

*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** and **SMALL GROUPS** First Christian Church 2023-2024



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.

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

### **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S "THE TRUTH PROJECT" (a DVD series)**

**LEADER:** Mike Lymburner

**LOCATION:** 57 Federal Corner Road in Tuftonboro

**TIME:** Mondays, 7 PM

**START DATE:** September 11<sup>th</sup>

This series is designed to take you on a guided worldview tour, following the points of the "worldview compass." The compass will direct your thinking on four fundamental issues: Truth, God, Man and the Social Order. Along the way, you will learn how to organize and evaluate various opposing ideas that all claim to be the truth. But our ultimate goal is not simply to gain knowledge. It is to "look upon the face of God"—and to be transformed in the process.

### **EXPLAINING JOHN'S GOSPEL**

**LEADER:** Pastor Thom Christian

**LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall

**TIME:** Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7 PM

**START DATE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>

**GOAL:** To have a working understanding of John's Gospel and its context, as well as life application of this beautifully amazing book! *(Please bring a sandwich or snack each week.)*

### **A BOOK DISCUSSION: 18 MINUTES WITH JESUS by Dr. Robert Jeffress**

**LEADERS:** Jim and Terri Andreson

**LOCATION:** 111 Andreson Drive in Alton

**TIME:** Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

**START DATE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>

**FOCUS:** In-depth discussion on the Sermon on the Mount and how it applies to our Christian life. **WEEKLY CHAPTER DISCUSSIONS ON:** Your happiness, faith, relationships, sex life, adversaries, church, prayer life, money, needs, and eternal destiny.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS—THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST**

**LEADER:** Jan Hawes

**LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall

**TIME:** Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

**START DATE:** September 13<sup>th</sup>

In this 12-week study by Dr. David Jeremiah, we will learn about the critical issue in the early church – the relationship of Christianity to Judaism. The writer of Hebrews clears up the new believer's confusion by carefully explaining how Christ is superior to angels, to Moses and to high priests. Consequently, the New Covenant is also shown to be superior to the old, which was sufficient in its time. The book of Hebrews is a wonderful clarification for us today and a reminder to pay careful attention to what we've learned.

### **IN THE ROUND**

**LEADERS:** Sheila Brown & Dave Morgan

**LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall

**TIME:** Thursdays, 10 AM

**START DATE:** September 21<sup>st</sup>

This a discussion group where we have the opportunity to give input and ask questions regarding subjects that are important to our everyday lives. Topics will include fear and its effect on our lives, blended families, our role as parents, living alone, faith and science, what it means to trust God, and so much more. It's a great place to build friendships for a lifetime.

### **SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**

**LEADERS:** Fred and Beverly Funk

**LOCATION:** TBD

**TIME:** Thursday evenings

**START DATE:** Fall 2023

**OBJECTIVE:** To strengthen each participant's personal convictions by delving more deeply into the message that is presented from the pulpit the preceding Sunday. Discussion questions, emailed early each week, are designed to help each participant more fully understand and share what the Bible has to say. *Please note: This group is now at capacity for an effective small group. Please consider joining a similar group. Or, if you would like to lead a similar small group, please speak with Jan Hawes or one of our Pastors. Having small groups that discuss each week's message is a great way to unite the church in body, mind and spirit.*