

# Sunday Morning Classes

# Midweek Classes

## Judges:

*Begins January 10; 9:15 am in the Parlor*

*Facilitated by Steve Todd*

Each Sunday we will gather around a new text from Judges. But the story will be the same, only the actors will change. If our gathering is fruitful, we will realize that we are living in the latest repetition of the story. Here is a paraphrase of the story:

**And** there arose another generation who did not know Lord or the works which He had done for His people. **And** the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of Lord; *and* they provoked Lord to anger. **So** the anger of Lord was kindled against Israel *and* Lord sold them into the power of their enemies. **Then** Lord, moved to pity by Israel's groaning, raised up judges who saved them from the power of their enemies. **And yet** they did not listen to their judges! (Paraphrase of Judges 2:10-17)

If you choose to join us, read the above text several times before the first session.

## Intersect Culture:

*Begins January 10; 9:15 am in Room 206*

*Facilitated by Melody Vogel*

What must we learn, and unlearn, in order to be agents for God's mission in the world? In this 6-session course we will experience and envision how followers of Christ can be a counterculture for the common good. Together we'll hear stories of other believers who changed the culture around them. We'll watch how their journeys unfolded, their challenges, and their breakthroughs. We will experience these stories, then discuss and challenge each other to see how each of us might be called to change our own communities.

## First Focus:

*Begins January 10; 9:15am in Room 213*

*Taught by Myron Crockett*

This class helps serve as a connecting place for young adults in their 20s and 30s. There will be discussion of relevant issues in light of scripture with the hope of creating a fully integrated faith. For more information about the ministry, class schedule or to receive the weekly e-newsletter, contact Myron Crockett at myron.crockett@gmail.com.

## Sunday Morning Seminary:

*Begins January 10; 11:00am in Room 206*

*Facilitated by John Mauck & Richard Bell*

This class is finishing up a study on Paul and, near the end of January, will honor the 500th birthday of John Calvin with a study of some distinctive ideas in his theology. The format of this class is lecture and vigorous debate.

## Habakkuk:

*Begins January 24; 11:00am in the Parlor*

*Taught by Barb Smith*

How can God allow there to be such injustice in the world? Why is there such pain? What is God doing? These are the questions of Habakkuk. In this class we will not only explore God's answers to Habakkuk, but discuss how we bring our own questions and complaints to God. Although it was written thousands of years ago, the writings of this prophet can still challenge and encourage us today.

## The Meal Jesus Gave Us:

*Begins March 7; 9:15am in Room 206*

*Taught by Melody Vogel*

Communion is a sacrament that we regularly participate in, but often do not fully understand. In this four-week class we will explore the meaning of the Eucharist and discuss its history in the church. We invite you to come and discover new and personal meaning in this important Christian ritual.

## Moms R Us

*Mondays from 9:30-11:15am in Room 213*

Moms R Us is a caring group of mothers who reach out to the church and community through weekly fellowship, prayer, support and Bible study. This group will be using a variety of curriculum, as well as special speakers, to engage the spiritual needs of mothers and children. Childcare is provided at \$5/per child or \$9/per family. Contact April Hedman at aprilhedman@yahoo.com for more information.

## Open Door Bible Study

*Tuesdays from 9:15am-11:00am in the Parlor*

Open Door is available to women of all ages who are looking for a place to be encouraged in deeper study of the Bible. It will resume on February 9th with a study from the New Testament. For more information, contact Pat Verbeck at 847-869-2914.

## Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

*Thursdays from 5:45-7:00pm in Room 206*

This class is a combination of lecture and discussion for women who are seeking fellowship and meaningful study of the Bible. The group will resume on January 14th. Please contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049 for details.

## In the Loop

*Fridays at noon*

In the Loop is a group that meets at One N. LaSalle, Suite, 600, in the offices of Mauck & Baker (brown bag lunch). If you're looking for an interactive study of scripture among a diverse community of believers, then join this Loop community every Friday for lunch and discussion.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

*Saturdays from 8:00-9:00am*

This Prayer Breakfast is a group of men who get together for a very informal hour of coffee and doughnuts, fruit and friendship, prayer and praise. You will see and hear outstanding Christian examples of success and failure, trial and blessing seeking and finding. All men are welcome to attend.

## Knitting & Prayer Ministry

*First Fridays and third Saturdays from 12:00-2:00pm in Room 206*

This unique community knits prayer shawls or scarves for those in need at our church and elsewhere. All levels of experience are welcome. Feel free to bring a sack lunch! Call the church office at 847-864-1472 for more information.