

Catalog of Classes

ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE • ENCOURAGING RELATIONSHIPS • EMBRACING DESTINY

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Bethesda is a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church and Christian education is top priority. Our wide-ranging Spiritual Growth & Discipleship classes provide an opportunity to enhance your knowledge of the Bible, encourage new and deeper relationships with Jesus Christ and others in His church and embrace your opportunities for ministry. Most of these classes are free and do not require any registration. Those that do are noted. A registration form is included in this publication, or you may call the church office. You may also visit BethesdaChristian.org at any time.

Spiritual Growth & Discipleship Classes



General Theme Classes

The four classes below follow the International Sunday School lessons outlines and focus on:

- Fall 2010: "The Inescapable God" (Exodus, Psalms)
- Winter 2010-11: "Assuring Hope" (Isaiah, Matthew, Mark)

- Spring 2011: "We Worship God" (Matthew, Mark, Philippians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Jude, Revelation)
- Summer 2011: "God Instructs His People" (Joshua, Judges, Ruth)

Bible Fellowship (Uses NIV scriptures)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 111, Year long

Apply the principles you learn in this class to your daily life while you enjoy fellowship with instructors and students.

Caring Christian (Uses KJV scriptures)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 107, Year long

Establish meaningful connections with each other in this relationship-based group as you study God's Word.

Friendship Bible (Uses NIV scriptures)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Library, Year long

This class provides the opportunity to study in a warm supportive environment with fellowships throughout the year. Those attending this class receive a quarterly lesson supplement for devotional times and study throughout each week.

In Awe of Him (Uses KJV scriptures)

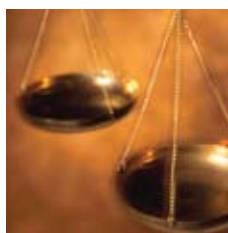
Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 102, Year long

The awesomeness of God is seen in many ways: in His purposes, in the arts, in missions, in His love towards us, and in our care for one another. These are all points of application covered as the Scriptures are studied in this class.

Balanced Christian

**Sundays, 9 a.m., Crystal B
Year long**

Learn how the Word brings balance to your life with fellowship and great teaching. This year will focus on the study of two outstanding Biblical characters, Joshua and Jesus. Come hear how you can apply the Scriptures to your life on a daily basis.



Catechism (Adults)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 201

Sept. 12 – Mar. 6

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Room 201

Jan. 5 – June 29

May 4 – Oct. 26

\$45 Material Fee



Catechism (Youth)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 230, Sept. 12 – May 1

\$45 Material fee

What happens to people who never hear about Jesus? Are the books of the Bible just stories? Don't all religions worship the same god? Our Catechism classes give answers to these questions and more. Catechism offers interactive discussion in small group settings. As the class progresses, each class member can experience the sacraments of the New Testament Church. Registration required.



Discovery

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Room 114

Oct. 6 – Nov. 10

\$10 Material Fee

Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, and God-given passion for serving in the Church in an interactive environment involving instruction, practical exercises, and group discussion. Focus is on discovering your greatest aptitudes in three areas of concentration: Spiritual gifts, personal style, and ministry passion. Upon completion you will better understand God's design for the church and your role within it. Students are also taught the biblical nature and purpose of the church as the body of Christ and the importance of each member's unique contribution. Registration required.

Focus on the Word

**Sundays, 9 a.m., Crystal C
Year long**

Is the Bible relevant today? Does the Bible have anything to say about today's issues? Through teaching and class discussion we will analyze the Bible to determine God's opinion on current issues in our world. Join us for a revealing study and insightful interactive discussion of God's Word.



Spiritual Growth & Discipleship Classes

Hebraic Roots of Christianity

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 114
Sept. – May

Enrich your faith by learning about the heritage of Christianity's Hebraic roots - the Jewish faith. Topics include how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament, Jewish culture, festivals and teachings.



Pressing Toward the Mark

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 104
Year long

The letter to the Romans' main theme is God's redemptive plan for man, stating clearly man's fallen condition as the result of sin and God's plan to reconcile him. Each lesson dovetails into the next to form a greater understanding of righteousness by faith.



Strong in God's Word

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 110
Year long

Study the Kings and Prophets and understand the inspired messages in the books of Kings and Chronicles as well as the history and culture in which they were written.



Roman Through The Scriptures

Tuesdays 9 a.m., Crystal A
Sept. 14 – Dec. 14,
Jan. 11 – Apr. 12



Join Rev. Timothy Helland to

study the Book of Romans in-depth. Babysitting is available for a nominal fee. Bring a snack to pass! The Tuesday Prayer Meeting follows this Bible Study in the Chapel.



Marriage Matters

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 215
Year long

What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? We study and discuss that provocative question through devotions and interaction. Couples learn,

discuss and pray as a group, and with each other.

One Way (Singles)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Crystal A
Year long

One Way provides a place where Christian singles are equipped to Biblically confront the challenges of the world they encounter. Discussions and activities are facilitated and conducted in a lively interactive group setting.



Moms Bible Study

Tuesdays 9 a.m., Room 111
April 19 – May 31 \$10 Material fee

Meet other moms for Bible Study, group discussion and prayer. Child care is available upon request for an additional charge. Space is limited. Registration required.



Iron Sharpens Iron

3rd Tuesday each month,
7 p.m., Auditorium
Sept. – May

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Men, sharpen one another and grow in Christ by studying and applying the Word of God at this monthly meeting. It is open to all men and snacks/refreshments are provided.

Women at the Well

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Crystal C,
Sept. 28 – Nov. 9,
\$10 Material Fee

Enlarge your circle of friends and grow in God's Word on Tuesday evenings. Women at the Well is a Women's Bible Study with interactive discussion groups, providing much opportunity to make new friends. Registration required.

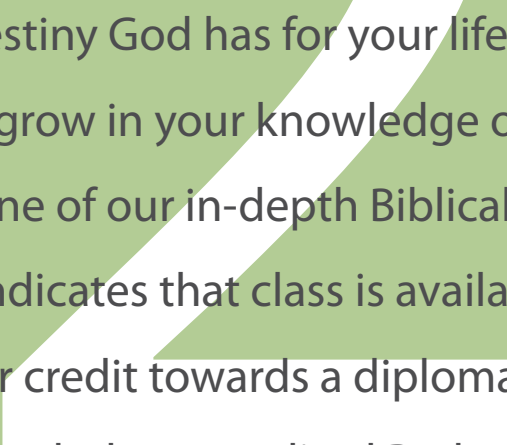


Beauty For Ashes (Women)

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.,
Library, Jan. 12 – Mar. 30

Do you want to become spiritually beautiful in Christ? Are you ready to move forward from your past and be all you can be in Jesus Christ? Learn to see yourself as God sees you through mentoring and small groups. Registration required.





Fulfill the destiny God has for your life, make new friends and grow in your knowledge of the Word by joining one of our in-depth Biblical studies. The 📖 symbol indicates that class is available free of charge or for credit towards a diploma in Christian Studies through the accredited Bethesda Christian Bible Institute. Prices for auditors and for-credit students are listed on the registration card found within this catalog. Auditors receive the syllabus, access to course materials, credit in the certificate program and homework is not required. Please note these classes do **not** run all year long. The dates and times are listed.

Deeper Study & For Credit Classes

Apologetics

With Rev. Patrick Visger
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Nov. 10

Being prepared to answer those who ask for an accounting of our faith requires study, and it is good to be equipped with an answer regarding the fundamental principles of Christianity. This class focuses on practical and effective ways to defend our faith when challenged by a skeptic. The student will be equipped to confidently give sound answers with gentleness and reverence as I Peter advised.



What is Truth?

With Pastor Analee Dunn
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Nov. 10

Is the Bible infallible? Can it be trusted? Where did it come from? Learn the answers to these questions as you study the origins of Biblical writings. Discover how a collection of writings spanning many years and various writers came to be the Bible we use today.



Discovering the Truth: Hermeneutics

With Pastor Analee Dunn
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 – Mar. 16

Hermeneutics is an interpretive process. Applied to the Bible, hermeneutics sets a consistent approach to language interpretation; grammar, context, word usage and writer's intent. When reading the Bible and encountering figures of speech, symbols, imagery, or idioms, hermeneutics gives you a steady and dependable approach to finding coherence, harmony, and understanding in the scriptures.



World Religions

With Rev. Patrick Visger
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 – Mar. 16

Cultural diversity expresses itself in all facets of life including worship and faith. Gaining insight into other

religions engenders conversation about faith, God, worship, ultimately leading to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Examine beliefs and learn about the major non-Christian religions.

Evangelism 101

With Rev. Patrick Visger
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
May 4 – June 8

Opportunities abound for sharing the Gospel with others. Conversations, the telling of your own story, being an example, are just a few of the effective means at your disposal.

This course focuses on practical ways to effectively engage others and share the Gospel.



Plumbing the Depths of the Truth

With Pastor Analee Dunn
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
May 4 – Jun. 8

The Word of God is deep and powerful, and reading the Word is an excellent habit. Employing elemental methods as you read and study the Bible enhances the

richness of God's Word and your ability to comprehend and share your understanding. Learn how to use many different Bible resources, apply various formats to record observations, employ methods such as word studies, all to effectively analyze Bible characters, books, chapters and passages.



Deeper Study & For Credit Classes

Foundations I, II, III

With Scott Wanamaker
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Foundations I
Oct. 6 – Nov. 10
\$10 Material fee

Foundations II
Jan. 12 – Mar. 16

Foundations III
May 4 – June 8

A detailed look at the “foundation stones” of Christianity based on Hebrews 6:1-3: Repentance from dead works, faith toward God, baptism, the laying on of hands, resurrection of the body and eternal judgment. Examination of these elements of the doctrines of Christ results in setting solid what you believe and why you believe it.



Marriage Mentoring

With Bill & Phyllis Staugaard
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Nov. 10
Jan. 12 – Mar. 16

Solid marriage relationships are used as models of support and encouragement. This class, for couples with lasting marriages, teaches how to effectively use your



experience to encourage and provide information to engaged and newlywed couples taking their first steps in a life together.

“theWAY” Youth Catalysts

With Rev. Timothy Helland
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Oct 6 – Nov. 10

If you have a concern for the youth of Bethesda and want to help train them in “The Way”, let us share with you some insight into their culture, media, entertainment, and world views. Strengthen your leadership skills by learning to listen to today’s youth, facilitate small groups, teach, and coordinate events.



Excursion Through New Testament Epistles

With Nancy Blakeley
Sundays, 5-8 p.m.

Oct. 3 – Dec. 19

This study fills the gaps left in the book of Acts. Letters will be covered in the order in which they were written.



Portraits of Christ (Typology)

With Dr. Ruth Whittaker
Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.
Jan. 18 – Mar. 22

Christ is pictured throughout the Old Testament, but there is a richness and depth within the first five books, the Pentateuch. As you study the pages of these Scriptures with an eye toward the Son of God, you will see Christ in His Person and work of redemption in Genesis, Feast Days, Tabernacle, Sacrifices and Offerings.



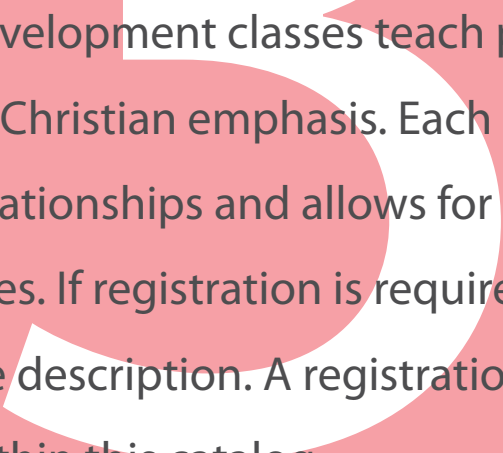
God’s Sovereignty

With Dr. Ruth Whittaker
Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.
Apr. 12 – May 17

This class considers God’s sovereignty, which means “He is superior, unequalled and self-contained. He rules over all kingdoms on earth and has power to do



anything He desires, any time he wants to act and for any purpose.” Studying God’s sovereignty brings light to His motivation and purpose for humanity, with whom He wills to share his glory and dominion.



Personal Development classes teach practical skills with a Christian emphasis. Each promotes learning, relationships and allows for ministry opportunities. If registration is required, that is noted in the description. A registration form is included within this catalog.

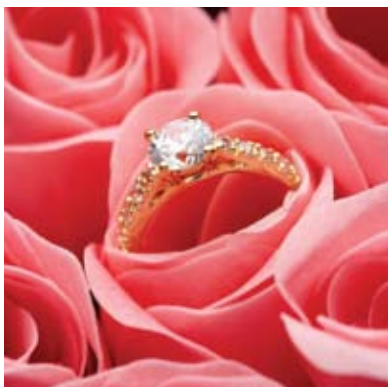
Personal Development



Beginners Sign Language

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 105
Year Long

Join us for an introduction to American Sign Language and the deaf community and culture. An emphasis will be placed on learning to sign the Scriptures.

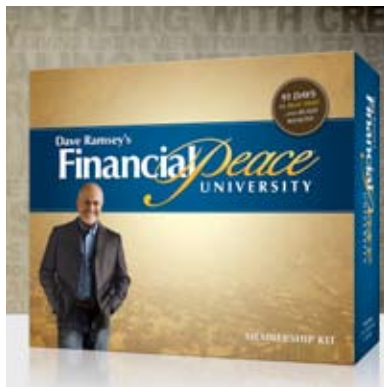


Growing Together (for engaged couples)

Sundays, 9 a.m., Room 101
Sept. 12 – Dec. 5
Jan. 9 – Mar. 27

\$35 per couple testing fee

This preparation class is designed for couples contemplating marriage at Bethesda. Warm and instructive gatherings prepare each couple for the wedding as well as married life. Completion of the course is a prerequisite for marriage at Bethesda. Registration required.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Sundays, 6 p.m., Crystal A
Sept. 12 – Dec. 5

Jan. 9 – Apr. 10

\$100 Material fee

FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. Registration required.



Stitch Chix (Needlecraft)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Crystal Room C
Sept. 21 – May 17

This group has a great time of fellowship as they use their hands to make teddy bears and blankets to bless orphaned or sick children, the homeless, and those who are sick and shut-in.



Growing Kids God's Way

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Room 111

Jan. 12 – May 5

Material fee varies

Growing Kids God's Way (GKGW) is a values-based parenting curriculum. Topics include helping children internalize virtues and values and to live out the character of God in their life. In addition to the core curriculum, there are supplemental resources for single parents and blended families. Registration required.



Toastmasters

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
6:30-8 p.m., Room 102
Year long

Become a comfortable and confident public speaker by joining Toastmasters. Each meeting includes an educational focus with a brief presentation including tips and techniques for better communication and leadership.

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Bethesda's support groups aid the church family when we are hurting, in crisis, or need a friendly face. New people are always welcome to join at any time.

Support Groups

Breast Cancer Support Group (For Women)

Call Rev. Julie Visger at the Church Office for dates and location

This group provides an opportunity in a loving environment to meet women experiencing a similar journey.



Caring for the Caregiver

3rd Saturday each month, 10 a.m., Off-site, Year long

Caring for loved ones with a long-term illness or disability? You are not alone! We understand your anxiety, frustration and concerns. Our group offers compassion, information, and encouragement in the Lord as we meet each month.



Divorce Care Support Group

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library, Year long

Are you experiencing the hurt of divorce? Join DivorceCare, a group of people who understand what you are experiencing and will help you learn how to deal with the pain and rebuild your life. This group meets throughout the year except holidays.



Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K)

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library

DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is a separate group for children of divorced parents, ages 5-12. It is an interactive program that helps kids cope with divorce, receive healing from the pain and comfort from knowing they are not alone. Check the Church Calendar to see if DC4K is in session.



Grief Share Support Group

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Room 106, Jan. 12 – Apr. 27

Our Bereavement Ministry is a weekly support group dedicated to helping those who have lost a loved one. This group is sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer comfort and encouragement.



Heart To Heart (Women Mentoring Women)

Call Rev. Julie Visger at the Church Office

Are you looking for someone to talk with, encourage you and relate to a specific area of your life? Call Rev. Julie Visger to arrange a mentoring session.



In His Hand (For Women)

2nd Monday each month, 10 a.m., Room 101, Sept. – May

Receive and give encouragement to women who are going through or have gone through a long-term illness.



Overcomers Outreach/12-Step Addiction Recovery

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Crystal A, Year long

Has addiction made your life unmanageable? Are you ready to admit that you are powerless over sin? Then you're ready to join this weekly recovery program.



CLASS SCHEDULE

Year-at-a-Glance

	2010				2011							
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN		
SUNDAY MORNING	BALANCED CHRISTIAN											
	BIBLE FELLOWSHIP											
	CARING CHRISTIAN											
	FRIENDSHIP BIBLE											
	FOCUS ON THE WORD											
	HEBRAIC ROOTS											
	IN AWE OF HIM											
	ONE WAY											
	MARRIAGE MATTERS											
	PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK											
	STRONG IN GOD'S WORD											
	ADULT CATECHISM											
	YOUTH CATECHISM											
	BEGINNERS SIGN LANGUAGE											
GROWING TOGETHER				GROWING TOGETHER								
CHILDRENS/YOUTH MINISTRY (birth through grade 12)												
SUNDAY EVENING	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY											
	EXCURSION THROUGH EPISTLES											
MONDAY MORNING	IN HIS HAND (2nd Monday each month)											
TUESDAY MORNING	ROMAN THROUGH SCRIPTURES				ROMAN THROUGH SCRIPTURES							
									MOMS BIBLE STUDY			
TUESDAY EVENING	WOMEN AT THE WELL											
	DISCOVERING GOD IN THE ARTS											
	REVELATION/PROPHETS			PORTRAITS OF CHRIST			GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY					
	IRON SHARPENS IRON (3rd Tuesday each month)											
	STITCH CHIX (1st & 3rd Tuesday each month)											
	TOASTMASTERS (2nd & 4th Tuesday each month)											
	DIVORCE CARE											
	DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS											
	OVERCOMERS OUTREACH											
	WEDNESDAY EVENING	APOLOGETICS					WORLD RELIGIONS			EVANGELISM 101		
WHAT IS TRUTH					DISCERNING THE TRUTH			PLUMBING TRUTH				
FOUNDATIONS I					FOUNDATIONS II			FOUNDATIONS III				
				ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE			ADULT SERVICE					
DISCOVERY		ADULT CATECHISM										
								ADULT CATECHISM				
					GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY							
MARRIAGE MENTOR					MARRIAGE MENTORING							
YOUTH CATALYSTS					BEAUTY FOR ASHES							
					GRIEF SHARE							
CHILDRENS/YOUTH MINISTRY (birth through grade 12)												
SATURDAY MORNING		CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER (3rd Saturday each month)										
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN		

COLOR KEY SPIRITUAL GROWTH DEEPER STUDY PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT GROUPS CHILDREN/YOUTH

*NO CLASSES HELD DECEMBER 22, 26, 29