

NEXT STEP

Adult Education Newsletter

Grace and Peace!

September marks the beginning of an exciting season for adult learners here at Gurnee Community Church!

Each fall we launch a variety of new programs and classes and 2018 is no exception: a new adult Sunday morning class on the book of Genesis, Lake County Bible Study is starting up again, we are offering a comprehensive 34-week Bible study class on Wednesday evenings called Disciple, the women are preparing for another Beth Moore simulcast, and we are launching a parenting initiative with a mini-retreat and class/group to follow.

Of course, all the 'regular' groups are continuing their studies as well including the men's groups and women's groups you have come to love. Check out this month's Newsletter to learn more. We trust you will find something that interests you.

In future editions, we will take a closer look at many of these classes and groups – as well as the people who are involved with them. We'll also hear some stories about how God is using the ministries of GCC to help those who participate in them to live and love the Word of God.

In Christ's love together,

Pastor Paul

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What's Your NEXT STEP?

Beth Moore Simulcast Event – October 6

Beth Moore founded Living Proof Ministries in 1994 with the purpose of teaching women how to love and live on God's Word. She has written numerous books and Bible studies, and she launched a radio ministry in 2004 called Living Proof. Ever the storyteller, Beth is known to pepper her teaching with stories and poems written from the perspective of pertinent characters. She communicates with great energy, passion, humor, warmth, and grace.

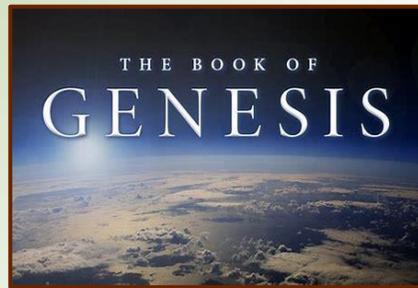
You can register for the retreat on Sunday mornings as well as at www.gcchome.org. The cost for attending this event is \$30 which includes lunch and materials.

For more information visit the table in the Narthex or contact Margie Carrick at womensministry@gcchome.org.



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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 (**new study begins September 9**) 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:
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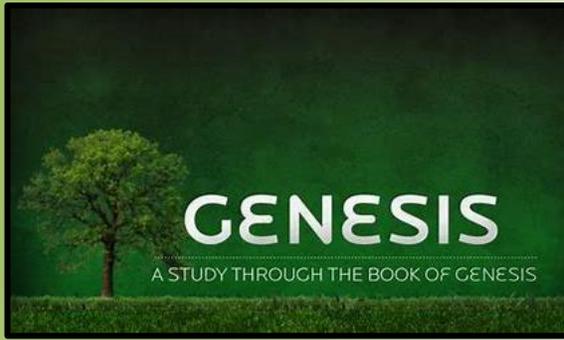
Alpha is Coming!

Alpha is an introduction to Christianity designed for those who are curious about what Christians believe and why. Do you have family, neighbors, or friends who are unbelievers? Invite them to attend Alpha with you!

Alpha runs each Wednesday from 6:30-9:00 PM in GCC Fellowship Hall and begins September 26. Sign up at the Alpha table in the Narthex or at www.gcchome.org

The 12-week Alpha course is free.

For more information: Fran Yanuzzi 847-668-9522,
franyanuzzi@yahoo.com.



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 will be a 30-week review of the **Book of Genesis** and begins on **September 10, 2018**.

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).

Starting September 26, 2018!



Moms Groups

Are you a single or married mom who needs some girl time to share the joys and challenges of being a parent all while studying God's Word with other sisters in the Lord? This is the group for you! Of course, our Moms groups come complete with childcare (and conveniently meet at the church).

There are two options for attending: the **daytime group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 11:00 am and the **evening group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

This fall both the daytime and evening groups will be working through the **Parenting through the Phases** study highlighted on page 4 of this Newsletter. Also, moms will definitely want to attend the **It's Just a Phase Mini-Retreat** on Saturday, September 29 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

If you would like to learn more about the Moms groups please contact Carrie Yeaman (carrieyeamon@gcchome.org).

Parenting Through the Phases

Parenting is hard. It's complicated. It's messy. It's not a sport with clearly defined wins and losses. In fact, it doesn't even come with a rulebook. Parenting is a *relationship*.



As your child passes through various stages of growth and development are there different tools and strategies you should be using to get the most out of each phase? After all, isn't a three-year-old different from an eight-year-old? And what about teenagers?

Join us beginning the week of October 7 as we launch a six-week class / study entitled **Parenting Through the Phases**. You must register for this program! Visit the table in the narthex or register via gcchome.com.

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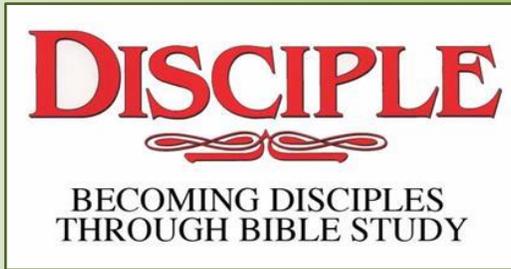
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For Our Neighbors

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Disciple Bible Study



Jesus issued a challenge to those who would follow him; he said, *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples."* Jesus invites us to take up residence in his teaching, to spend time with him; and in exchange he promises that we will find a home in His way.

The **Disciple Bible Study** is designed to help you establish a place of growth and nurture, refuge and redemption, trust and hope. We invite you to put yourself under the power of God's Word and experience the transformation Jesus promised to those who would follow him as disciples.

Join us beginning **September 12, 2018** for an in-depth **34-week** study of Scripture. The course includes video teaching, a study guide, and a Wednesday evening small group class session. Out-of-class reading will require a few additional hours each week (\$50). To register stop by the table in the Narthex or visit gcchome.org. See Pastor Paul for more information (paulkattner@gcchome.org).

"It's Just a Phase" Mini-Retreat

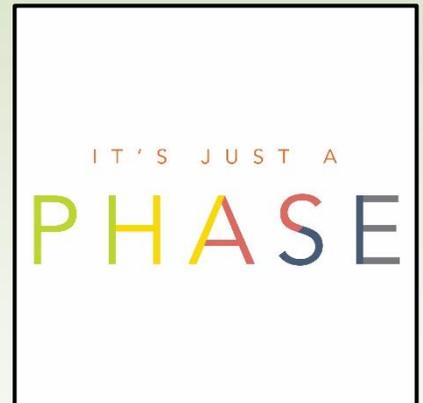
936 weeks

That's how long the average child spends under the direct care and nurture of his/her parents. That's 936 weeks in a kid's life when we can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future. **Not much time is it?**

When referring to our children we often say, "they're just going through a phase." Well, that idea takes on a new importance when it comes up against the reality of 936 weeks, doesn't it?

Join us on Saturday afternoon, September 29, from 3:00-4:30 pm for a Mini-Retreat that will introduce you to the Phase Project: a synthesis of personal experience, academic research, and hours of focus groups with leaders designed to provide parents with exactly what they need to make the most of each phase in their kid's life.

To register stop by the table in the Narthex or visit gcchome.org. For more information see Pastor Paul (paulkattner@gcchome.org), Carrie Yeaman, or Josiah Goering.



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