Grow Up!

Join with others to study the Word of God

Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM – Adult Sunday School (Meets Weekly)



Adult Bible study takes place at 10:30 every Sunday morning. This is an on-going class; all are welcome. Meets in Room 4. The winter theme is *Our Love for God* with readings from Deuteronomy, Joshua, Psalms, Matthew, Philippians and James. Our lessons begin with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. They proceed with our response to God's

love in the advent of Christ and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. They conclude with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God.

Sunday Afternoon at 4:00 PM – Big Tent (Meets Every Other Sunday)



Slow Church Fast food. Fast cars. Fast and furious. Fast forward. Fast . . . church? The church is often idealized (or demonized) as the last bastion of a bygone era, dragging our feet as we're pulled into new moralities and new spiritualities. We guard our doctrine and our piety with great vigilance. But we often fail to notice how quickly we're capitulating, in the structures and practices of our churches, to a culture of unreflective speed, dehumanizing efficiency and dis-integrating

isolationism. In the beginning, the church ate together, traveled together and shared in all facets of life. Centered as they were on Jesus, these seemingly mundane activities took on their own significance in the mission of God. In *Slow Church* we are invited to leave franchise faith behind and enter into the ecology, economy and ethics of the kingdom of God, where people know each other well and love one another as Christ loved the church. This study begins on January 13th and runs for 11 sessions.



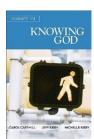
Tuesday Morning at 10:00 AM – Bible Study Sorority (Meets Weekly)

The Bible Study Sorority, a women's study group, begins *Before Amen* on Tuesday, January 8th. We all pray . . . some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out. When the marriage is falling apart. But wouldn't we like to pray . . . more? Better? Stronger? With more

fire, faith, and fervency? In this four-session video-based study, bestselling author Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with

God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest. Join us!

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM - Journey 101: Knowing God (Meets Weekly for 6 Sessions)



Knowing God focuses on coming to know God more fully and discovering who you are in God as you gain a better understanding of the essentials of the Christian faith. You will also experience new Bible study tools and resources; learn more about the church; discuss ethics and our Christian response to life's choices and understand more about God's will for your life. Everything takes place in the group setting - no outside homework - just reflection and discussion of several videos. An excellent "starter" study for those desiring an overview of

the faith. The six session study begins on January 22, at 7 PM.



Baby, It's Cold Outside! Too cold for yard work or outside activities, so why not stay warm inside at a **Spiritual Gifts Discovery Class**?

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts

Two Sunday Afternoon Sessions Sunday, Feb 3rd and 17th Noon – 4:00 PM

The class combines lecture, discussion, experiential gifts discovery exercises, and practical application. Each session will build upon previous lessons, so faithful attendance is necessary. Registration indicates a participant's commitment to attend both sessions. *Classes require a minimum of eight people and a maximum of twelve*.