

2018
RushChurch
Christian
Education
Class List

Our Christian Education Program is a series of classes offered on Sunday mornings with the objective of helping people understand the Bible and live fully devoted Christian lives.

As those seeking to develop the character of Christ in our lives, we have both an obligation and an opportunity to teach and be taught. If we are to apply knowledge in skillful living, thus practicing wisdom, we must first have a thirst for that knowledge. We have been given the gift of the very Word of God and the church understands that it is necessary that we be immersed in the Word, learning the Word, teaching the Word and applying its precepts to our lives. When tempted by the devil, Jesus was able to fight off his attacker by knowing and quoting the very same Word of God to which we have access (*Matt 4: 1-11*). Paul refers to the Bible as the Sword of the Spirit (*Eph 6: 13-17*). In a dangerous world, this sword serves as both an offensive and defensive instrument. We must learn to wield our sword well.

In a desert of uncertainty, the Rushsylvania Church of Christ must be an oasis of truth, refreshment and direction through the only certain and unchanging thing; God's word. I invite you to join us in this endeavor. Whether you are a Christian of many years, a brand-new child of God, or are wondering who and what Jesus is, there is a place reserved especially for you at this table of truth.

These classes are not D Groups. Our D Groups are designed for interaction, teaching through dialog and telling our stories. They revolve around building relationships and sharing life together. And while Christ taught in those ways many times, our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program is best viewed as having the form of The Sermon on the Mount. In this instance, Jesus was teaching a lesson rather than engaging in an everyday conversation. He was conveying information about the kingdom of God so his hearers would gain knowledge. He was the teacher, they were the students. The purpose of this Christian Education Program is to teach the Bible; this is what the Bible says, this is what it means, this is how it's applied.

Classes will begin in January, May, and September. Our classes will be offered in twelve week "Sessions" with short topical studies offered in the months of April, August and November. As with many classes we take, sometimes there is a cost involved. The cost associated with some of our classes is not for the class itself, but for any books or materials the instructor deems necessary.

While none of these classes are a requirement for fellowship or church membership, all are encouraged to make the full commitment to whichever class you choose and seize upon this opportunity to feast upon God's Word.

This Christian Education Program is an ambitious vision designed to increase our biblical knowledge, pursue wisdom and feed our hearts yearning for unvarnished truth. It's not necessarily going to be easy, but it will be worth the time and dedication given to such an opportunity. Please join us on this adventure.

-John-

Class Name	Teacher	Date	Length (Weeks)	Cost (Books)	Meeting Room	Service
OT Survey	Bellomy	1/7	8	\$0	MO	1st
Galatians/Ephesians	Honaker	1/7	12	\$0	GF	1st
1 Corinthians	Ramsey	1/7	12	\$6	GF	2nd
Topical Study	Elders	4/1	4	\$0	GF	1st/2nd
OT Survey	Bellomy	4/1	16	\$0	MO	1st
2 Corinthians	Ramsey	4/29	12	\$6	GF	2nd
Life of Christ (Year 1)	Skidmore	4/29	12	\$0	MO	2nd
Topical Study	Elders	8/5	4	\$0	GF	1st/2nd
Romans (Ch. 1-4)	Cleaveland	9/2	12	\$0	MO	1st
James	Ra. Varner	9/2	12	\$0	GF	1st
Life of Christ (Year 2)	Skidmore	9/2	12	\$0	MO	2nd
Topical Study	Elders	11/25	4	\$0	GF	1st/2nd

Locations: (LOCATION MAP ON PAGE 12)

GF - Grand Foyer 1/2 - 1st & 2nd Grade Room

MO - Main Office 3/4 - 3rd & 4th Grade Room

YR - Youth Room 5/6 - 5th & 6th Grade Room

THERE ARE NO PREREQUISITES FOR ANY OF THESE CLASSES. YOU MAY ATTEND ANY CLASS WITHOUT ATTENDING ANY PREVIOUS CLASS.

OT Survey

Teacher: Tommy Bellomy

Tommy has served as an elder in this church for approximately 30 years. He has seen many changes at the Rushsylvania Church of Christ and through all phases of growth and evangelism has demonstrated a firm model of faith in God's provision for the church.

Start Date: January 7, April 1

Length: 1st Session - 8 Weeks

2nd Session - 16 Weeks

Meeting Room: Main Office

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the Old Testament of the Bible – and the key highlights of the history of God's people and the characters used by God to guide and direct his people to salvation and eternal life.

Life of Christ (Year 1 & Year 2)

Teacher: Luke Skidmore

Luke is a soft-spoken fellow who is known for his steady leadership skills and diligence in seeking consensus amid differing views at elders' meetings. Luke is passionate about the church and fulfilling its important role in this world.

Start Date: April 29 - Ministry Year 1

September 2 - Ministry Year 2

Length: 12 Weeks each course

Meeting Room: Main Office

Service: 2nd Service

Overview:

In this course we will be walking through the ministry of Jesus from a chronological view from creation to the resurrection. We will be using a harmonized version of all four gospels as our text. We will focus on who Jesus was, what he did, and learn how to be a disciple by looking to the Chief Shepherd.

1st Corinthians

Teacher: Joe Ramsey

Joe is another long-serving elder—more than 30 years and counting. Joe describes himself as someone who likes to keep things simple. He has a knack of sifting complicated discussions and issues into a few points.

Start Date: January 7

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will help us to apply Paul's advice to a struggling group of people, located in city of Corinth, in the infancy of the Christian Movement, to our own lives. We will see how those principles of Jesus, shared through Paul so many years before, still greatly apply today as we explore, "The Challenges of Life Together".

2nd Corinthians

Teacher: Joe Ramsey

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Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will help us to apply Paul's advice to a struggling group of people, located in city of Corinth, in the infancy of the Christian Movement, to our own lives. We will see how those principles of Jesus, shared through Paul so many years before, still greatly apply today as we explore, "The Challenges of Life Together".

Romans (Ch. 1-4)

Teacher: Lynn Cleaveland

Lynn has been an elder of RushChurch for over 20 years and this January he retired after almost 50 years in ministry. He and his wife Julie look forward to spending time visiting family and continuing to help us as a church grow both spiritually and numerically. He is currently our chairman of the elders.

Start Date: September 2

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Main Office

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will help the student to understand the basic outline, purpose, themes and concepts taught in the first four chapters of the book of Romans. These concepts include baptism, Christian lifestyle, grace, justification, obedience, sin and salvation.

Galatians/Ephesians

Teacher: Bryan Honaker

Bryan and his wife, Cammie, have been attending RushChurch for a few years now and are active in serving in several areas. Bryan heads up the Men's Breakfasts and has a heart for helping men reach their potential in Christ as they strive to lead their families.

Start Date: January 7

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This class is a 12 week study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and Ephesians. The prominent themes of these books are: living in Christ by faith, freedom in Christ, faith working through love, life by the Spirit not the flesh, the fruit of the Spirit, and working for the good of all.

Topical Studies

Teacher: Various Elders/ Teachers

These classes will be run by various elders and teachers from our church. All of these men are trusted leaders either present or past and will be sharing wisdom on a myriad of topics.

Start Date: April 1/ August 5 / November 25

Length: 4 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st & 2nd Service

Overview:

These studies will cover a different topic each session and will be a spiritual discipline, a study on a specific Biblical doctrine, or a current topic being debated in the church. We look forward to these classes being lively times of learning from these men that we trust.

James

Teacher: Randy Varner

Randy says he feels called to serve. He says it took four different eldership training programs to find out where God wanted him to be. He serves on the RushChurch Missions committee and helps with various local mission projects as well as having served on two mission trips to Brazil, and the family Appalachian mission trip a couple of years ago. It is important to Randy to teach his children to serve others.

Start Date: Sept 2

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will look at how James wrote this book to Jewish believers to encourage them to endure and live bold Christian lives. James is a book about practical Christian living that reflects a genuine faith that transforms lives.