

NEXT STEP

Adult Education Newsletter

Grace and Peace!

If you have been regularly attending worship recently you know we are about in the middle of our current series: **B.L.E.S.S.**

BLESS, as we are using it, is not just some generic, religious sounding word. BLESS is more of a concept. It's an examination of how Jesus introduced the Kingdom of God to the people he interacted with 2000 years ago. With this series, we are exploring how we can share in that mission and be agents of blessing to the people we interact with on the pathways of our individual lives.

One of the things I have learned about myself over the years is that when I am actively engaged in my own faith journey I am not only more prepared to share my faith with others, but more tuned in to the opportunities that God puts in front of me day in and day out.

This is one (of many) reasons we are constantly on the lookout for courses, programs, and experiences that we can share with you as adult learners here at GCC. Check out this month's Newsletter to discover what's happening in the area of adult education this Spring at GCC – and don't forget that the **NEXT STEP** display board in the Narthex is your 'go to' spot for all the details!

Pastor Paul

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At Gurnee Community Church we believe all followers of Jesus Christ have a **NEXT STEP** on their faith journey.

In fact, God's desire and intention for each of us is that we might grow and mature.

"...so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the

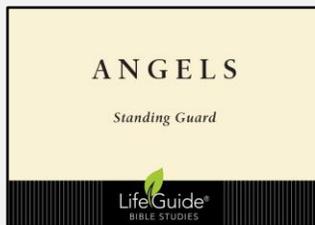
knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10)

Our opportunity is to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

So, where should you turn for your **NEXT STEP**?

For a description of the current classes and groups see the **NEXT STEP** display board in the Narthex or speak with one of our Pastors.

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Tuesday AM Women's Study

Every Tuesday morning (9:30 – 11:00 am) you will find a group of women meeting at Gurnee Community Church in the Community Room where they delight in opening God's Word together.

Their current study is **Angels: Standing Guard**. In this study, Douglas Connelly explores with us what the Bible really says about angels, including their service to God and their ministry to people.

All women are welcome to come and experience this group to see if this is a good fit!

For more information on the Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study contact Diane Jensen at 847-244-4888.

Sunday AM Topical Study



Isn't it interesting that walls and fences are synonymous with neighbors? Who builds the walls and fences? Are they there to keep others out – us in – or just look nice?

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

If this is the greatest commandment, why do we struggle with it so much – especially the 'love your neighbor' part? Plus, who is our neighbor anyway? And what, exactly, is Jesus asking of us? In other words, what does loving our neighbor actually look like?

Neighboring 101 will explore these questions along with many others – and it will do it in practical ways that will change the way you see and interact with the very people Jesus came to save.

This new Sunday AM class begins on May 13 (Mother's Day) and will continue for six weeks. The same class is repeated at 8:00 am and 9:15 am (Room 113). For more information contact Paul Worfel (pworfel@gmail.com).



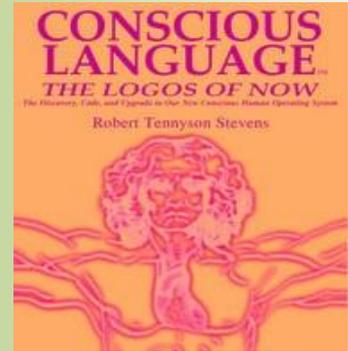
Sunday AM Men's Study Group

Authentic Manhood is all about setting men up to live lives of truth, passion and purpose. The 33 Series offers clear and practical Biblical insights on God's design for manhood that are both refreshing and inspiring. It points men to a gospel-centered vision of life that sets them up to enjoy God's grace as they pursue the promises of His Word.

As a man experiences the different volumes of 33, he will find himself building a vision for Authentic Manhood in his own life that is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ and was modeled by Him in His 33 years on earth.

All men are welcome to join us at 9:00 am in room 109 for our informal group. The lesson comes to us by way of video and discussion follows as we figure out, together, how to apply God's Word to our lives as men.

For more information on the Sunday AM Men's Group contact: tonyguagliardo@mchapusa.com.



Monday PM Men's Group

This group has been meeting on Tuesday evenings for a while now but is making the move to Monday nights beginning in early May. If you've been looking for a group but Tuesdays didn't work for you this is your big chance.

Currently they are wrapping up their study from the book *Conscious Language: The Logos of Now* but will be choosing something new beginning in only a few weeks. Now is a great time to stop by and get to know the guys and see if this group would be a good fit for you.

The Monday PM Men's Group meets from **7:00 to 8:30 pm** at the **Panera in Gurnee**.

Senior Luncheon Event

The Care Ministry invites our Seniors to attend the Senior Spring Fling on **Tuesday, May 8 at 11:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.

Music by Tom Stanfield.



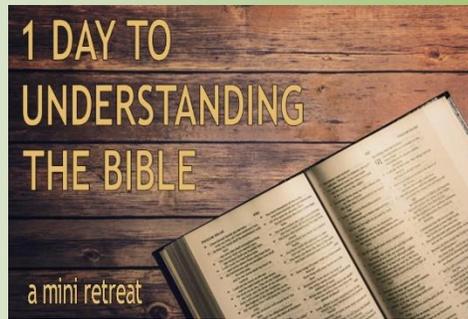
For more information on the Tuesday Men's Group contact John Skillman (ibresqone@sbcglobal.net).

Thursday AM Men's Group

The current study (begins May 17 – 6:30 to 8:00 am) is based on President Jimmy Carter's new book: *Faith*. In this powerful reflection, President Carter contemplates how faith has sustained him in happiness and disappointment. As he examines faith's many meanings, President Carter describes how to accept it, live it, how to doubt and find faith again.

For more information on the Thursday AM Men's Group contact: stephen.j.wantoch@saint-gobain.com

One Day to Understanding the Bible



Have you ever wondered how the Bible all fits together?

Join us for this fun-filled **mini retreat** as we take a bird's eye view of the Bible and how God's story fits together from Genesis to Revelation.

Whether you are a beginning student looking for a powerful introduction, a veteran Bible student seeking to fill some gaps in your Bible knowledge, or a teacher needing a creative and effective treasure for Bible study, this **mini retreat** is for you!

Join us **Friday evening, May 25**, from **6:30-9:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall for a three-hour exploration of the "BIG PICTURE."

For more information and to register visit the GCC website or visit the table in the Narthex. See Pastor Brian (brianwalter@gcchome.org) to learn more.

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Destination Israel Group Study



All are welcome to join Pastor Brian as he leads this group on an exploration of the places of the Holy Land. Where is Mt. Gerizim and why does it matter? Is Bethsaida the same place as Bethesda? Does "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" still exist? What's it like?

Designed specifically for those folks who will be participating in the trip to the Holy Land this fall – it is open to anyone interested. Please feel most welcome to join us!

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