

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017



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**For Adults, Youth &
Children
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.**

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Adults

DISCOVER FPC

Have you been worshipping with us regularly or recently joined FPC? Would you like the opportunity to discover the various ways you might engage your life of faith here? Hosted by church staff each quarter on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the session room on the main floor, this class will help you get to know us and learn more about our church. Please register for this 3-week series by contacting Dr. Erin Bowers at ERIN@FIRSTPRESHP.ORG.

Upcoming classes:

- April 23, 30 and May 7
- July 16, 23 and 30

FAITH AND FRIENDS

Addicted to Busy – Geared towards young(ish) adults—singles, couples, or raising families— We are beginning a new series, “Worldchanging 101” based on a book by David LaMotte and led by Dr. Erin Bowers. Join us anytime upstairs in the beautiful Tower Room.

MARTHA BROWN BIBLE STUDY

Specific books and letters of the Bible are explored using lecture and discussion. Current study for 2017: Gospel of Luke. Led by Doug Clark and Dave Perry in the Chapel, visitors are always welcome!

RICHARD MEISKY CLASS

Beginning January 2017, Doyle Early will lead a study on Tim Keller’s book, “Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering.” Questioning why God would allow pain and suffering in the world has been an important question for both believers and non-believers for millennia. A major objection to Christianity is the issue of how a good and all powerful God could allow evil and pain and suffering. We will explore the meaning and reason behind our pain and suffering, and try to understand that this essential part of the human experience can be overcome only by understanding our relationship with God. We will compare the Christian theology on pain and suffering to the views of other cultures and religions. **Later** we will study Adam Hamilton’s book, “Have Truths.” It’s about simple phrases you think are in the Bible but they are not. We have all heard these words. Maybe we have said them. They capture some element of truth, but they miss the point in important ways. For example: *Everything happens for a reason. God helps those who help themselves. God won’t give you more than you can handle. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. Love the sinner, hate the sin.* Class meets in the Parlor (Room 102)

Youth & Children

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jesus tells us to become like a child in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Children come to us with a sense of wonder that is a necessary component of faith. It is our job as parents and teachers to nurture that wonder while adding to it an understanding of who God is, and how much God love them.

As preteens and teens journey on towards adulthood, it is our intention to celebrate the young women and men they are becoming, and to help them mature with not only the knowledge and teachings of the Bible, but to experience God's love in all they do in a lifelong relationship together with God and each other.

GRADES 9-12 - HIGH SCHOOL

Upstairs Rooms 221, 228

Since the fall, students have been discussing the classic Christian book by CS Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*. Discussion of CS Lewis's life will follow using the movie *Shadowlands*. From there we will explore *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok, using both film and text.

Teacher: David Laws

GRADE 8 - CONFIRMATION CLASS

Upstairs Room 214

Students attend a year-long class to



explore what they personally believe and are introduced to the basic beliefs and organizational structure of the PC(USA). They use the curriculum "We Believe" and enlist the support of "covenant partners" - adult members of the congregation, to support them on their journey of faith. There is no upper age requirement to attend this class - older youth are welcome if they have not yet been confirmed! Teachers: Mary Fraley, Catherine Harron, Brooke & Willy Garrou.

GRADES 6-7 - I KNOW MY BIBLE

Upstairs Room 222

This PC(USA) resource has a pre-confirmation focus. Students spend this year in the New Testament and next year in the Old Testament. Teachers: Deborah Brown, Kelly and Denny Wesney.

GRADES 4-5 - CONNECT

Upstairs Lions Room 205

Connect is designed for 'tweens and preteens and includes an age-appropriate Bible for each student. Focus this year will be on the New Testament and the Old

Testament next year. There is enough quirky humor to keep kids wanting more! Teachers: Elizabeth Davis, Lisa Murray and Joy Setliff.

GRADES 1-3 - GODLY PLAY

Upstairs Lambs Room 203

Based on Maria Montessori's approach to Christian education for children, Godly Play uses two and three-dimensional materials to tell biblical stories in strategically equipped classrooms. Through this unique, hands-on approach, older children learn to articulate and share their faith! Teachers: Kristina Gilbert, Julie Traywick and Nicole Plummer.

PRE K/K - GODLY PLAY

First Floor Godly Play Room 110

Based on Maria Montessori's approach to Christian education for children, Godly Play uses two and three-dimensional materials to tell the story in strategically equipped classrooms. Through this unique, hands-on approach, even young children learn to articulate and share their faith! Teachers: Alison Grein, Jennifer Hughes and Debbie Mellinger.

AGES 2-3 - GOD LOVES ME

Takes place within the Nursery

52 Bible Storybooks from the curriculum, God Loves Me, are available in the Nursery for toddlers. Once the story is told, there are corresponding coloring pages for the child to work with. Teachers: Jeanne Lassiter, Mary Brown and Diane Rowsey.

NURSERY

Near the gathering space outside the Sanctuary

The Nursery is a wonderful place for children up to age 3. Caretakers are professional childcare workers, very nurturing, and CPR/1st Aid trained. They are available for the 9:00 service through the 11:00 service (including Sunday School). Pagers are available for parents. Mary Brown and Diane Rowsey staff the Nursery.

In addition to Sunday school for children and youth, other programs include music (children's and youth choirs, handbells and chimes), Vacation Bible School, pageants, Kids of the Covenant (for grades 4-5), Youth groups (PYC) with overnight retreats, mission trips, and Montreat. Other seasonal activities include family and intergenerational events.