

July 14 to September 1

**Westminster Shorter Catechism
Prayer (Questions 98-107)**

Jim Nagy/Team
Sanctuary

In the Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 98–107 address prayer, reminding us in Q98 that: “Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.” In this study, a team of our officers will dig into the WSC teaching on prayer, centered in Scripture, and with a specific focus on the Lord’s Prayer. We will use resources from Phil Ryken, RC Sproul, and Paul Miller to supplement the study, with the objective of helping each believer grow in a closer relationship with the Lord through our times of prayer.

***Imprisoned: Faith in All
Circumstances (Ligonier DVD)***

Wayne Shaw/Team
Room 107

In this Ligonier series, Dr. Derek Thomas addresses twelve circumstances in which men were imprisoned, detailing their trials and God’s providential mercy in their extreme situations. Proceeding from Genesis to Revelation, he focuses on Joseph, Jeremiah, Daniel, John the Baptist, Peter, John, Paul—and our Lord Jesus. Dr. Thomas brings application from these events to our lives—reflecting God’s mercy in growing our faith and reliance on Him even through difficult times.

Special Date to Note

Easter Breakfast
March 31

Mission Sunday
(Combined Adult Sunday School)
Dr. Bruce McDowell
April 21



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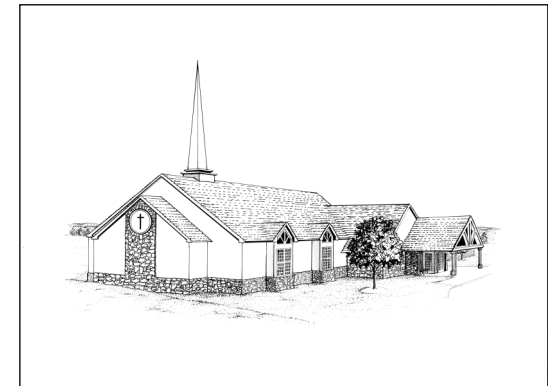
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**Covenant Presbyterian
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**ADULT
EDUCATION
CLASSES**

**March to
August 2024**



Sundays
9:15 - 10:00 am

February 25 to April 7

Lessons from the Patriarchs: Isaac and Jacob

Greg Fisher
Sanctuary

The God of heaven and earth reveals Himself as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. In this class we will build on our past study of the life of Abraham continuing with a survey of the lives of Isaac and Jacob. God initiates and sustains all things as He unveils His extraordinary plan for the redemption of mankind. Before one word was written, before the law and the temple, before the cross, there was God appearing to man.

How Christianity Changed the World

Paul Baldwin
Room 107

It is popular to bemoan the Church's loss of influence in the world and forget the dominant role of Christianity in the creation of the modern Western world. The elevation of the value of human life, the modern understanding of civil and criminal justice, public welfare, public health institutions, public education, and the arts and sciences were heavily influenced or created by the Christian Church. This class examines how a few thousand believers in the first century grew, over the next 2000 years, to remake the entire world by God's mercy and grace.



April 14 to May 26

Worship

Pastor Mublfeld/Wayne Shaw
Sanctuary

Dr. Derek Thomas points out that when we say “Let us worship” on a Sunday morning, something supernatural happens—as Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” (Matt 18:20). Our Creator made us with a purpose: to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. Worship is not just one part of the Christian life—it is our life. In this study, we will use Dr. Thomas’ book *Let us Worship* (and other resources) to focus on the local church, keeping Sunday special, the regulative principle of worship, the liturgy, and on the critical role of Scripture and prayer.

Christian Classics Discussion: (Bunyan)

led by Nate Wambold
Room 107

No doubt those who participated in the last reading class in which we read Bunyan’s *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* were left in cliffhanger status wondering, “What happened next?!” Well, here is your chance to find out, as we gather to read and discuss the final sections of the book, “A Relation of the Imprisonment of Mr. Bunyan” and “Continuation of Bunyan’s Life.” As a special bonus, we will round out these short sections with the additional classic reading of a powerful short sermon by Thomas Chalmers entitled “The Expulsive Power of a New Affection.” While these works may seem challenging and somewhat affected to our modern ears, in the past these sessions together have uniquely paved the path for smooth and comfortable conversation among fellow curious readers, seeking together to mine perennial truths from works written by believers of a different age.

June 2 to July 7

Habakkuk and Zephaniah

Jason Clement
Sanctuary

The prophets Habakkuk and Zephaniah both ministered in the time of King Josiah of Judah. Habakkuk struggled with the notion that Babylon would be used as an instrument of God’s judgment, while Zephaniah prophesied coming judgment on the nations and on Judah. Both looked forward to a time of restoration for God’s people. Join us as we explore these pre-exilic prophetic books and consider how they apply to us today.



Suffering, Humility, and Hope

Peter Wells
Room 107

In Philippians 2, Paul calls believers to have the same way of thinking as Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and suffered in his death on the cross. In Romans 5, Paul says that having peace with God through Christ we not only boast in the hope of the glory of God, but we also boast in our afflictions. Our world increasingly holds up pride, self-fulfillment, comfort, and the right to insist on our own way, as virtues—as the height of a fulfilled life. However, Christians are called to something quite different. Faithful Christians are called to humility and to suffering—to self-denial, to be content in need or in plenty, to count suffering as a joy. Even still, these must be thoroughly tethered to Christ or they can become a self-serving source of pride, a source of despair, or even be used to soften biblical truth under the guise of humility. In these classes we will look at how we can have hope in suffering and how we can live in biblically faithful humility.