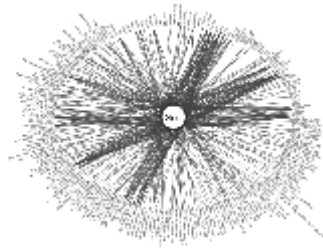


School of Christian Living Fall 2011

LUMC 2011 Christian Believer Class – Knowing God with Heart and Mind

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live." - Isaiah 55



Listen and Give Ear

People who hunger and thirst for God like Isaiah will find that hunger satisfied in the 2011 Christian Believer class, the goal of which is to teach people to know God through Christ with heart and mind.

Delight in Rich Fare

The elliptical graphic illustrates the rich fare. God, enthroned at the center, is our feast. The inner circle of dots represents a mere 30 of His thousands of glorious attributes. The outside circle names all Bible books, and hundreds of Godly authors through the centuries. Lines connecting authors to attributes represent gourmet reading selections. Isaiah, for example, is at the 2 o'clock position. The spray of lines emanating from his name toward the center illustrate his enthusiasm for God. This enthusiasm will be shared by class participants who draw strength each week, well-fed, and hungry for more.

Satisfying Labor

The labor of the 30-week course is to feast upon one Godly topic per week. The unique weekly study pattern pans through time, looking at God through Genesis on Monday, Revelations and contemporary writers on Friday, and especially through Jesus Christ and the New Testament gospels in between. Individual study requires about 30 minutes per day and 90 minutes on Sunday evenings as a class. For those who have previously taken the course, or are highly motivated, we also offer a unique new opportunity to attend, refresh, and participate in a special project using Christian books of their choice.

What is Good

If we have enough participants to offer a Monday section too, couples with small children will find that a good thing is to study together during the week, attend different sections while each partner baby-sits without cost, and strengthen their marriage through their shared bond to God through Jesus Christ.

Live

Topics that change our lives to center on Christ include: Believing, Revelation, Scripture, Creator, God, Providence, Covenant Maker, Humankind, Sin, Grace, Salvation, Jesus Christ, Savior, Atonement, Lord, Faith, Holy Spirit, Empowering, Trinity, Belonging, Body Of Christ, Sacrament, Worship, Discipleship, Sanctification, Christian Hope, Judgement, Resurrection, Eternal Life, Living

Eat

At the end of the class we will celebrate with a feast of worldly food and also project presentations.

Come!

Course preview and Q&A: Sunday evening Sept 11. First class: Sept 18. Last class: Tentatively June 3.
Facilitators: Pastor Jim Wishmyer & Bryan Talbot (703-283-0484, bryan.talbot@verizon.net)

Dates: September 11, 2011—October 30h
NO Classes on October 9th
Time: 4:30pm—6pm
Where: Leesburg UMC
follow signs to find classroom
Dinner is served at 6pm

Family members who decide not to participate in the program are welcome to come for dinner, so the whole family can be together for the Sunday evening meal.



Classes being offered this fall:

The Prayer of Jabez

Led by Kim Kadesch

Do you want to be extravagantly blessed by God? Are you ready to each for the extraordinary? To ask God for the "abundant" blessings He longs to give you? Join Bruce Wilkinson to discover how the remarkable prayer of a little-known Bible hero can release God's favor, power, and protection. You'll see how one daily prayer can help you leave the past behind—and break through to the life you were meant to live.

Made to Crave

Led by Kelly McCaffrey

Just because a woman finally fits into her skinny jeans doesn't mean she's won her battle with food. Too often, women overlook the spiritual component to their physical struggle with healthy eating. Made to Crave taps into the desires God gave you to consume food without letting food consume you!

Gentle Stream to Raging Rapids – Talking with Your Child About Sexuality –

Led by: Pastor Jim Wishmyer

Kevin Leman writes: "Your eight- and nine-year-old kids may not be saying a lot about sex, but they're probably thinking about it. At ten and eleven, they're likely to be talking about it with their friends. Unfortunately, at twelve, thirteen and fourteen, if you haven't been involved in their lives, they may be *having sex*."

Would you prefer to be a proactive or reactive parent when it comes to your kids and their sexuality? Are you willing to rely on school to form their views on sex, marriage and family life; or would you prefer to trust the entertainment industry to impress our culture's values and views upon your child.

If you choose proactive over reactive, sit in on our discussion and hear about ways to strengthen your relationship with your child/children as you discover how to talk honestly with them about this amazing and good gift that God has given them.

We'll talk about practical approaches to presenting a healthy view of sexuality. You'll learn how to navigate through the physical changes that take place and discover what biblical wisdom has to say (you may be surprised!) to your child, and to you. We'll discuss firsts: first bra, first shave, first period, first nocturnal emission, first school dance, first date, first kiss, and more. Perhaps the greatest gift you will receive through this is a stronger bond of openness, trust and support that will sustain your relationship with your child for the rest of life!

Parent Guilt: How to Relax and Enjoy Your Life, Your Children and Your Relationships

Led by Angela Becek

Through discussion-based groups, we will explore the many facets of life as parents that cause stress, worry, guilt and often strained relationships with those we care most about. You will be grouped with other parents whose ages are similar to yours. This way you can share with and learn from others who face the same issues. Opportunities will also be available to glean from the experience of those whose kids are older, so you can discover how they dealt with the issues you are dealing with – and what the outcome of their decisions were.

This program is open to everyone, even if you do not attend LUMC. So, If you have family or friends who might be interested in the topic, but are not always so sure about church-related programs, please invite them. The material covered will come from a variety of sources, including the Bible, but this will not be a Bible Study.

Christian Believer— Led by Brian Talbot (Sunday) Rev. Jim Wishmyer (Monday evening)

This is a 30 week course. It will be held on Sundays from 4:30 –6pm and on Mondays from 7:30—9pm Please read the back of this insert for more detailed information

The Children's Team is excited about the upcoming session of the School of Christian Living! We will have classes and activities for all ages:

Nursery– Nursery staff will be on hand to take care of all the little ones.

Preschool Boz the Bear is coming to town! “BOZ, the green bear next door, loves exploring God's world and discovering exciting new things with his friends Drew and Gracie, their family, and all their friends in the neighborhood. While your children are attracted to the wonderful stories, great sing-along songs, and fanciful animation, you will appreciate what makes BOZ unique:

- Early educational concepts naturally woven into a faith-based setting
- Healthy family interactions with Mom and Dad (and even Grammie and Grampie) are an integral part of the kids' everyday world, Add in the Baxter family's commitment to serving people in their church and community, and you realize BOZ *reinforces* what you are teaching your child!”

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade The Nature of God; Hawaiian Adventures

In this class, kids will discover the incredible creativity, colorful artistry, and intricate designs that make up God's creation. Join us as we explore: Tropical Mountain Forest – from birds, to flowers, to frogs, this is an amazing journey into one of the most diverse forest regions in the world. Hawaiian Shoreline – exploring the ocean water, tides, sand, and rocks that encompass the amazing ecosystem on the shores of Hawaii. Pacific Reef – an introduction to one of the world's largest mammals and a trip below the surface of the ocean waves to a mysterious and amazing world that few get to see.

4th-5th Grade –Club 45

Our junior youth group for 4th and 5th graders offers a unique opportunity for fellowship, learning and fun. The lesson focus opens a travel guide through the 10 commandments. Come join us for the journey!

School of Christian Living Fall 2011 Registration Form

Please fill out the registration form and place in offering plate or box located in Wesley Hall, and Asbury Hall .

Adult(s)Name:(s) _____

Email _____

Phone : _____

Please check which class/es you will be participating in:

_____ Prayer of Jabez _____ Gentle Stream to Raging Rapids _____Christian Believer (Sun 4:30pm)

_____ Made to Crave _____ Parent Guilt _____Christian Believer (Mondays 7:30pm)

Child's Name: _____

___Nursery ___Preschool ___Kindergarten—3rd Grade ___Club 45 (4th-5th Graders)

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The cost is \$35 per family, which will help defray the cost of materials and meals.