

Growth Group Opportunities

Wednesday Morning:

Sermon on the Mount written by **Jen Wilkins**

The study will be nine weeks starting January 11, in **Room 105, 10:30 - 12:00**. This study will help us understand what it means to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven, according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. All women are welcome. Please let **Helen Patrick**, (Hhpatrick15@gmail.com or **717-350-6282**), know if you are coming so we have enough study guides. Each lesson begins with a DVD, then into group discussion. Books will be distributed in the first class.

Wednesday Evening:

Kids For Christ will be led by Kristina Skibo and Erin Clouse in Room 106

Youth will be led by **Pastor Marcus** on Wednesday evenings in **The Loft** for a time of fellowship with a weekly devotional and a game.

Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus written by **Angie Smith**

Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth? Join *Seamless* author Angie Smith in this 8-session search for truth as she unfolds the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. Through her signature wit and accessible style, Angie unpacks Scripture in a way that's easy to understand, regardless of how long you've been studying the Bible (a great option for new believers!). This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend. **Led by Emily Sevits** for our Women's Growth Group in **Room 105**

The Call to Holiness by **Dr. Timothy Tennent**

The people of God are called to be holy, because God is holy. In this study, Dr. Tennent explains how God's holiness is manifested in scripture and our daily lives. He also explores the meaning of holiness and how the doctrine of holiness informs and deepens our relationship with God. Men and women are welcome to join this study on holiness led by **Pastor Kathleen** in **Community Room B**

See the Good: Finding Grace, Gratitude, and Optimism in Every Day by **Zach Windahl**

Do you think the world is getting better or worse? Is it becoming easier or harder to be a Christian? So many of us fear where things are headed in culture, the church, and our own lives. With vibrant and inspiring storytelling, *See the Good* will show you not only how, but why you should focus on the positive and see the extraordinary in everything around you. Led by **Blondie Crabtree** for mixed group. Location to be determined.

Sunday School Faith Development Opportunities

All classes begin at **9:45am**. Nursery is available with Safe Sanctuaries certified staff and volunteers.

Parent Fellowship: Community Room B. This group of couples and singles in their late 20's to 40's share devotionals weekly, with the goal of getting acquainted through fellowship. This group's aim is to be an encouragement and support for each other throughout life's daily challenges and celebrations – Come, fellowship! (Nursery and Sunday School opportunities available for children)

One Accord: Teacher, **Daryl Jones. Community Room A.** The Adult United Methodist Literature, Bible Study Curriculum will focus on Power and Belonging and Power and Love. These senior men and women are supportive and encouraging of one another. Discussions are thought provoking while increasing hope, faith and fostering love and friendship for one another and beyond the classroom. Would love for others to come be a part!

J.O.Y Class: Teacher, **Kaye Breeding. Room 105.** This is a praying group of women who love the Lord. They focus their studies on a particular book of the Bible or use book studies as their focus. They are caring, supportive and sensitive to each other's needs. Always welcoming and fun, their discussions are new each week, encouraging all who may be interested to join in!

Wesleyan Class: Teacher, **Janice Robertson. Room 10.** This small group encourages sharing and good discussion. They are currently studying Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, *2 Corinthians*. They also make history relevant to daily life by discussing current events with the weekly lessons. Jump in anytime!

Pastor's Study: (named for its location, **Room 12**, Pastor's office): Teacher, **Melinda Shepherd**. This class is an intergenerational book discussion group with men and women who want to be challenged in their views. Books are chosen to provoke thinking on topics relevant to today's world and the struggle for Christians trying to live faithfully in it. Their upcoming study will be *Mere Christianity*, by **C.S Lewis**. Each lesson stands alone. All are welcome.

Children and Youth are nurtured in their faith development through Bible lessons with the purpose of developing lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Bible teaching, relevant to their lives and the power of prayer are embraced in Sunday School.

Sixth through Twelfth Grades: Teacher, **Marcus Price, The Loft.** Students will discuss various topics relating to living life as a follower of Christ. This is a discussion-oriented class designed to engage and encourage thinking about the way God intends for us to live and thrive.

If you would like more information or are interested in facilitating a new class, contact **Jennifer Andes**, Sunday School Coordinator, at jdandes1@gmail.com or **502-316-1623**.