

NEXT STEP

Adult Education Newsletter

Grace and Peace!

Happy New Year! Are you a New Year's 'resolution' sort of person? Lots of people are. In many ways it's a healthy habit because it reminds us that there is room for growth in all of us. With a 'resolution' we look our past in the eye and say, "I'm going to be different this year." Of course, old habits are hard to break, and new patterns are hard to establish, especially when we try to make a go of it on our own.

One of the sweet blessings of Christian community is the opportunity to walk alongside other brothers and sisters in Christ. As we study, worship, fellowship, and serve together we can encourage and challenge each other in our walks of faith. Life is simply better together.

This month's edition of the Adult Education Newsletter highlights many of the educational offerings at GCC. Take a look to see if there is a class or program right for you. Each and every one of them will connect you with other believers. I guarantee you will meet new friends who share your desire to grow in Christ in 2019.

In Christ's love together,

Pastor Paul

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What's Your NEXT STEP?

NO REGRETS Men's Conference

The No Regrets Men's Conference is the premier event on the men's ministry calendar each year. It is a time for men across the country to gather at local host sites to praise God and learn how to be men of faith in our churches, homes, and communities.

GCC is proud to host men from the greater Lake County area as we simulcast the main event. Once again, this year, we will feature 8 site-specific break-out sessions along with a live worship experience.

The 2019 event will take place on February 2. All men must register via the GCC website. Cost is a nominal \$30 which includes all conference materials and lunch.

For more information on the No Regrets Men's Conference contact:
brianwalter@gcchome.org.



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Explore God

On January 13, 2019 Gurnee Community Church joins more than 700 other Chicagoland churches to answer the seven Big Questions people have about God and faith:

Does Life Have a Purpose?

Is There a God?

Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Is Christianity Too Narrow?

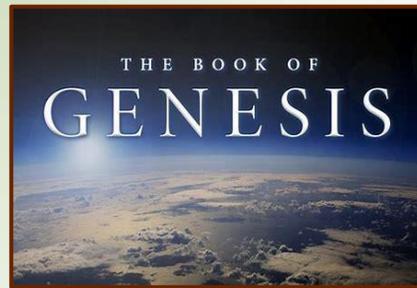
Is Jesus Really God?

Is the Bible Reliable?

Can I Know God Personally?

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:45!

Sunday AM Adult Study



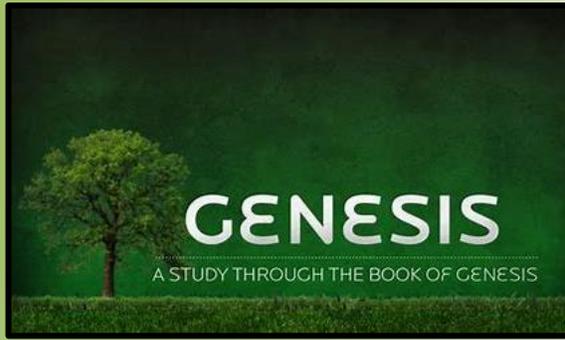
The **Book of Genesis** introduces us to the Creator God and establishes his relationship to mankind as created in His image and likeness.

Several key themes of Scripture are initiated in the Book of Genesis: God is one; the goodness of creation and the world; God's undying love for mankind despite man's sin and disobedience; God as a just and merciful king; God as active in history by making covenants with His people; the proper response of obedience to God's Word; and the gift of Hope through prophecy of the coming Messiah.

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 9:15 am (same material repeated) in the Community Room for an in-depth study of the Book of Genesis as we examine these themes and much more.

There is no homework or advance preparation needed for this class and all are welcome whenever they can make it.

For more information contact Steve Saunders or Joe Gibes:
(saunderstm@sbcglobal.net, jagibes@att.net).



Lake County Bible Study

LCBS meets weekly during the school year on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm right here at Gurnee Community Church (in the Chapel).

This group takes a deep dive into Scripture through daily readings, guiding questions, small group discussion, and real-world application of God's truth into our everyday lives.

The current course of study is a 30-week review of the **Book of Genesis**.

Genesis explores the nature of God and humanity's relationship with our creator. It then turns its attention to the ancestral history of God's 'chosen' people. Why did God choose a people for himself and what purposes existed in his choosing?

In Genesis God also establishes a series of covenants which shape not only the balance of the Old Testament but also run through the New Testament. Interested in learning how and why? Join us!

For more information on LCBS contact Keith and Tracy Kreb (keithkreb@aol.com, tracykreb@aol.com).

All are welcome!

Coming Soon!



Sunday AM Men's Study

Extravagant. Playful. Cunning. Scandalous... All words you typically wouldn't use to describe Jesus, right?

Sure, He's loving, compassionate, gentle, and wise, but have you ever wondered if Jesus cracked any jokes, acted in socially unacceptable ways, or got angry?

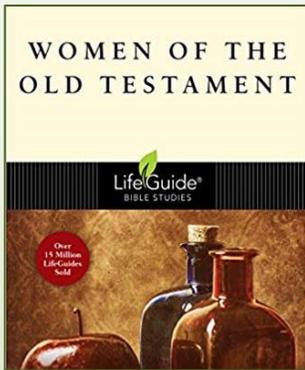
We all have a picture in our mind of who we think Jesus is. But in the Gospels, we see that Jesus' character is dynamic and displays emotions not commonly associated with Him. If we're unaware of the diversity of His personality, we'll miss out on His fullness and our experience of Him will be limited.

In *Everyday Jesus*, Pete Briscoe takes us through the Gospels to examine Jesus' multi-dimensional personality.

He'll highlight different characteristics of Jesus that will deepen your connection to Him and make your everyday living all the more rich.

For more information on the Sunday AM Men's Group (9:00 am, Rm. 109) please contact tonyguagliardo@mchapusa.com.

Women's Tuesday AM Study



They were ordinary people. Most would not make headlines in any other history book but God's. Yet the **Women of the Old Testament** made critical choices that led to extraordinary outcomes. Join us as we explore the stories of twelve Old Testament women who will help you understand the far-reaching consequences of your own everyday choices and actions.

We meet in the Community Room from 9:30-11:00 am each Tuesday. All ladies are welcome!

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Living Loved Women's Workshop



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A woman who knows she is loved is unstoppable...but we tell ourselves so many lies about who we are, don't we? In this workshop, we will focus on loosening the chains that are built by those lies so that we can fully step into our identity as daughters of the King!

Our host for this event is Dana Marie Arnold. Dana is a country/pop singer-songwriter and hostess of The Hope Collective Podcast. She is fiercely in love with Jesus Christ and her mission is to share the love of God with the world.

This mini-retreat/workshop for women will be held on **Saturday, February 9th** from 9:00 – 11:30 am (doors open at 8:30 am). To register visit gcchome.org or sign up at the table in the Narthex (\$15). For financial assistance call the GCC office.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Paul or contact him at paulkattner@gcchome.org.

GCC Life Groups

Who are you doing life with? Many of us are trying to go it alone. But imagine going through life with a small group of friends who know the real you – who understand what makes you tick – and who are eager to join you in the joys and challenges of life.

That's what Life Groups are designed to provide. And they come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Some are gender based – some are life stage based – some are made up of couples while others include mostly singles. Life Groups generally meet a few times each month and new groups are forming and reforming throughout the year.

At GCC we believe that we aren't wired to follow Jesus alone. **Life is better when we share it together!** Get connected today! For more information contact Pastor Brian (brianwalter@gcchome.org).

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