

# FUMC Newsletter



First United Methodist Church • Alvin, Texas  
Our Mission: To help people **KNOW** Christ,  
**GROW** in Christ, and **GO** to serve Christ.



July 2018

## Doctrine: False Teaching and the Pastoral Epistles

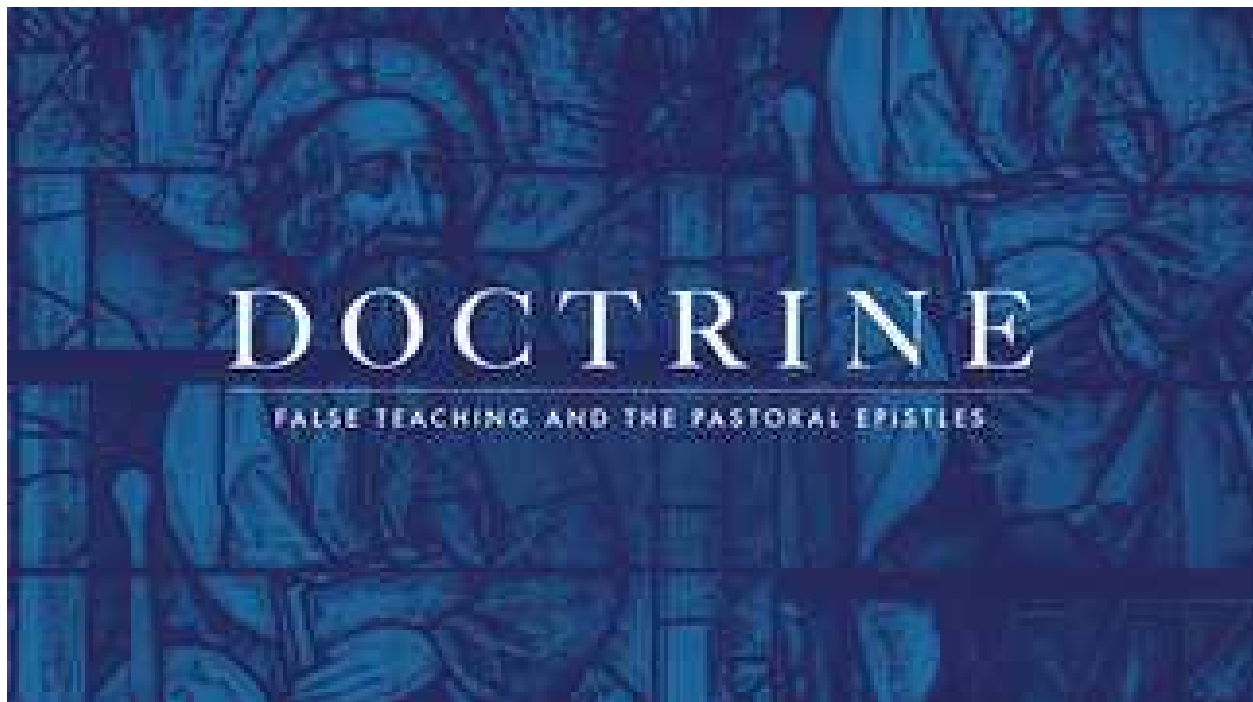
This four-week series will explore how 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus address false teaching and the cultivation of good doctrine within the church. These epistles provide a framework for evaluating theological disputes—their significance, when to avoid them, and how to discern the right way to respond. In a world infatuated with controversy, this series explores how to appropriately engage in disagreement without getting lost in meaningless disputes or sacrificing essentials over peripheral issues. These words written by Paul to his protégé Timothy and his “partner and co-worker” Titus are his last will and testament. These words are applicable to us today as we discern the spirits that surround us as we journey together to be a faithful congregation that resists the disruptive effects of defective teaching.

July 15 False Teaching Timothy 1:3–7

July 22 Affirm your Doctrine 2 Timothy 1:9-14

July 29 End Times and Apostasy” 2 Timothy 3: 1-9

August 5 Standards for addressing False Teaching Titus 3:9-11



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for a place to study Gods word? Here is a brief description of our Sunday school classes:

## **Agape -Room 107**

A class for adults of all ages, married or single. Lecture format using biblical texts for study. Worship, singing and special projects are also parts of this class.

## **Faith Messengers- Room 110**

Bible study discussion led by class members who take volunteer turns in leadership. Primarily men and women over 70, this class also participates in meeting special church needs as they arise.

## **Friendship -Room 106**

A diverse class of both married and widowed women. Studies the quarterly *Adult Bible Study* series through both lecture and discussion. Supports church activities with funds and service.

## **Hallelujah -Room 105**

For mentally challenged adults. Reading and discussing Bible stories, snacks, fellowship and singing are all parts of this class.

## **Open Door– Room 108**

A discussion class for adults that look at how one's behaviors and expectations are shaped by God's word from a practical perspective. An emphasis on supporting service to one's community in various ways is a natural extension of this group's core beliefs.

## **Keeping Holy Time- Room 128**

A discussion Bible study that takes a systematic approach to Scripture either by studying the weekly passages of the Revised Common Lectionary, or various DVD driven short term studies.

## **Men's Bible Class -Room 109**

Men's lecture and discussion utilizing DVD's. Primarily seniors, but welcome men of any age. Each week's class opens with gospel hymn singing accompanied on the piano.

## **Questers -Room 102**

Most class members are "boomer" adults in middle age with grown children. Teachers rotate in leading Bible study discussions in which all are encouraged to participate. The class has a number of service projects and social gatherings through the year.

## **Seekers -Room 127**

A discussion class for contemporary couples and singles, primarily ages 55-65. Bible study and life application come together as the class seeks to grow in faith and to develop and nurture relationships. Service and fellowship are also parts of the Seekers' community.

## **New Hope -Room 101**

Primarily single women, but all are welcome. An investigative study of biblical books and topics in discussion format.

**We also have classes available for Children of all ages from babies thru High School!**

# VBS THANK YOU

I cannot thank this congregation enough for all that you did to help make VBS such a success this year. Because of the many volunteers, your outrageously generous financial support and the pledges the children raised, over 300 children were able to hear the gospel in a way that is very relevant to today for them. These children heard that Jesus rescues them. Even when they are afraid or fear doing the right thing, Jesus is always there to help them.

We were also able to raise \$8,500.00 for the Shoes-That-Grow Campaign. I spoke to the company today and we are going to be able to send all 550 pairs of shoes to Uganda where the Chaffin family will hand out these shoes to children in their community. The Chaffins and Amani Cottage participate in a local outreach in the area called Budondo. It's mostly Muslim but they love Amani and let them preach the gospel there and about 300 children arrive every time. How EXCITING is that! What a huge blessing this will be.

Love, Lisa Mayhugh



## Summer Family Art Project

On Aug. 12th, we will be celebrating our Back To School service. The theme for this service is 'Wisdom for the New School Year'. The main scripture is Prov. 3:5-6. I would love to see Artwork displayed in the hallways of the church depicting creative expressions of this passage. This can be a family project, individual child project and even an older adult project. You don't have to have children to participate! This will be a family of God project. Start reading and thinking. God will give you a great vision of what those words look like in art form. You will be surprised.



August 12th

Children-led worship service and Blessing of the Back Packs. During the Sunday school hour, there will be a pot luck breakfast and reception. This will be a great time for you to see the art, and to meet new people and invite visitors to come visit our church. This will be a service you will want to share with the community. Join us!





Love  
from Lisa

*My heart can't even begin to express the amount of love Mike and I have for this congregation. From the moment we shared with*

*you my diagnosis, the outpouring of love began and every day has been such an array of the open expression of the true heart of God. Thank you for loving my family. thank you for loving my husband and being such a force of support for him. Thank you for encouraging and supporting my children. Thank you for accepting my mother as your own. Not very many congregations have to go thru such an emotional journey with their pastor but you have stepped up and shown such love and for that my heart is overwhelmed.*

*We will be forever thankful and know that this appointment was divinely appointed.*

*All our love,*

*Lisa & Mike Mayhugh*

# MISSION PROJECTS

HELP ME TO BE  
READY TO BE YOUR

HANDS

and

FEET

TO THOSE IN NEED

Missionaries are coming to Alvin to help those in need. If you know anyone who needs help, get in touch with Travis or Kelsey and they can arrange for the missionaries to come help them.

For small projects like painting, gardening, or cleaning up email Kelsey Eason at [kelseyeason1020@yahoo.com](mailto:kelseyeason1020@yahoo.com) to get the Big House jr high kids to come help.

For big projects like building and remodeling projects email Travis White at [traviswhite@alvinmethodsit.org](mailto:traviswhite@alvinmethodsit.org) to get the Praying Pelicans adults to come help!

## Feeding Souls Soup Kitchen

What's Easier Than Cooking a Pot of Soup or some Mac 'n Cheese and Filling 2 or 3 Quart Cups (or more) for the Soup Kitchen?

Just Pick Up the One-Quart Plastic Cups & Lids in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. (in a cardboard box on the floor in front of the stove) Label each cup with the name of the soup (or meal) it contains. You can bring your cups to the Church **ANY TIME!**

Put them in the FREEZER if made more than 3 days before the Soup Kitchen Saturday

Put them in the refrigerator if made 3 days or less before the Soup Kitchen Saturday -OR-

Drop them off the Saturday of the Soup Kitchen beginning at 9:00 am



August 4, 2018  
September 15, 2018  
October 27, 2018  
December 8, 2018

# YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

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