

## OUR MISSION

Woods Adult Education Committee strives to offer a variety of interesting and helpful classes and programs on the Bible, theology, history, discipleship, mission, ecclesiology, social justice, and human development, to enable all God's adult children to feed their spirits, to mature in their understanding of discipleship, and to know and serve God with greater love, faithfulness and joy.

### Spring Quarter March 30th – June 8th

- † Classes are open to all participants, regardless of past attendance, biblical knowledge or theological background.
- † Unless stated otherwise, no advanced registration is required. Try one, or try them all!

### Spring Class Offerings



#### Men's Bible Study

Adult men of all ages are invited to join in this weekly discussion of faith and the Bible.

During the Spring term, participants in the Men's Bible

study will continue to study the lessons of the Old Testament *Book of Exodus* and the New Testament *Gospel of Luke*. Come join the discussion whether or not you have participated in the previous term. Various facilitators will lead the study. Come join other men of faith committed to walking with God and seeking to understand and follow God's Word better.

**Sunday Mornings**  
**8:00 am – 8:55 am/Room 401**

#### Women's Bible Study "Facing Your Giants"

Giants. We all must face them; yet we do not need to face them alone. This Spring, participants in the Women's Bible study will be using Max Lucado's above-titled study of the life of David, to explore how we tackle the giants in our own lives: illness, money troubles, depression, loneliness and more. What lessons can we learn from David about what to do and what not to do when taking on the Goliaths which confront us? Come join the discussion, which will be facilitated by Elizabeth Wyble. Women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate.



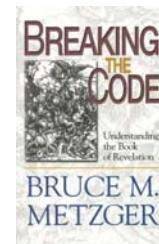
**Sunday Mornings**  
**8:00 am – 9:00 am/ Room 155**

### Special this Spring: 3 Ways to Unlock the Secrets of *The Book of Revelation*

Scrolls, seals, and trumpets... angels, beasts, and plagues... Babylon and the New Jerusalem... What does it all mean? The *Revelation of John*, otherwise known as *The Book of Revelation*, contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages which strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering and sometimes frightening. Popular fiction, including *The Left Behind Series*, has made matters worse by giving the false impression that this is a text of terror and judgment. But when the literary genre of the text is understood, the message of the text becomes one of great hope.

Accordingly, you are being given 3 different ways to learn more about the true meaning and hopeful message of this text this Spring:

#### "Breaking the Code"



In this class, participants will discover how to unlock the secret code of *Revelation* through small group discussion based upon the renowned New Testament scholar, Bruce Metzger's book on the Book of Revelation: *Breaking the Code*. The discussion will be facilitated by Donna and Roger Knauth, Kristin Yakimow, and Chelsea Baxter.

**Sunday Mornings 9:30 am**  
**Office Conf. Room**  
**March 30 - May 18th**

### "Apocalypse Now: The *Revelation to John* for the Church Today"

In this class, Presbyterian Pastor, Rev. Gretchen Van Utt, will lead participants in an exploration of the common understandings and misunderstandings of the *Book of Revelation*. Using Bruce Metzger's book, Rev. Van Utt will explain the nature of apocalyptic literature, the hopeful message of the text, and touch on why the *Left Behind* series was criticized by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). No biblical expertise is necessary to participate—"Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches."

**Sunday Morning 11:00 am**  
**Room 155**  
**April 6 – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

### May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm *The Revelation of John* A One-man Show by Tom Key



Since 1995, Tom Key has served as the Executive Artistic Director of the acclaimed Theatrical Outfit at The Balzer Theater at Herren's in Atlanta, Georgia, a professional company giving dramatic voice to the themes of spirituality, race and community in the American South. As a solo performer, Mr. Key has been in demand across North

America for three decades, including appearances at The Lambs Theater off-Broadway, The John F. Kennedy Center of Washington D.C., The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, The Dallas Theater Center, The Westwood Playhouse of Los Angeles, The Alliance Theater, Harvard and Yale Universities as well as Oxford University of England.

A man of faith, Tom Key memorized the *Revelation of John* and created a 90 minute show which brings the text to life. He has performed this show to great acclaim at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., off-Broadway, and in many other venues. He will be performing it at Woods on Sunday evening May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale in Fellowship Hall the 3 weeks prior to the performance (adults \$6/ tweens and teens \$4 – not recommended for very small children). A reception will follow the performance.

Childcare is available upon advanced request.

Come hear the text like never before, whether you have participated in either of the Bible studies about *Revelation* or not.

\*\*\*\* **“Why Revelation?”** \*\*\*\*

On **Sunday morning, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 in Room 401**, all who have been studying *Revelation* (or are just curious about the performance) are invited to come meet Tom Key in Sunday school. Mr. Key will be talking about what led him to study *The Book of Revelation*, what keeps him performing it, and what it means to him.



### Spirituality 101

Spirituality is a word which gets bandied about a lot these days, in secular as well as religious circles. But what is spirituality? What is spiritual growth? How does our understanding of spirituality change as we age? In this class, we will be exploring the meaning of spirituality in general, and Reformed spirituality specifically, as well as how our spiritual needs grow and change throughout our life span. Come discover how to enhance your spiritual life, and the lives of those you love. The classes will be facilitated by Stacey Hilder, Laura Albanese, June Hutchison and Karen Royer.

- Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> Spirituality 101
- Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> Reformed Spirituality
- Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> Children's Spirituality
- Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Practices
- Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> for Families
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Midlife Spirituality
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Midlife Spirituality
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Older Adult Spirituality
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Older Adult Spirituality
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Disciplines for Vacation

**Sundays 11:00/ Rm. 212**



### Parenting Your Teenager

As every parent of a teenager knows, it can be difficult to know how to communicate to a teenager who is trying to become more independent. And yet given the pressures our teens face today, with school and sports, drugs and alcohol, depression and more, having an open and faithful line of communication is critically important; it can be a major safety valve for teens coping with the stresses and strains of adolescence. This Spring, on Sunday nights while our senior highs are enjoying a time of conversation and fellowship of their own, their parents (as well as concerned grandparents, aunts, uncles etc). are invited to gather for a 5 part series on parenting teens, led by psychologist, Jack Myhill. Using a blend of materials from his clinical practice and from a video series by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott entitled Parenting Your Teenager: A Biblical Look at Parenting, Jack will introduce strategies for opening communication, for enhancing a teen's stress and mood management skills, and for recognizing a teen's potential problem areas. Come and share your concerns, experiences and ideas as we explore the joys and challenging of parenting teens.

**March 30 – April 27th**  
**Sunday nights 7- 8:30 pm**  
**Room 401**

## Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church

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 SPRING CLASS  
 OFFERINGS  
 2008  
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