

# School for Christian Living 2018

February 18, 25 and March 4

## Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m.	Class Session I
11:30 a.m.	Lunch break
12:15 p.m.	Class Session II
1:00 p.m.	Dismissal

Childcare is available through the end of SFCL all three weeks.

## Visit

[www.bcoc.net/looking\\_ahead](http://www.bcoc.net/looking_ahead)  
to register online.

Or stop by the registration table  
in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays  
and Sundays!

## Classes

Adults choose a class to attend all three weeks.

Class enrollment is limited to 25 persons.

### **HIDDEN WHOLENESS: LIVING AND LEADING WITH WISDOM**

**LED BY EILEEN CAMPBELL-REED**

So often our spiritual lives are compartmentalized. In a world that keeps us sitting at our computers, filling our homes with more things, and cramming more information into our minds, while dividing us further from our neighbors, we need to renew our bodies, minds and hearts with the wholeness that comes only from God. Eileen will lead us to deepen our understanding of our whole lives and our leadership roles. Together we will explore a spirituality that is embodied, relational and connected.

### **A PARENT'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING 'TWEENS AND TEENS**

**LED BY KRISTEN BERTHIAUME**

If you have or work with kids ages 10 through early adulthood, you probably spend your days alternately amazed and horrified by what comes out of their mouths. This class will explore how adolescent brain development explains the crazy mood shifts and lapses in judgment that often characterize this stage. Learn how to navigate the sometimes rough waters and better prepare your child for adulthood. Because peer relationships become so important during this time, we'll focus especially on how to talk to teens about sex and prepare them for healthy dating relationships.

### **TO WHAT IS GOD CALLING COVENANT?**

**LED BY TAYLOR BELL**

Individuals discern their vocation. Members share their passions and gifts. So, what does it mean for the church body to have a calling? In this class, we will explore this very question, as well as how the concept of church calling is essential to creating and fostering life-giving ministries.

### **TEXTILE ARTS AS A COMPONENT OF WORSHIP**

**LED BY SUSAN JACKSON**

Art, no matter what style or materials used, engages our senses and evokes the joy and wonder that bring us to sacred spaces. This class will work together to create a banner that can be displayed for Baptisms. We will discuss the meaning of liturgical art, consider other examples, and create a banner. No art or sewing experience is necessary. A materials fee of \$20 is requested from each participant unless a hardship.

### **THOSE FREEDOM LOVING BAPTISTS**

**LED BY SCOTT MCGINNIS**

Since their beginning in the early 17th century, Baptists have served as key voices arguing for the religious freedom of all people, including those with whom they disagreed and especially for those on the margins. Come and learn about early Christians who called themselves, Baptists, who bore witness to the idea that all people should worship as they please, and consider how the case for religious freedom continues to be made today in the United States and around the world.

### **WHO ARE WE? INNER CONFLICTS AND ETERNAL HOPE**

**LED BY DENNIS SANSOM**

This class will examine biblical passages dealing with human nature (for example, Genesis 1-3), seeing that human nature is fundamentally ambiguous, capable of good and bad but also capable of living a fulfilled life.

## Special Needs Adults

**JESUS, OUR HELPER** LED BY STARLA CASTLE  
Each week, the Helpers Class, BCOC's special needs adults, will hear stories of Jesus being a helper to those he encountered. They will share ways they help others as well as enjoy fellowship, art, activities, and music.

### Lunches

Box lunches will be provided by Newk's Catering IF you make your reservation in ADVANCE!

#### Adults

\$36.00 total for 3 weeks  
or \$12 per week

#### Children

\$15 total for 3 weeks  
or \$5 per week

**Reservations MUST be made by the Wednesday prior (2/14, 2/21 & 2/28).**

They include dessert and a drink. Meals are provided by Newk's Catering. A variety of options are available each week first come, first served.

## Youth | 7th - 12th Grades

### TRULY MY DISCIPLES

LED BY APRIL ROBINSON

Learning a way of believing, living and loving that is healthy for us and hopeful for the world is our goal for this series with BCOC's youth. We will examine our relationship with God, ourselves and others – looking for ways to increase awareness, deepen acceptance, and discern what actions there may be for us to take towards a more Christ like experience and expression of self.



## Children | Preschool - 6th Grade

### ReNEW

WITH JANET GOODWIN COORDINATING

ReNew is an innovative curriculum that empowers kids in Preschool-Grade 6 to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Each week, kids will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower. Over three weeks, they will dig into the story from the perspectives of Self, Community, and World. Through this in-depth exploration of the same story, they will build a relationship with the Bible! Fabulous leaders and age-appropriate activities will help kids learn how to care for God's creation.



**Meet the Facilitators who will challenge and help form our faith during SFCL 2018!**



### TAYLOR BELL

Taylor is the Ministries Coordinator for Baptist Church of the Covenant. He has been serving this congregation since July 2017. Taylor is a recent graduate of the Candler School of Theology. He is married to Emily.

### KRISTEN BERTHIAUME

Kristen is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. She worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders Program at Duke University Medical Center. Working with BCOC's youth, Kristen has cultivated an appreciation for middle school humor, teens' creative expression, and their search for meaning and purpose.

### DENNIS SANSOM

Dr. Dennis Sansom is Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Samford University. He teaches a wide range of classes but focuses on ethics. Sansom has researched and taught on how literature illustrates important philosophical concerns pertinent to bioethical issues, finding in such authors as Shakespeare, Tolstoy, John Donne, "real life" narratives about life and death concerns. Dennis is married and has two adult sons.

### SUSAN JACKSON

Susan believes that art can be a part of ordinary life and provides both a means of connecting with our own creativity and a means of conveying the excitement and wonder of our relationship with God and the world. She has been a member of BCOC since 2012.

### APRIL ROBINSON

April serves in the Office of Spiritual Life at Samford University where she is Minister to Students, Campus Life & Pastoral Care. She is married and has two teenage daughters.

### SCOTT MCGINNIS

Dr. Scott McGinnis teaches in the Religion Department at Samford University. He researches in the area of Christianity in early modern England, and teaches Cultural Perspectives, Tolerance & Freedom in Christian Thought, and Contemporary Theology. Scott and his family are active members of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

### STARLA CASTLE

Starla returns to lead our Helpers Class. She has been married to Mark Castle since 1994. They have two children, Sean and Charley. Starla has worked with special needs students for several years and is currently a Special Education teacher at Gresham Elementary.



### GUEST PREACHER

### REV. DR. EILEEN CAMPBELL-REED

Author, researcher and professor of practical theology at Central Baptist Seminary