



Community Fellowship Biblical/Theological Training (February 3, 2021 to April 14, 2021)

The Elders and Pastoral Staff are offering a 10-week biblical and theological training program and invite you to consider being part of this important and timely training.

The purpose of this theological instructional (COHORT 2021) is to build a deeper understanding and knowledge of critical doctrines of Scripture into the lives of those at Community Fellowship. Our hope is that at the end of this 10-week course, participants will gain a greater understanding of what we believe, be able to more effectively communicate the doctrines covered, and be confident to respond to questions and issues related to what has been learned. The curriculum for this course was developed to support the Elders desire and responsibility to “teach everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Col. 1:28).

The following is some important information about specifics related to COHORT 2021:

- We will begin on February 3, 2021 and will meet every Wednesday evening (except March 31st) until April 14, 2021.
- Sessions will meet in the auditorium with proper social distancing.
- We will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. All sessions will be live/in person and unfortunately streaming will not be available.
- Each session will be facilitated by either an elder, pastoral staff member or ministry partner.
- Attendance will be limited to maximize participation and to provide for proper social distancing.

If you would like to part of COHORT 2021 it is important to know that all attendees are **expected/required** to commit to and attend each session. Please keep this in mind as you consider this opportunity.

As a participant, you will be expected to have read the assigned course material prior to each related class. The material listed under each class (see syllabus) will be available to you either as a downloadable link or in hard copy two weeks before the designated Cohort session starts. The referenced Grudem textbook will also be provided to you. *(Note: some referenced study material may change and become more targeted as the facilitator harmonizes it to the Cohort participants. You will receive any such updates at a minimum of two weeks before the actual class.)* You will also be asked to participate and to engage around the specific topic and the study questions.

The actual construct of each 120-minute session will be fluid and determined by the instructor for the evening and class participation. Initially it is envisioned to be approximately 15 – 30 minutes of targeted lecture regarding the foundational aspects of each topic followed by a time of facilitated discussion and challenging thought based upon your preparation!

It is hoped that during COHORT 2021 we will come to a mutual and deepening understanding of the faith we profess and that we will bond as brothers and sisters in the cause of Christ and effective ministry at Community Fellowship.

The desired outcomes are:

- Deeper understanding of the underlying theology of what we believe,
- The ability to articulate and defend that theology,
- To become more effective witness for Jesus,
- To be available to assist in leadership of the flock gathered at CF.

Summary Syllabus: A Grudem text and detailed syllabus with reading assignments and session details will be provided two weeks before the first session.

Session 1-Bibliology (The Doctrine of God's Word)
Session 2- Theology Proper(The Doctrine of God)-Attributes
Session 3- Theology Proper(The Doctrine of God)-Providence
Session 4-Christology (The Doctrine of Christ)
Session 5-Pneumatology (The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit)
Session 6-Soteriology I (The Doctrine of Salvation)
Session 7-Soteriology II (The Doctrine of Salvation)
Session 8-Sanctification (The Doctrine of Holy Living)
Session 9-Ecclesiology I (The Doctrine of the Church-Theological)
Session 10-Ecclesiology II (The Doctrine of the Church-Practical)

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact Brian Ondracek (bondracek@commfell.org / 630-661-3838) and Steve Meyer (meyer.steve@sbcglobal.net /630-248-1297) who are serving as the co-coordinators for COHORT 2021. They are the go-to people for logistics, communication, and questions concerning the Cohort.

We hope that you will consider this opportunity. Though the syllabus and description of the Cohort may be a bit intimidating, our past two Cohorts have proven to be a great time of deeper learning and fellowship for all.

Given that attendance will be limited, we ask that you **register no later than January 24, 2021**. You can register your interest by emailing, info@commfell.org. Look for a return email confirming your registration and providing further information.

In Him,

Your CF Elders