

# Sunday Morning Discipleship at Providence Presbyterian

*All adults welcome 10:10 AM until 11:00 AM!*

*ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THRIVING AT PPC! Enjoy an adult Sunday School class while the children are in their class and being taught the love of Jesus. You'll find yourself with new friends, and on a faith journey that counts! Please consider one of these church offerings...*

## **FRIENDLY CLASS** **FH, Room 102**

Facilitator: Wink Bullard,

FRIENDLY is for our senior members who engage in Bible Study, based on PC(USA) curriculum. Rich in life experience and faith, they really teach us as they "walk the talk." This lovely group of our most senior members is a treasure trove of Bible knowledge!

## **SEEKERS CLASS** **AMC, Room 405**

Taught by Ray Ball, PPC Counselor

SEEKERS' is filled with "young mid-lifers" seeking to live out faith in daily life. Coffee is important to this group, who are parents of kids elementary – high school.

New to SS? Try out this class!

## **COVENANT CLASS** **FH, Room 101**

Taught by Beverly Howard, Director Loaves & Fishes

COVENANT CLASS will spend this year studying ***Ruthless Trust: The Ragamuffin's Path to God*** by Brennan Manning. Brennan Manning writes in *Ruthless Trust* that "trust is our gift back to God." Join this class for interesting discussion and a small group experience!

## **EXPLORERS CLASS** **AMC, Room 403**

Taught by Mary Rich

EXPLORERS' seeks to study Scripture and significant authors. They seek to live holy and joyful lives - and enjoy rich fellowship. This class has spent a year with C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters* and this year, will read and discuss, ***The Shack*** by William Young. All newcomers are invited and welcome to come to this class!

## **PROVIDENCE CLASS** **AMC, Room 407**

Co-Coordinators for this class

are Betty Scarborough and Betty Anderson (The Betty-s)

PROVIDENCE CLASS will start the year with a series of DVD's called "**The Modern Parables**" followed by a series called "**Faith Lessons on the Early Church**" with Ray Wander Laan. This class enjoys discussion, fellowship and supporting Providence community projects. This is a wonderful class to consider if you are new or old to Providence!

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** **AMC, Room 402**

Taught by Bill McCormick

FAITH FOUNDATIONS is always a special class where you truly can acquire "faith foundations." This class has featured "Foundations of the Christian Faith," a 14-week overview of Scripture and understanding of the Apostles' Creed, a study of Romans and beginning **September 27th, please come & enjoy Bill's class "In the Beginning."**

HUGE lessons in short sessions!

## **GENESIS CLASS** **FH, Room 103**

Facilitator: Kay Starnes

The Genesis class is interested in exploring our faith and what it means to be a Christian in this time and place. We are fortunate to have many talented members who facilitate our study and discussions. Some of the topics we will examine this year are ***Spirituality for Regular People, Four Gospels, One Jesus, and The Jesus Debate***. We would love to have you join us.

### **CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE**

#### **Adult Ministries Center**

Room 402: Faith Foundations

Room 403: Explorers Class

Room 405: Seekers Class

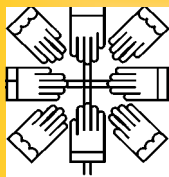
Room 407: Providence Class

#### **Fellowship Hall**

Room 101: Covenant Class

Room 102: Friendly Class

Room 103: Genesis Class



# CONNECTIONS (Small Groups at PPC)

We offer Bible Study, Spiritual Formation, Support, Family Life Groups, etc. in order to help connect you ~with GOD, ~the SCRIPTURE ~and ONE ANOTHER!

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**Need help choosing a group? Please contact our Small Group Coordinators:**

Mary Good 704-843-2241  
marygood@aol.com  
Keith Templin 704-849-0341  
ktemplin@carolina.rr.com

And for CROWN Groups:  
David Welch 704-847-0683  
david.welch@bankofamerica.com

### PPC BOOK CLUB

PPC Book Club is a group who love to read and discuss books. We read both fiction and nonfiction books. Each month, one of the members suggests a book for the group to read and then facilitates the discussion. We will set up our book schedule for the year during the first meeting. Please join us.

Leader: Amy Helm (704-542-8047)  
Amy.B.Helm@invista.com  
Meetings: Last Wednesday/Monthly 7:00 pm  
September—May, CLC Parlor

### SISTERS

The Sisters small group provides support, encouragement, friendship and laughter to all who attend. We are "Sisters in Christ" who enjoy sharing with other Christian women as we all grow in our faith. Great fellowship and support; this group houses many of our new members! The current study is "Sisters Bible Study for Women" book, *A Mile In Her Shoes: Lessons From The Lives Of Old Testament Women.* *Childcare is provided by the church; simply make reservations in advance!*

Leader: Elizabeth Whitehead  
704-843-3656  
ebwhitehead@yahoo.com  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
9:30 am – 11:30 am, CLC parlor

### LADIES SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

This lively group of women settles down to seek God together. Between meetings, we practice prayer or meditation or solitude, (i.e., spiritual disciplines) on our own. At our meetings, we "share" ways we have noticed God's presence in our lives, and ways He might have changed us, used us or helped us grow. This lovely group of women has hearts for God, faces that smile, and hands with which to embrace. We laugh and cry together as we walk with one another through that process called spiritual formation.

Join us on Sunday evenings, as we study *Mere Christianity* written by C. S. Lewis! Newcomers most welcome.

Please direct inquiries to:  
Mary Lee Hayes 704-846-1748  
Kathy Roberts 704-846-9000

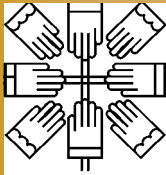
Meetings: Sunday evenings  
approximately every 3 weeks  
5:30 -7:00 pm  
Adult Ministries Center  
Room 409

### LIKE NAOMI

This social small group is for women who are seeking spiritual friendships (and who, *like Naomi*, are widowed). Under the energetic leadership of Mrs. Willie Brock, this active bunch meets monthly to fellowship, engage in devotions while supporting each other and to take on a service project every now and again! This group is well known for their delicious pot pies baked at the church for those in need.

Leader: Willie Brock, 704-846-8125  
Meetings 10:30 am, Third Thursday each month, location varies.





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### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our group knits shawls for seriously ill church members and friends as well as for the babies baptized into the faith. Shawls are prayerfully presented, wrapping each recipient in God's love and care. The group uses Knitting Into The Mystery (A Guide To The Shawl-Knitting Ministry) by Susan S. Jorgensen and Susan S. Izard. The leader has copies to share.

Leader: Frances Davis, 704-366-1928  
franlew@aol.com or  
Provprayershawl@aol.com  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month  
7:00 pm  
AMC, Room 403

### PRAYER GROUP

Believing in the power of prayer and in the faithfulness of God, this group of women prays faithfully with confidence and *in confidence* for the church, her vision, her leaders, staff, and members. Support texts include the Bible and various devotionals.

Leader: Dorothy Anne Hrabanek  
704-366-3520  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
2:30 pm at Carmel Hills



### CAREGIVERS

This group serves as a support for people who have the role of **caregiver** for another person. Some members are empty nesters, and some still have children at home while caring for the needs of an older relative. Confidential support, information, as well as encouragement, coping strategies, and occasional guest speakers are offered. The materials are contributed by members as issues arise.

Leader: Betty Anderson, 704-846-4459  
danderson1@carolina.rr.com  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month  
Members' Homes (often the Andersons')



## CARE GROUPS

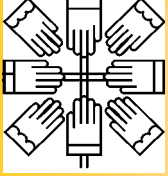
*Celebrating, Learning and Serving Christ!*

### STEPHEN MINISTRY - A Confidential Ministry of Listening and Support! STEPHEN MINISTRY is a special ministry.



Stephen Ministers are trained to care for people walking through life's difficulties. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training in broad concepts such as listening, extending Christ's care, etc. and particular areas such as grief, divorce, depression or loss. Stephen Ministers are paired with folks of the same gender who are going through hard times – loneliness, health issues, job loss, transition, care giving, loss of a loved one, and more! They meet one-on-one weekly (one hour) to listen, care and pray for their care receiver.

Stephen Ministers are great listeners and encouragers. Best of all, the ministry is entirely confidential. Care receivers' names are not revealed, nor are their confidences repeated. Our Stephen Ministry serves church and community members. **If you or someone you know would benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Mrs. Jane Bauer, 704-752-0539.** We currently have a Stephen Minister Training class of five. Watch for the next class! Training is followed by two years of service. If you would like to become a Stephen Minister, please contact **Sherry Robinson, 704-845-1952.**



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### SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday PM Bible Study does “inductive studies” (you study the Scripture, and answer Q’s about it) and has great discussions in a relaxed setting – at church. Known to have studied the Gospel of John as well as the “why’s and how’s of suffering” in Job, as well as Romans, this group applies what they learn to their daily life! Join us for Adult SS.

Leader: Nancy and Keith Templin  
704-849-0341

[ntemplin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ntemplin@carolina.rr.com)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 6:45 pm  
Adult Ministries Center, #403

### THANK GOD IT’S MONDAY!

THANK GOD IT’S MONDAY or TGIM is a discussion group open to all PPC males 18 years and older. Our Sunday faith spills over into the work week—where we have the opportunity to bear witness to Jesus Christ. That’s why we Thank God for Mondays! We meet the 4th Monday of each month on a rotating basis in member’s homes. The host also supplies a meal for all attendees.

Leader: Ken Kilpatrick...704-846-4063  
Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday monthly, 7:00 pm  
Members’ Homes



### BIBLE STUDY:

#### ROAMING THROUGH ROMANS WITH PAUL

*Travel by words written by Paul in the book of Romans.*

Our group meets monthly. We just can’t put the book of Romans aside. It is rich in education about church law, daily life in today’s world. Set aside your morning for linking, learning, loving, and laughing while gaining an insiders view of the Bible.

Requirements:

(1) Bring your Bible (2) Participate.

Leader: Paulette Purgason  
704-814-6163  
[pwp@the76group.com](mailto:pwp@the76group.com)

Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays monthly, 10:00 am  
Purgason’s Home



**MID-LIFE CHRIST GROUP** was formed when a few of us were thirty something. This group has been going strong for several years and has carried us through that mostly unpredictable season of mid-life. We enjoy fellowship, do a great deal of eating together, and share frank thoughts on a monthly lesson based on Biblical and spiritual issues. A typical author of our studies is Bill Hybel. Our format is leader-facilitated discussions following potluck appetizers and desserts.

Leader: Mary Good, 704-843-2241

Meetings: 3rd Saturday monthly  
7:00 pm, Members’ Homes  
[marygood@aol.com](mailto:marygood@aol.com)

### CROWN MINISTRY SMALL GROUPS

These groups study scriptural financial principles with the primary focus on developing a deeper spiritual connection with Jesus Christ. Crown is a Biblical financial small group study which gleans wisdom from the extensive scripture references to money and possessions, things which can distract us from the Lord’s teaching and may contribute to personal difficulties. An objective is to develop a Christian perspective for dealing with the possessions entrusted to us by the Lord.

**(You Must Attend Orientation To Participate)**

Groups are limited to 8 members.

Coordinator: David Welch  
704-847-0683



CROWN FINANCIAL  
MINISTRIES  
*True Financial Freedom*

*Celebrating,, Learning and Serving Christ!*



# Spiritual Growth

## ...a scattering of



## God's Word

*Celebrating, Learning and Serving Christ!*

### **Bethel Bible Study**

God's overflowing love blesses us with all creation. We have eternal life in Jesus Christ, the gift of our lives, rich fellowship with Christian friends and daily opportunities to serve. God reveals himself in his Word, a most precious gift. We can become better stewards of God's blessings by digging into his Word to understand his plan and our roles in it. The Bethel Bible Series is a great tool for helping us understand the Word and God's redeeming activity in human events.

Bethel uses the entire Bible as its textbook, not bits and pieces. This overview approach builds a firm foundation of biblical understanding. Bethel retainer tools (pictures and chapter concepts) help lock in key Bible concepts. The class is led by lay people who learned about the Bible by taking Bethel! It speaks the language of lay people, and it meets us where we are.

Bethel is a two year course. This year we'll look at the New Testament. We'll study the Apocrypha, the fulfillment of God's covenant by Jesus Christ, the first century church, Paul's letters and even Revelation! Next year we'll cover the creation, the fall, the history of God's chosen people, the law, judges, kings, prophets and some of the wisdom literature.

Class will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for about 20 weeks. There are assigned readings every week and lots of discussion during class. No prior Bible knowledge is required. A zest for knowledge and a love of fellowship are the keys to enjoying Bethel as you learn. The cost is \$40 for supplies, and scholarships are available. By Easter you'll be equipped to teach the New Testament if that is what God calls you to do. You'll be a better steward and doer of the Word in your daily life. You'll be blessed to be a blessing!

Please stop by the Bethel table on Rally Day. Or, call the church office, Sam Bullard or Anne Wood for more information. We would LOVE to have you join us!



## *The Anchorage*

### **Spiritual Direction and More!**

In our frenzied, impersonal and often exhausting culture, it is difficult to find meaning, and even more difficult to deepen one's relationship with God. Throughout the history of the Christian faith, people have looked for guidance and help in deepening their spiritual lives. Such help is available at Providence through Cathie Powell, a trained Spiritual Director and founder of the Anchorage, a Contemplative Ministry based in Greenville, SC.

Through conversations about your prayer life, or beginning to discover the ways God is already present to you, you'll be guided in paying attention to the movement of God in your life. This is not counseling, nor teaching, but gentle leading into the deeper waters of the spiritual life. Cathie is at Providence on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 24, Dec. 15 in 2009. In 2010, she will be here: Jan. 19, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13 and May 11. You can call her to set an appointment time or ask her questions about this ministry (864 297-5308).

The Anchorage offers a whole variety of retreats, classes and more... even a sailing retreat on Lake Norman led by our very own Norma Lefler! Web site: [www.theanchorage.org](http://www.theanchorage.org).

### **The Presbyterian Women**

The Presbyterian Women carry on in Presbyterian tradition. Many women of all generations participate! Presbyterian Women "**Circles**" meet monthly for a Bible study or devotions and service projects. They also host events for ALL women, including fall and spring dinners and a winter retreat!



#### **Adelphi Circle**

2nd Monday at 7:30 pm  
Members' Homes

#### **Agape Circle**

2nd Tuesday at 10:00 pm  
CLC Parlor

#### **The Better Part Circle**

2nd Wednesday at 10:00 pm  
CLC Parlor

#### **Wednesday Evening Circle**

2nd Wednesday  
7:30 pm  
Members' Homes