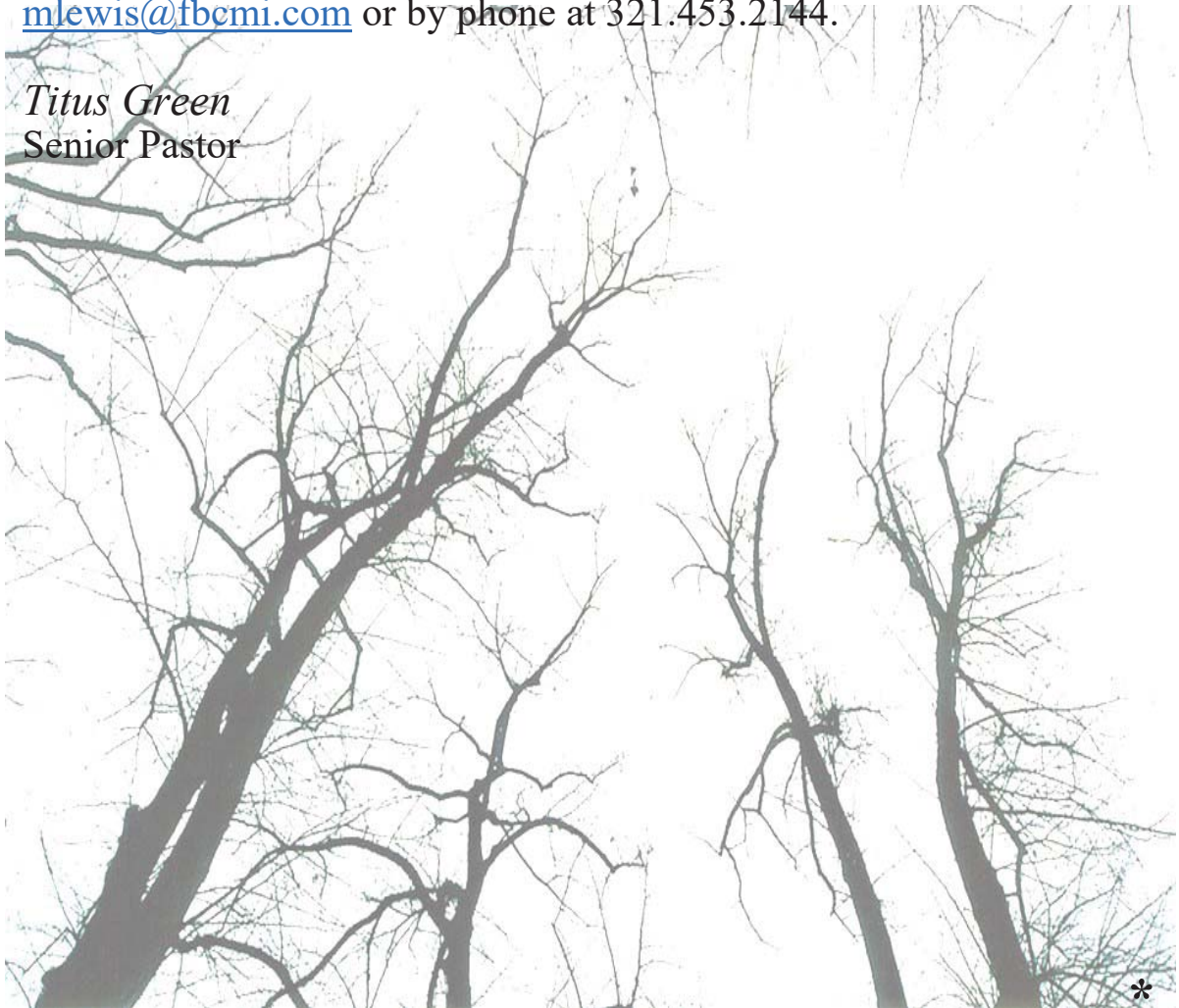


First Baptist Church of Merritt Island exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, love people and go into the world for the sake of the Gospel. Our mission is to make disciples. Scripture teaches us that a disciple is a person immersed in the life of Jesus. Their lives and their world are radically transformed by the person of Jesus. In Acts 2:42-47, we find the first description of people whose lives were completely immersed in Jesus. And we see from that text that these believers lived together in biblical community, which is the best environment for disciple-making.

It's my prayer that this catalog of Winter/Spring 2016 adult small group Bible studies will help you connect to a group where you grow as a disciple. Imagine if every member of our church was whole-heartedly engaged in the kind of biblical community that fosters disciple-making! So please take some time to browse this listing of groups and contact our Discipleship Pastor, Mark Lewis, if you have any questions. You can reach him by email at mlewis@fbcmi.com or by phone at 321.453.2144.

Titus Green
Senior Pastor



For Parents Attending Bible Studies On Campus

Programming is available for babies through Kindergarten while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday Mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Children's Building (Bldg. B)**
- ...Sunday Mornings during worship, your children will stay in their same room**
- ...Sunday Nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Wee Praisers, Children's Building (Bldg. B)**
- ...Wednesday Nights, 6:00-7:45 pm, Children's Building (Bldg. B)**

Programming is available for 1st - 6th graders while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Children's Building (Bldg. B)**
- ...Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Kids Coffee House Children's Choir, Worship Center, room 201**
- ...Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:45 pm, Gymnasium**

Programming is available for Junior High and Senior High School students while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Firehouse**
- ...Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Jubilation (7th-12th graders), choir suite**
- ...Sunday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm, Firehouse Upstairs (college age)**
- ...Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:00 pm, Jr. High students, Firehouse**
- ...Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:45 pm, Sr. High students, Firehouse**

Please visit www.fbcmi.com for more information about our ministries to children and students. Or call the church office at 321-453-2144 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Sunday School Class Information

9:00AM

We believe small group fellowship is an essential part of the Christian journey. Therefore, we offer opportunities for you to gather with a small group on Sunday morning.

We believe our church must grow larger and smaller at the same time. Come join us on this exciting journey of faith!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-34 yrs.)

Young Single Adults (18-24 yrs)

Room C222 Led by Sarah James and Manny Rivas

This class will engage young, college-aged, single adults in biblical community around the study of God's Word.

Young Single Adults (25-34 yrs.)

Room C213 Led by Tim and Holly Kennedy

This class will engage young single adults in biblical community around the study of God's Word each week.

Young Married Couples (20-30 yrs.)

Room E2 Led by Seth and Emily Phippen

This open group Sunday School class is ideal for young married couples in their twenties. Join us to study God's Word together with other young couples.

Young Married Couples (25-34 yrs.)

Gym Led by Pastor Faye Ayoub

Sound biblical teaching for developing Christ-honoring young married adults.

MIDDLE ADULTS (35-60 yrs.)

***Family Matters**

Room A201 Led by Phillip Meade/John Kelleher

Interactive, relational, application-driven class connecting the Bible to every area of family life.

Pastor Brian's Sunday School Class

Room C207 Led by Brian and Ellen Adams

Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

Message Based Bible Studies

Room D1 *Led by Roy and Denise Harrell*

Room E1 *Led by Justin and Tanya Thompson*

These Sunday morning Bible studies are open to men and women who are not currently connected to another class. Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

Dioko: Pressing On - Phil. 3:13-14

Room C209 *Led by David Ivey*

A diverse couples class applying faith in practical ways.

***GraceLand** Room D2 *Led by Buddy Vickers*

Fun, eclectic class with much discussion and a focus on ministry.

Sharpeners (Proverbs 27:17)

Room C219 *Led by Alan Bell*

Highly interactive class studying God's Word with emphasis on application, accountability & fellowship.

Sojourners

Room E3 *Led by Rocky VanHoose*

Mixed class studying books of Scripture or books for Christian study.

Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

Room A113 *Led by Larry & Karen Zimmerman*

This Sunday School class is for parents whose grown children have recently flown the nest!

B.A.S.S. (Fishers of Men)

Room E10 *Led by Bobby Adams*

Bobby Adams Sunday School: Multi-generational class.

Ladies Only

Room C107 *Led by Angie Kolsch*

In-depth Bible study and friendship for ladies of all ages. Class supports local/overseas missions.

Tim Cottrell Class

Bldg. A209 *Led by Tim Cottrell*

In-depth Bible study teaching for people hungry to learn more about God's word.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Men

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Bill Eldred, Bobby Trull & Steve Young*

Discipleship class for individuals involved in the House of Hope Ministry.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Ladies Only

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Vicki Cawby*

This ladies only Sunday School class is for women at the House of Hope but is open to all women.

***Followers of the Way**

Room E4 *Led by Steven Mitchell*

Great fellowship, fun, & good Bible learning sessions.

SENIOR ADULTS (60 + yrs.)

***The Facts of Life**

Room C115 *Led by Cal Burch, Terry Graham & Rob Robinson*
Couples class: fun, involved, & sharing life.

Growing Pains

Room C115 *Led by Eric Harms*
Keeping the spark alive by studying God's Word.

***Prime Timers**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Bill Gates*
Couples/singles studying the Bible verse-by-verse with wide-ranging application.

***Victorious Christian Living**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Don Craig*
Applying God's Word to daily life.

***Son Seekers**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by George Kessel*
Putting Jesus first and obeying His Word.

***Sonshine Ladies Class**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Mary Jo Sloan*
Ladies 65+ ministering inside & outside our class.

***Faithful Followers**

Room E11 *Led by Al Cload*
A family pursuing Christ & actively volunteering.

***Lydia Ladies Class**

Room D4 *Led by Carolyn Tudor*
Growing through prayer, teaching & serving

***Barnabas Men's Class**

Bldg. C, Library Annex #1 *Led by Bob Beers*
Men of all ages are welcome.

***Higher Ground**

Room A114 *Led by Bruce Franta*
Mixed class of seniors age 70+, loving God's Word and each other.

***Verse by Verse**

Room A111 *Led by Bill Verhagen*
Mixed class with open discussion, prayer, and in-depth Bible study.

***Early Risers**

Room C104 *Led by Bob Rowell*
Mixed class focusing on senior adults with in-depth teaching. Frequent social activities.

* Indicates those classes using the Explore the Bible series, which systematically walks through the entire Bible.

Encouragers

Room A115 *Led by Elly Weber*

Verse-by-verse study of Scripture for insight and application.

Salt & Light Single Adults

Bldg. C, Library Annex #2 *Led by Warren McBee*

Single/single again uniting in the love of Christ.

SPANISH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Escuela Dominical En Espanol

Lideres: Daniel y Marta Martin

Dia / Hora: los domingos a las 9 de la manana

Fecha de Comienzo: el 10 de enero

Lugar: el edificio "Crossroads" en el salon 5

Esta clase se reune todas las semanas sin fecha de terminar.

Costo: Gratis

Esta clase es ideal para los hombres and mujeres que hablan espanol. A Usted le invitamos que participe con nosotros en estudiar la Palabra de Dios juntos en un ambiente personal.



Spanish Speaking Sunday School Class

Leaders: Daniel and Marta Martin

Day/Time: Sundays, 9:00 am

Start Date: January 10

Location: Crossroad Bldg., E5

This class is ideal for Spanish speaking men and women.

We invite you to join us in learning God's word together in a small group environment.

DISCOVERING MEMBERSHIP CLASS (18+ YRS)

Discovering Membership

Leader: Mark Lewis

Day/Time: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on selected dates

No cost

Dates: Classes are offered every month on these dates: Sun., January 3 & 10; Sun., February 7 & 14; Wed., March 2 & 9; Sun., April 3 & 10; Wed., May 4 & 11; Sun., June 5 & 12; Wed., July 6 & 13; and Sun., August 7 & 14.

Length: 2 weeks

Location: Mark's office

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Sunday Nights

Beginning in January...

Activities for preschoolers and children are available on campus during each class session. Here are the course descriptions for the studies:

Early Church History to 350 AD

Leader: David Ivey

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Start Date: January 10

Location: Crossroad Bldg., Room E10

Length of Study: 6 weeks

Cost: \$5.00

In this study you will learn about the lives of several important early church fathers who were tasked with protecting, spreading and preserving the gospel of Jesus Christ. Learn about the oppressed lives of faithful followers like Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Tertullian and Clement of Rome. Discover the roles they played in protecting Christian doctrines and the impact they had on preserving the Christian movement. During a time of brutal persecution and common martyrdom these men stood firm in their commitment to Christ. These men knew what Jesus meant when He said, "If anyone wishes to come after **Me**, he **must** deny himself, and **take up his cross and follow Me**". Knowing how the early church fathers remained firm in their faith and refuted heresy to further the gospel story will help today's Christian understand and appreciate the true cost of following Jesus.

His Needs, Her Needs: Building an Affair Proof Marriage

Leader: Brian and Ellen Adams

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Start Date: January 10

Location: Crossroads Bldg., Room 11

Length of Study: 7 weeks

Cost: Order your participant guide at www.bakerpublishinggroup.com for \$7.99.

For over twenty-five years, *His Needs, Her Needs* has been transforming marriages all over the world. Now this life-changing book is the basis for an interactive seven-week study designed for use in couples' small groups or retreats, pre-marital counseling sessions, or by individual couples. Willard F. Harley, Jr. and his wife, Joyce, explain the important concept of the Love Bank, and teach them to meet each other's emotional needs for affection, sex, intimate conversation, companionship, family commitment, physical attractiveness, honesty and openness, and admiration. As couples walk through the study together they will remember why they fell in love in the first place, renew their commitment to their marriage, and rediscover their passion.

GriefShare

Leader: Denise Wegerif

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Start Date: January 10

Length of Study: 13 weeks

Location: Worship Center, A111, Conference Room

Cost: \$16

GriefShare is for people of all ages who have lost a family member or friend. This friendly, caring group of people will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. You may join at any time during this 13 week support group. For more information you may contact Denise at dwegerif@gmail.com.

33 The Series: A Man and His Design

Leader: Eddie St. Clair

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Start Date: January 10

Location: Island Room

Length of Study: 7 weeks

Cost: Order your workbook at www.lifeway.com/33 for \$14.99.

33 The Series builds upon many of the timeless truths taught by Robert Lewis in the original Men's Fraternity curriculum but also includes new material on authentic manhood. The series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. Volume I contains six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men.

Extreme Grandparenting

Leaders: Rocky and Jerri VanHoose

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Start Date: January 10

Location: Crossroads Bldg., Room 4

Length of Study: 8 weeks

Cost: Order your book at www.family.christianbook.com for \$11.99.

Extreme Grandparenting is an eight week training series offering timeless and tested principles for grandparenting in the twenty-first century. Based on the book and DVD presentation of Dr. Tim and Darcy Kimmel of Focus on the Family, the goal of this study is to equip grandparents to help their grandkids know and love Jesus. Discover how you can reach and relate to your grandchildren, not only as a mentor and loving family member, but as a spiritual rock during this day and age.

AfterShock (high school seniors & college students...up to 24 yrs. old)

Leaders: Rob Jones and Manny Rivas

Day/Time: Sundays, 7:00 pm

Start Date: Ongoing

Location: Firehouse Upstairs

A time of fellowship, worship, and studying the Word together.

Twitter: [@fbcmiaftershock](https://twitter.com/fbcmiaftershock)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aftershockcollegeministries

Wednesday Nights

Divorce Care

Leader: Patti Simms

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Start Date: January 13

Location: Worship Center, Room 111, Conference Room

Length of Study: 13 weeks

Cost: \$16

Divorce Care is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. (For ladies only) For more information, you may contact Patti at patti.simms@gmail.com

It Starts at Home

Leaders: Titus and Emily Green with Mark and Colleen Lewis

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Start Date: January 13

Location: Worship Center, Island Room 110

Length of Study: 7 weeks

Cost: No charge for handouts.

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Prayer and Share

Led by Rocky VanHoose and Larry Zimmerman

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Start Date: Ongoing

Location: Bldg. C, Chapel

No cost

Prayer and Share is a Wednesday night prayer service open to all adults that engages men and women in a time of singing hymns, prayer and Bible study. Prayer and Share meets year round.

Men's Bible Study

Led by Mark Wodka and Steve Martin

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Start Date: Ongoing

Location: Crossroads Bldg, Room 10

No Cost

The Men's Wednesday Night Bible study meets every Wednesday night in the Crossroads building to enjoy fellowship around the study of God's Word. Guys engage in a passage by passage study of the Bible and also take time to pray for one another. Men who attend this Bible study are also invited to participate in a weekly fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant each Saturday morning . All men, single and married, are welcome to participate in both the Wednesday night Bible study and the Saturday morning fellowship breakfasts.

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Other Studies During the Week

Bible Study Fellowship Satellite Group for Women 18 yrs and older

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Start Date: January 6

Location: Bldg. C, Chapel

Length: 30 weeks

Cost: None

Bible Study Fellowship is an in-depth, interdenominational Bible class for people of all ages and backgrounds. God is using BSF to help people discover joy, freedom and satisfaction in their lives as they encounter God in the Bible. Whether you're a beginner or more advanced Bible student, you'll find the rewards of the study will match your personal commitment. Investing in your relationship with God is one thing you'll never regret at any stage of your life. We are doing a study on Revelation.

Set Apart by Jennifer Kennedy Dean (ladies only)

Leader: Carolyn Tudor

Day/Time: **Tuesday** evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Start Date: February 9

Day/Time: **Wednesday** mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Start Date: February 10

Location: Crossroad Bldg., Room E10

Length: 7 weeks

Cost: \$16

"Unlike a circumstance-driven emotion such as happiness, blessedness is eternal and grounded in the reality of Christ in you. You are able to live in the state of blessedness that God has created for you when you discover the key to true holiness—a call to freedom and joy."

Discernment...Reading the Signs of Daily Life by Henri Nouwen

Leader: Angie Kolsch

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Start Date: January 20

Location: Bldg. A, Island Room East

Cost: \$15.50

This is part three in our trilogy of spiritual formation books by Henry Nouwen. In this study we will focus on how to make decisions that are ultimately guided by God: listening to the Word of God in our hearts, in scripture, in the community of faith and in the voice of the poor. We will also meditatively read through a book of the Bible (TBA) at home and share and reflect in class. Preregistration necessary to obtain a book prior to first class and assignments for first day of class. Call Darwyn 453-2146, ext 522 . Questions: call Angie Kolsch, instructor.

Titus 2 Women's Bible Study

Leader: Carolyn Tudor

Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Start Date: January 14

No Cost

Location: Crossroads Bldg, Room E10

Titus 2 gives women the opportunity to connect to biblical community with other women. The format for sessions includes a time for music, prayer and topical Bible study. Women of all ages are welcome to attend, and there's no need to pre-register.

English as a Second Language

Leader: Kathy Robertson

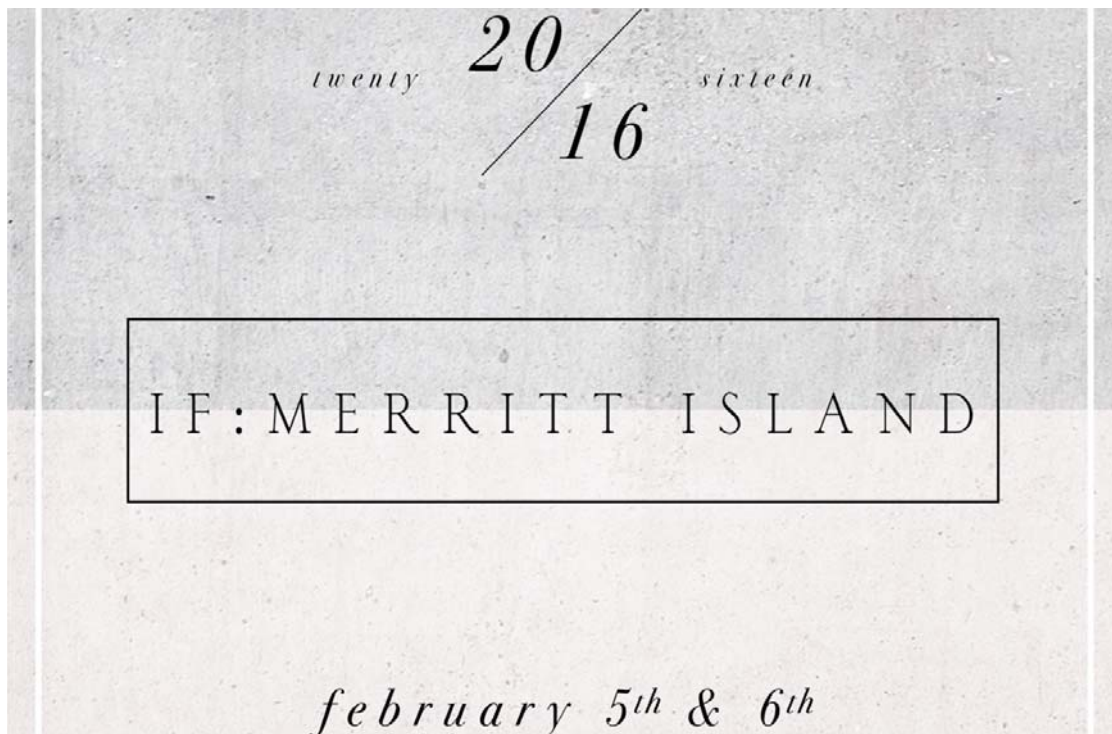
Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Start Date: January 12

Location: Crossroads Bldg.

No Cost

Classes to help those who are learning to speak English., from beginner thru advanced classes. For more info, contact Kathy at eslfbcmi@gmail.com.



IF: Merritt Island Women's Conference

Date: February 5th & 6th

Location: FBCMI, Bldg. C, Chapel

Length: 2 days

Cost: \$10

The world around us feels like it is crumbling and almost nothing seems certain, until we look to Jesus and see that our Hope is very clear and certain. He didn't just give us salvation—Jesus is our salvation and the example of what it means to live in the fullness of grace and truth. Rather than shrink back, it is time for women to love like Jesus loved, serve like Jesus served, pray like Jesus prayed, and pursue holiness like Jesus pursued it.

We invite women to join IF: Merritt Island as women gather across denominations, generations, and cultures and come together in the name of Jesus.

Pre-register online at www.fbcmi.com in January.

Connect with us on Facebook. Search for our group, IF: Merritt Island.

PARENTS' PAGE

Our church exists to glorify God by making disciples, and we realize that disciple making begins at home. With this in mind, our Discipleship Team has compiled a list of resources parents can use in helping their children and teenagers grow to love God and others as mature disciples of Jesus.

It Starts at Home Bible Study for Parents

Leaders: Titus and Emily Green with Mark and Colleen Lewis

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Start Date: January 13

Location: Atrium, C209

Length of Study: 7 weeks

Cost: handouts are free of charge

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Go With God Parenting Conference

As parents, we don't like to think about our children leaving home one day, but the day is coming when they will pack their suitcase and head out into the world. (Sorry, that just sounds so depressing.) We want to help parents use the time they have with their children wisely and help pack spiritual truths into that suitcase. That's why we are hosting the two-day "Go With God" conference for parents here on campus Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27. During this conference, parents will learn about resources to use in the home to teach their children about God. This conference is free for parents. Stay tuned for more details, including registration information.

Resource Webpage for Parents of Children and Teenagers

We've developed a webpage that highlights resources parents may find helpful in their disciple-making journey. This webpage is designed for parents of children and teenagers. Check out www.fbcmi.com/resources-for-parents to find a list of recommended books and websites on families and parenting, as well as a list of authors and speakers who provide a Christian point of view on topics relevant to families today.

Legacy Milestones

This is a free resource developed by Pastor Brian Haynes of Bay Area First Baptist Church in League City, Texas. You'll find it at www.legacymilestones.com. The Legacy Milestones resource seeks to equip parents to be the "primary faith trainers" in the lives of their children. First, the parent grows in his or her own understanding of the Bible and relationship with Christ. Second, parents learn how to effectively practice age-appropriate family devotions in their own home. Finally, parents learn to equip their children for the natural, spiritual milestones of life.

N.O.W (Night of Worship) for Parents and their Children

Moments where parents are worshipping alongside their children and teens are paramount in the spiritual discipleship of our children. And we want to create opportunities specifically designed for parents to be engaged in Bible study and worship with their children in 2016. So, be on the look-out for an upcoming event on Wednesday night called Family *N.O.W. (Night of Worship)*, when we will be focusing specifically on a time and atmosphere of worship designed to equip and strengthen families as they engage with God together.

Parent Dedication

Parent dedication provides parents an opportunity to make a public commitment before God, family, and friends where they recognize their solemn responsibility to raise their child in a Godly home where he or she may come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and where Christ is treasured above all else. All parents interested in dedicating their child are asked to be a member of the church and attend a class held prior to dedication. For more info, contact Renee Kelleher at rkelleher@fbcmi.com, or at 453-2146, ext 556.

First Date Night

We realize that all parents sometimes need a little time away to recharge their batteries, which is why we offer First Date Night the first Saturday night of each month. This regularly scheduled childcare opportunity gives both married couples and single parents a much needed break! Childcare is offered for babies through 6th grade for a very reasonable price each month, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Simply visit the Children's Ministry webpage at www.fbcmi.com to register your children for the next First Date Night.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (ESV)

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Preschool Annex

B Preschool & Children's Building

Handicapped Parking

A  first baptist church
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Worship Center

C Chapel/Atrium/Gym

Magnolia Avenue

D Grove

F Firehouse

E Crossroads

H HOH Bike Repair

G House of Hope

J House of Prayer

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