

“Let’s Get Acquainted!”

LEADER: Pastor Thom & Sue

LOCATION: Church classroom downstairs

TIME: Sunday morning, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

START DATE: Sept. 18th

Whether you’ve never read the Bible and don’t know much about God, or have been around the church for years but still have some questions, this is the study for you! Why? Because in six short weeks, we are going to be able to discuss:

- What are the Old & New Testaments all about – really?
- Does culture, geography, or social environment matter? Why?
- Where should I begin reading the Bible and how shall I read it?

You will be provided with handouts, resources, websites, etc. to continue your journey.

This will be a safe environment where you can anonymously or openly ask those tough questions that have been on your mind.

We hope to offer a morning and evening edition of this study (watch for bulletin announcements). Hope to see you there!

JESUS SAID, “COME...” THEN HE SAID, “GO....”

What happens in between?

The word disciple means “a learner” but a disciple of Jesus is also a *follower* who accepts His teachings in both belief and lifestyle.

One might say, disciples of Jesus strive to *be like Him*.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**First Christian Church
2022-2023**



Bible studies and small groups play an important role in the life of a disciple. These gatherings are a lively oasis – a time to be fed and watered spiritually, to be refreshed through prayer and fellowship. They provide a chance to make new friends, to share one another’s joys and burdens, to encourage and support one another, and to learn and grow in one’s relationship with Jesus.

All Bible studies are small groups, but not all small groups are Bible studies. Take a look...

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Adult Seminar: The Book of Acts

LEADER: Genie Bennett

LOCATION: 4 Governor Wentworth Hgwy.

TIME: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

START DATE: Sept. 13th

The book of Acts provides a bridge between the teachings of Jesus and the spread of Christianity across the Roman Empire.

Written by the gospel writer, Luke, around 64 AD, Acts provides the context for much of the New Testament writings. We will look closely at the spread of Christianity, the problems faced by Paul and others, and how their church planting and teaching changed the Western world.

Men's Group: Knowing God, Part 2

LEADER: Mike Lymburner

LOCATION: Fellowship Room

TIME: Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

START DATE: Sept. 17th

Do you know God or do you just know *about* Him? This is a question posed by J.I. Packer in his book, Knowing God. Last year, we looked at the attributes of God; this year, we will be looking at how we can affect our daily lives in view of those attributes.

Discussion Group: In the Round

LEADER: Dave Morgan & Sheila Brown

LOCATION: Fellowship Room

TIME: Thursday 10:00 am

START DATE: Sept. 15th

This group will be a safe place to voice questions and doubts. Our goal is to make friends and to help each other find joy and love in the midst of aging and hardships. Topics will include friendship, marriage, being parents of grown children, grandparenting, what does it mean to trust God, what is faith, fear and its effect on our lives.

Women's Bible Study: Spiritual Discipleship

LEADER: Jan Hawes

LOCATION: Fellowship Room

TIME: Wednesday 10:30

START DATE: September 14th

This six-week study is very much in keeping with our Pastors' focus on living authentic Christian lives. Spiritual Discipleship is not about the mechanics of discipleship but rather its standards. What are the underlying principles that are to be incorporated into the lifestyle of the disciple? J. Oswald Sanders describes the biblical profile of a disciple, the conditions for following Jesus, and the tests and trials we are to expect. This study is written for both new and long-time Christians.

Sermon Discussion Group

LEADER: Fred and Beverly Funk

LOCATION: TBD

TIME: Thursday evenings

START DATE: Fall 2022

OBJECTIVE- To better understand and focus more deeply on the message that is presented from the pulpit the preceding Sunday. Discussion questions, emailed early in the week, are designed to help each participant increase their understanding of the message, which they can then share with the group on Thursday.

Please note: This group is now at capacity for a small group. If you would like to lead a small group or participate in one, please tell the church office your desire and the church will take steps to start another group. Having Bible studies that discuss each week's message is a great way to unite the church in thought and spirit.