God for his generation. Samuel showed remarkable courage, outstanding faith, and unprecedented skill in his prophetic role. The lessons for us are monumental. Join us as we encounter afresh the hand of God on his most unlikely servant.

With All Your Heart

Bible Study Dates: February 22–March 28

Facilitator: Barbara Hanner

Room 405, 6:30–7:30pm

This study takes you on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that still is largely desert, but at times is filled with lush, bountiful places. We will discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised Land. What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert? God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten. John the Baptist and Jesus had powerful encounters in the desert. We will learn that the desert is where we are closest to God. It is where our relationship with God is at peace.

Biblical Worldview

The Truth Project

Facilitator: Rev. Tim Leslie

Dates: January 4–March 28

Room 303/304, 6:00pm–7:30pm

Large group video lecture and separate small group discussions.

Only nine percent of professing Christians have a Biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. Why? What can be done about it? Many Christians do not experience a personal sense of significance. They spend their money and time on things that fail to satisfy and begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation. To counter this slide within the body of Christ, we are launching the Truth Project a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett followed by a time of discussion follow up.

Financial Formation

Financial Peace University

Facilitator: Clay Brown

Dates: January 4–March 28

Room 401, 6:00pm–7:30pm

Financial Peace University is the most important step to changing your financial future. It is your Total Money Makeover Program! FPU is a 13-week, life-changing course that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals. This total money makeover is taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey and incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. FPU is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages. More than a million families have already had their lives changed by attending.

Fellowship and Community

In Christ Together

Leader: Keith Groce

Dates: January 4–February 8

Room 403, 6:30pm–7:30pm

The Disciples of Jesus were never meant to live life alone, isolated from one another. Our purposes can be fulfilled only as we follow Him together, in community. “Better Together: What on Earth Are We Here For?” based on the New Testament “one-anothers,” will help your small group or ministry experience relational renewal. Each week you will discover how we can love, reach out, fellowship, grow, serve, and worship together. Cultivate deeper relationships with those around you as you discover how we are Better Together.

In each 20-minute session you will learn a new purpose, its biblical support, how it applies to your life, and how you can use it to benefit the Kingdom of God.

The message of purpose will be reinforced in your life and you will discover new meaning and joy in God as you serve with your group.

Inquiry Into the Christian Faith

ALPHA: Inquiry Into the Christian Faith

Facilitators: Angie Orfanedes and Sara Morris

Dates: January 11–March 28

Dinner together in Fellowship Hall, 5:30–6:00pm

DVD Teaching, Room 316, 6:00pm–6:45pm

Small Group Discussion, Room 316, 6:45–7:30pm

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once per week for 10 weeks, and includes an amazing one-day or weekend getaway. During each session, people enjoy great food, laughter, and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile. Questions like—Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

Who Is Alpha For? Alpha is for anyone... anyone who thinks there may be more to life than meets the eye. People attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. They come to investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus, and more. Some people want to get beyond religion and find a relationship with God that really changes life. Others come for the close, long-lasting friendships that are built during the Alpha course. Many guests have never been to church, others may have attended church occasionally, but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome.

For registration, contact Beverley Alberson at balberson@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1754

Confirmation Class (6th–8th Grades)

Dates: January 4–March 21

Facilitator: Rev. Tim Leslie

Room 403, *5:30–6:15pm

This class is for any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade youth who wishes to consider confirming his/her faith by making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and moving from Baptized Member to Active Member of First Presbyterian Church. The course involves the study of the Bible and the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which is part of the Doctrinal Standards of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is included in its Book of Confessions. Upon completion of the course, each student will be encouraged to meet with the Session in order to be received as an “Active” member. To register your child, contact Charlotte Joye, cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1754.

Marriage and Family

Smart Stepfamilies: The Blended Family

Facilitators: Bob and Joan Leclerc

Dates: January 4–February 22

Room 301/302, 6:30pm–7:30pm

Ever wish you had a guide book to help you navigate the waters of blending families together? Explore options and approaches as we study with Ron Deal “The Smart Stepfamily” video series and equip ourselves with godly insights for building healthy families. The eight-session class begins January 4. Contact Charlotte Joye (cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.0309) to sign up. Group is limited to 20, so sign up early.

Women’s Ministry

The Sermon on the Mount

Facilitator: Susan Douglas

Dates: January 4–March 28

Room 212, 6:30pm–7:30pm

Based on John Stott’s book: *The Sermon on the Mount*

The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably the least understood. Those who were present on the Mount were astonished. It is the nearest thing to a manifesto that Jesus ever uttered for it is the description of what he wanted his followers to be and do. Come join us as we strive for a clear understanding of this amazing teaching.

Youth Advantage

Roots Student Ministry

Junior High: 6:00–7:30pm in Room 354

Senior High: 7:30–9:00pm in Room 352

All Junior High and Senior High youth are invited to our Wednesday evening program. We read God’s Word from a topical approach. We address current issues and make applications from Scripture for our daily lives. We fellowship with supper, live music, games, skits, videos, and prizes, all designed to provide a place for believers to grow and a non-threatening environment for seekers. For more information about Youth Ministry, visit our website at RootsFPC.org.

Children’s Advantage

See back page

Let's Eat!

Wednesday Lunch and Supper

Lunch is served from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall just before Bible Study.

Supper is served continually from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Adults: \$7

Children ages 4-12: \$4

Children ages 3 and under: Free

Family maximum: \$25

RESOURCES

The Vineyard Bookstore

Hours:

9:00am–12:30pm Sunday

10:00am–1:00pm Monday through Thursday

5:30pm–8:00pm Wednesday evenings

The Hipp Library

Hours: 9:00am–12:00pm

Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

5:30–8:00pm Wednesday evenings

The Hipp Library features self-checkout instructions, a computer with Bible study software, a children's book section, an extensive selection of commentaries, encouraging Christian life books, Christian fiction, and a TV/DVD station, great for making up video lessons you may have missed.

(Obtain DVDs from your Bible study leader).

Glory Bee Tour

Enjoy a self-guided, informative tour of First Presbyterian Church as you look for the hidden "Glory Bees." Pick up your map at The Vineyard bookstore. You are welcome to tour anytime on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings when the entire building is open. To tour at other times, or if you would prefer a guide, please contact Carl Evans at carl.h.evans@gmail.com or 770.5647.

WOW on Wednesdays

Classes begin January 4

Nursery Care (Infants through 2 year olds)

6:15–7:45pm

Tucker-Dean Nursery Suite

Care is provided for some children whose parents are in programs that run longer than the regular schedule.

2 and 3 year olds

6:15–7:45pm in Room 122

4 and 5 year olds

Cherub Choir: 6:15–7:00pm in Room 321

Bible Study: 7:00–7:30pm in Room 323

1st and 2nd Grades

Bible Study: 6:15–7:00pm in Room 323

Carol Choir: 7:00–7:30pm in Room 321

3rd–5th Grades

*WOW Bible Study: 6:15–7:30pm in Room 318

OR

*Covenant Choir: 6:15–7:30pm in the Choir Room 101

(*Please choose one for the Semester.)

Please pick up your children promptly from their classrooms.

Music Ministry

Classes begin January 4

6:15–7:00pm

Cherub Choir (4-5 year olds) in Room 321

7:00–7:30pm

Carol Choir (1st-2nd Grades) in Room 321

6:15–7:30pm

***Covenant Choir** (3rd-5th Grades) in the Choir Room 101

6:15–7:25pm

Cathedral Ringers (Adults) in Room 402

7:30–9:00pm

Sanctuary Choir (Adults) in the Choir Room 101

**Covenant Choir will include Bible Study and Recreation time; it is the musical alternative to the “WOW” program for 3rd-5th graders.*

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