

Adult Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church, Belmont NC

Summer 2008

During the summer over the last two years, the pastors of First Presbyterian Church have led a combined Adult Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-9:45 immediately following Morning Prayer in the Chapel (9:00) and prior to Worship in the Sanctuary (10:00). Two years ago the topic was *"Introduction to the Reformed Tradition"* and last year two controversial papers at the heart of conflict in our denomination were examined -- The Trinity Paper and The Peace-Unity-Purity Report.

In keeping with this emerging Christian Education tradition, this summer the pastors will once again focus on core doctrines and beliefs central to our Presbyterian heritage. Additionally, they will examine two widely discussed theological positions very much in the news these days: (1) the notion of "Black Liberation Theology" as well as (2) the timeless issue of "Human Suffering" and "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People."

To guide reflection and study this summer, Stephen W. Plunkett's book This We Believe: Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm will provide an overall outline for each session. The church has secured copies of this book which anyone is welcome to purchase at a cost of \$15/each. Nevertheless, each session will be taught as if participants have not read the material prior to the session and will be self contained, i.e. absence from previous classes will not inhibit one's ability to understand and follow the lesson for that particular day.

The Education Committee has adopted this structure for summer Adult Sunday School for a variety of reasons, but most of all to build a sense of community and fellowship while also providing Sunday School teachers during the school year a well deserved time of rest and renewal.

Come and participate in Sunday School this summer at Belmont's First Presbyterian Church!