

BSH Classes
Winter/Spring 2012
January 8 – June 10

Grace Ministry Center

Jr. High – (East side)

Jeff Kigar

The JH BSH class is doing a study called "Abiding in Jesus." It is a yearlong study from Desiring God Ministries.

Using the "I am the vine" metaphor of John chapter 15, this curriculum focuses on what it means to abide in Jesus and how to live in daily dependence on Jesus.

The lessons (there are 28 of them) are broken into three major groupings.... 1. What our identity in Christ is, 2. How to abide in Christ, and 3. How to trust Jesus for all things.

Sr. High – (West side)

Chris Rookus

The Sr. High class will be studying the Book of James. Along with the study, students are encouraged to memorize the book or even their favorite passage from one of the chapters.

Main Level

College/Career – Back of Auditorium (piano side)

Scott and Sue Rookus

Todd and Carole Vandeguchte

As a class our focus is on the challenges and desires unique to adults in college and those entering their careers. This is a point in life when many choices need to be made regarding school, careers, where to live, dating, marriage and so much more!

We want provide a class where they learn to apply God's Word daily to these choices, an environment where they can safely ask hard questions about life and opportunities where they are mentored and challenged to grow spiritually.

It is also our goal to give them ample time to develop relationships with each other. We will do this through monthly activities: some that are centered around having fun and others designed for growth through Bible study and worship.

Cambridge, Room 112

History in the Bible / The Bible in History

Bob Davis

How closely does the History of the Ancient world dovetail with the story of the Bible and Biblical Prophecy? Our study will focus on five major world empires which played significant roles in the unfolding of the story of redemption. From Ancient Egypt, to Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome, we will "travel through time" and witness the amazing fulfillment of Gal. 4:4: "When the time had fully come God sent His Son into the world."

If time permits, we will turn to a study of what happened when the Bible "broke free" from the shackles of Medieval Catholicism, and Christian minds applied its principles to government, economics, law and personal liberties. The result was the creation of Western Civilization!

Primetimers Plus - Library

Rob Weaver

"The Gospel Portrayed in the Life of Christ"

It is common to think of Jesus as having died on the cross in our place, but he also lived 33 years before his death. The life he lived is just as important as the death he died. Both aspects are vital for the Christian life, for He both lived and died in our place.

We will continue to explore Christ's ministry in his ascension and then his return. Special emphasis will include how each event fits with the Old Testament and the flow of Redemptive History. If you are looking for a better understanding of Christ as our Substitute and Victor, you are welcome to attend.

Lower Level

Homebuilders – Choir, Room 200

Rock Campbell

The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission by John Dickson will be the study for the Homebuilders Class this fall. “Many Christians think of the task of mission as an entirely verbal activity, when perhaps the best kept secret of New Testament teaching about mission is that it involves a whole range of activities that explicitly promote Christ to the world and draw others to Him...and only a few of them involve speaking.”

Living Stones – Northampton, Room 201

Mark Vrugink

“Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace”, The Gospel According to Isaac & Jacob, by Iain M. Duguid (book cost \$10.00)

As the two people on the Emmaus Road were wavering in faith discussing the events concerning Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection with a “stranger” who joined them, the stranger says, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:25-26). We as the reader know this stranger was Jesus. What he says to them next is intriguing, “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” (vs. 27).

“The Gospel According to the Old Testament” series’ aim is to teach that the entire Old Testament was designed by God to provide a context to understand the sufferings and glorification of Christ. To this end, we will be continuing our study beyond the life of Abraham to that of Isaac and Jacob, “Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace” during the winter 2012 term. It will be an exciting journey for us as we learn insights of what Jesus interpreted about himself “beginning with Moses and all the prophets”.

Foundations (young-married) - Geneva, Room 202

Tim VandeGuchte

Your first years of marriage are the crucial time for building a strong foundation. It is our special privilege to have Phil and Mary Jane Bradt as our teachers for the next six weeks. "We are going to get to know God better and therefore, we will get to know ourselves better. We will establish what our identity and value are, and in the process we will develop a Theology of Marriage that will last a lifetime and carry us through difficult times. We will also discover what causes isolation in our marriages. For Valentine's Day, we will discover the best gift for your spouse that will help bring you closer to God's goal for your marriage."

Ladies Only – Room 203

Julie Porritt

The Ladies' Only class will be going through the book **Because He Loves Me: How Christ Transforms Our Daily Life** by Elyse Fitzpatrick.

Simply speaking, love changes people. Christians, then should exhibit the greatest transformation of all because God’s love makes them more and more like the One who has lavished his love on them. This truth is meant to tell believers who they are, their purpose and destiny, and how to faithfully persevere in their struggles. But sometimes people lose sight of this. Because He Loves Me restores that vision, reminding Christians of their true identity as beloved children of God—adopted by the Father, espoused to the Son, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Christianity is not a self-improvement program but a transferring of identity and growth, accomplished in history through Christ and in our daily lives through his Spirit. This book explores and celebrates these truths in an unforgettable way.