

## MONDAY GROUP

### Starts 9/14 Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in room 16. Contact Rob & Tory Christian

This Bible study is a covenant group that studies various books of the Bible in an in depth and microscopic manner. Each member is encouraged to offer their perspective on what is being studied; hence, we are open to many different ideas. However, the study does not attempt to change anyone's beliefs to a particular point of view. Rather, we would hope members would come away from the study with a better understanding of the Bible and a stronger personal relationship with Christ. *See Trudy for a copy of the group covenant if you are interested in attending.*

## TUESDAY GROUPS

### Starts 10/6 *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Jim Skinner, facilitator. (5 weeks)

"Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, the largest Savings and Loan failure in banking history, and numerous bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty." Popular United Methodist pastor, Adam Hamilton, addresses this economic climate in his latest book. This 5-session study will use excerpts from the book, video footage of Hamilton, and discussion material provided by the facilitator. Come explore many of the dimensions of the current economic crisis and look for the Christian interpretation and insight. Book \$10.

### Starts 9/8 Bible Study and Prayer

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in room 16

Marguerite Schwab, facilitator

The session begins with prayer, followed by the daily American Bible Society readings. You are never behind, as we reread the previous week's daily assignments and review and consider their message.

**Open to everyone.**

### Starts 9/22 *Women's Home Study*

*Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit* by Beth Moore; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sue Bell's home: 1626 Windcrest NW, N. Canton

Through this study you'll come to appreciate the supernatural aspects of the fruit you cannot grow, learn, or produce on your own.

Beth challenges women to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. Workbook \$15.

Call Sue at 330-499-3620 if you need directions to her house.

**.New women always welcome!**

## WEDNESDAY GROUPS

### Starts 9/9 *Invitation to the New Testament*

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in room 16

Linda Reynolds, facilitator (16 weeks)

This short-term study Disciple study will focus on how New Testament writers wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and communities of faith. Daily reading and writing; video segments and discussion in the class meetings.

**Women who have taken the original *Companions in Christ* are welcome to join this group.**

### Starts 9/23 *Couples and Singles Study*

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the east parlor. Dinner available at

6:00 p.m. for \$3.00 per person. Using a sermon series by Mark Driscoll, called *The Peasant Princess*, the group will study the love songs in the Old Testament book "The Song of Songs." Through the sermon and the cartoon story, learn about gender, dating, marriage, and sex as God intends. The discussion will be frank, but not crass.

**Open to all couples and singles interested in a strong faith-centered relationships. Childcare provided.**

### Starts 9/23 *DivorceCare*

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in room 5

Dinner available at 6:00 p.m. for \$3.00.

This class assists churches in helping people recover from separation and divorce. Sessions center around videos taught by experts in a wide variety of topics. You will also hear people who have been through divorce share their stories. The course takes a biblical approach to issues around divorce. It emphasizes that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the source for true healing. Book \$12. Jan Heighway, facilitator. **Childcare provided.**

### Starts 10/7 *Financial Peace University*

6:30-8:00 p.m. West parlor 15 sessions

Jon Bright, facilitator & contact

This is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money and empowers you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months of this program.

**Childcare provided.**

## THURSDAY GROUPS

### Starts 9/10 *M.O.M.S. – Making Our Mothering*

*Significant.* Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, Sept. through May.

9:15 – 11:00 a.m. East Parlor; babysitting provided

The group will meet twice monthly to develop supportive relationships, to learn from one another, and to meet each other's needs through service in the love of Christ. Activities include the study of a book, as well as hearing different speakers from the community. Come as often as you can. Come as you are to see if this is the morning out that you desire.

**Open to mothers of all stages. Childcare provided.**

### *Dad's With School-age Children*

6:00 a.m. in the east parlor (ongoing)

Come for breakfast and dig into real life trials. Discover guidance from the Bible and apply it to real life. Gage Haverfield, facilitator.

**New participants always welcome!**

## SATURDAY GROUP

### Ongoing group *Men's Life Study*

7:00 a.m. at the Portage Street IHOP

(2 Saturdays a month; check with leader, Kim Reynolds, about next session)

Come for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion. Currently, the group is reading the book called *Even Eagles Need a Push- The Power of Encouragement.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ALSO SMALL  
GROUPS! (Begin 9/13/09)

**Faith Bible Class - East Parlor - 9:45**

**(NOTE NEW TIME)**

*Adult Bible Studies: Covenant Communities*

How does our community of faith compare with those in the Bible? Study four Old Testament and three New Testament books to see if the communities described in scripture have lessons for us today.

Bob Snyder, teacher. **No registration required.**

**Faith Meets Life - West parlor - 9:45**

**(NOTE NEW TIME)**

*The Life You Always Wanted* by John Ortberg

Using DVD sessions and participant books, class members will delve into spiritual disciplines for ordinary people. Proven by followers of Jesus over the centuries, the spiritual disciplines are exercises that strengthen your endurance on the road of spiritual growth.

Kim Reynolds, Bobbi Vine - facilitators.

**No registration required.**

**Adults & Older Teens 11:00 - East Parlor**

**(NOTE NEW TIME)**

Join us for our study this fall on "*Gilligan's Island & The Seven Deadly Sins*." This Bible study uses final episode "Rescue from Gilligan's Island" to examine the traditional "seven deadly sins." It features classic characters in modern parables with relevant scriptures for us all on the teachings of Jesus. All ages are welcome from older teens to retirees!

Kristin O'Brien - facilitator

**No registration required.**

# Small Group Studies Fall, 2009

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