

Our church is dedicated to making disciples of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we use to accomplish this is to provide multiple options for learning. It is our disciple-making goal to have everyone in the church involved in at least one Bible study or other learning opportunities. There are many great options available – you are encouraged to take advantage of them.

### **Ongoing Adult Sunday school classes**

#### **Friendship Class** – First Floor – parlor

Study: The Book of Acts

The Friendship class is comprised of senior adults who gather to study the Bible using the lectionary (a format that breaks the Bible down into a 3 year cycle of readings). The class combines lecture and discussion. Multiple leaders rotate teaching responsibilities. The fall focus will be on the New Testament book of Acts that describes the growth and challenges of the early Church. Study book is provided.

#### **Interpreters Class** – Ground Floor (Stage off of Social Room)

Study: The Book of Jeremiah

This class is a diverse group of adults that often study around a biblical book or theme. Teaching is primarily discussion based off of the theme for the day. The fall focus will be on the Old Testament book of Jeremiah, a prophet who spoke for God in the last days before Jerusalem was destroyed and the people of God were carried into exile in Babylon. No book is needed (other than the Bible)

#### **Knights of God** – Second Floor classroom

This is a men's class that studies both biblical books or other Christian life topics. This fall the class will be working through the wisdom found in the Old Testament book of Proverbs. This class is led by Bruce Jakiel. No book is needed (except your Bible).

### **Short-term elective classes**

#### **Raising Effective Children in a Defective World** – Library (Ground Floor) – 6 weeks

Using the study by Chip Ingram, this class is geared for parents and grandparents who long to help their children and teenagers navigate the myriad of challenges in our culture today. We don't need to look very hard to see that our broken society is generating broken people and our children especially are paying the price. This study will help you become equipped to lead the children in your charge to rise above the crowd and become the people God has created them to become. A study guide is needed. Taught by Allison Judd

#### **Prodigal God** – Social room (ground floor) – 6 weeks

Using the book by Rev. Tim Keller, this class will explore one of Jesus' most loved parables, the story of the Prodigal Son. But beyond the common focus that asks "Which son am I?", the emphasis will be on the God we serve. A study book is needed. Taught by Pastor Matt.

**New short-term electives get added once the current round of elective options ends.**

### **Children's Classes** (all meet on the ground floor)

The children's curriculum this fall is "Deep Blue" and provides numerous ways to interact with the Bible based on different learning styles.

Two and Three year olds (NEW this year) – led by Laura Shoffner

Pre-K & Kindergarten – led by Sarah Deemer

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade – led by Cindy Vinson

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade – led by Dave Bryan

#### **Thrive youth** 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade (second floor classroom) – led by Karen Jakiel & Paul Kelly

Being a teenager is hard so its good to get together and talk through those challenges and gain strength from what God has to tell you. The Sunday school time will focus on Paul's New Testament letter to the Philippians – a book whose theme is joy. No book is needed (except the Bible)

### **Beyond Sunday morning studies**

**Invitation** – Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm beginning September 15

Invitation is a 10 week study designed as an overview of the basic themes of the entire Bible. It is not meant to be exhaustive but is designed to give the participant a chance to view the grand sweep of the Old and New Testaments. Coursework will consist of daily readings in the Bible and study guide. Great for those new to the Bible and those who have studied for a long time. Study book is required. Taught by Pastor Matt.

**Daniel** – Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00pm beginning October 15

This 6 week class is the second half of a bible study by Beth Moore. It will look at the Old Testament book of Daniel, which was written while the people of God were in Exile in Babylon. This class is for women only and will be led by Allison Judd. Study books are required.

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch** – Wednesdays @ Noon beginning September 9

This is a diverse group of people who gather at Noon each Wednesday to share lunch together and study the Bible. We study a book of the Bible that is chosen by the class and then work through about one chapter each week. Bring your lunch or eat ahead of time but dessert is always provided. Led by Pastor Matt.

**Kingdom Man** – Every other Tuesday morning at 6:30am

Using the curriculum by Pastor Tony Evans, men of all ages gather to be challenged to be stronger followers of Jesus Christ in our lives, our families, and our workplace. Video and discussion are the teaching tools but time is also provided to pray together. Led by Pastor Matt.

For more information or to get connected in a class, sign up in the sanctuary or call the church office (456-6268 or [office@glenwoodumc.org](mailto:office@glenwoodumc.org))

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,  
a worker who does not need to be ashamed  
and who correctly handles the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15**



**Sunday School classes, Bible Studies  
and other learning opportunities  
Fall, 2015**