

SYLLABUS
A Study of the Book of Matthew
The Gospel according to Matthew

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
Spring 2019
Class Days: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

To have a better understanding of the Gospel of Matthew as he records the ministry and message of Jesus Christ. To gain a deeper understanding of the preparation of Jesus and the events that shaped the beginnings of His life and to relearn the many parables about the differences between His kingdom and the kingdoms of earth. In addition, the purpose of this Bible Study is to gain a renewed understanding of Jesus' resurrection, what it means for believers, and our role to tell His story to all the earth.

BOOK/CLASS MATERIALS

The Holy Bible, Notebook and Pen or Pencil

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Bible study will focus on the Gospel as written by Matthew. The book of Matthew begins by revealing Jesus as the King of kings, identifies Jesus as the Messiah, the One for whom the Jews had waited to deliver them from Roman oppression. It then records the teachings of Jesus through sermons, illustrations, and parables to show the true ingredients of faith. The Gospel of Matthew closes with the resurrection and the great commission to all believers. This course intends to help the student gain a deeper understanding of Jesus from humble carpenter's son from Nazareth to King of all the earth. The study will also focus the student on understanding the teachings of Jesus concerning the kingdom of heaven and applying those teachings to living in our current time.

GROUP COVENANT

1. Priority – While in this Bible Study give the group meetings priority.
2. Participation – Everyone is encouraged to participate and no one dominates
3. Respect – Everyone is given the right to his or her own opinion.
4. Reaching – We will stay open to reaching out to invite new people for every meeting.
5. Care and Support – We will support each other with prayers, especially in times of crisis.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Attend each class session, come on time, and fully participate in the formative work of the class
Read the Scripture references prior to class. Pray for classmates and facilitators.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

| Date | Session | Lesson Title | Reading Assignment |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Jan 16 | 16 | The Messiah's Dramatic Revelation | Matt 16:13 – 28 |
| Jan 16 | 17 | Transfiguration | Matt 17:1 – 27 |
| Jan 23 | 18 | The Disciples Behavior | Matt 18:1 – 35 |
| Jan 30 | 19 | The Messiah's Teaching | Matt 19:1 – 30 |
| Feb 6 | 20 | Laborers and Healing | Matt 20:1 – 34 |
| Feb 13 | 21 | Claim and Rejection | Matt 21:1 – 46 |
| Feb 20 | 22 | Marriage Feast and Questions | Matt 22:1 – 46 |
| Feb 27 | 23 | False Religionists | Matt 23:1 – 39 |
| Mar 6 | 24 | Ash Wednesday Service | No Assignment |
| Mar 13 | 25 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. DeeDee Lawson (Jodeco Road UMC) Host – McDonough First UMC. 151 Macon Street, McDonough 30253 | |
| Mar 20 | 26 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Carol Cook (McDonough First UMC) Host – Red Oak UMC. 3894 Walt Stephens Road, Stockbridge 30281 | |
| Mar 27 | 27 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Bert Neal (Wesley Chapel UMC) Host – Jodeco Road UMC. 1500 Jodeco Road, Stockbridge 30281 | |
| Apr 3 | 28 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Belinda McCastle (Red Oak UMC) Host – Wesley Way UMC. 150 John Wesley Way, McDonough 30253 | |
| Apr 10 | 29 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Michelle Strall (Wesley Way UMC) Host – Stockbridge First UMC. 4863 North Henry Blvd. Stockbridge 30281 | |
| Apr 17 | 30 | Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Andy Postell (Stockbridge FUMC) Host – Wesley Chapel UMC. 397 Racetrack Road, McDonough 30253 | |
| Apr 24 | 31 | Signs of Last Days | Matt 24:1 – 51 |
| May 1 | 32 | Warning | Matt 25:1 – 46 |
| May 8 | 33 | Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion | Matt 26:1 – 75 |
| May 15 | 34 | Traitor, Suffering, and Triumph | Matt 27:1 – 66 |
| May 22 | 35 | Resurrection (Potluck) | Matt 28:1 – 20 |