

# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MIDWEEK ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES | FALL 2017

### TUESDAY

**God Talk:** Begins 9/12, Witherspoon 400/ 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Men and women of all ages are invited to this study on the Gospel of Mark. The class will read selected scripture passages and Brian Blount's book *Preaching Mark in Two Voices*. Class contacts: Angie Faulk, [angiepfaulk@gmail.com](mailto:angiepfaulk@gmail.com), and Jane Howard, [jphtravel@gmail.com](mailto:jphtravel@gmail.com).

**Parables:** (Calvin 103/ 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) Women of all ages are invited to join this Bible Study. The class will read Amy Jill Levine's book *short stories by Jesus* to take a fresh look at the Parables. The class will meet from Aug. 29 through Oct. 24. Class contact: Tracey Daniel, [tdaniel@whitememorial.org](mailto:tdaniel@whitememorial.org).

### WEDNESDAY

**Bible Belles:** Begins 9/10 and meets off campus/ 9:30-11:30 a.m. This intergenerational group of women will be studying religions of the world. Class contact: Gail Smith, [mcabigail@aol.com](mailto:mcabigail@aol.com).

**Young Adult Wednesday Fellowship/2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays on Tap:** Calvin 102/ 7:00-8:00 p.m. The class will study the Bible, books, and topical issues throughout the year. The group is open to all who consider themselves young adults. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, we will meet at a local tap house. The group will discuss current events and the spiritual and theological implications of these on our lives and in the world. Class contact: Robert Galloway, [rgalloway@whitememorial.org](mailto:rgalloway@whitememorial.org).

**Disciple I:** Begins 9/6 and meets in Knox 307/ 6:30-8:00 p.m. How can we live as Christ's Disciples today? Consider taking Disciple I to explore the answer to this question. Disciple I is a broad overview of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each of the 34 classes begins with a short DVD followed by class discussion based on the reading assignments for the week. This is a high commitment Bible study. Please register at [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register). Class contact: Dan Daniel, [dandanieljr@gmail.com](mailto:dandanieljr@gmail.com).

### THURSDAY

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Witherspoon 400 / 9:30-11:00 a.m. This class began the Great Courses New Testament Study (presented by Prof. Bart Ehrman) last spring and finished the first 8 of 24 lectures. We will begin this fall on Thursday, September 7, with Lecture 9, and continue until we finish all 24 of the lectures. Newcomers are welcome. Class contact: Nancy McClean, [nancymclean@nc.rr.com](mailto:nancymclean@nc.rr.com).

**Lilies of the Field:** Calvin 301/ 9:30-10:30 a.m. This study is for women of all ages and stages. The class will study "Genesis" using *Genesis to Revelation* by Walter Harrelson. Childcare is provided each week by reservation. Class contacts: Lillian Poole, [lillianmpoole7@gmail.com](mailto:lillianmpoole7@gmail.com), and Candy Lewis, [candy.lewis1809@gmail.com](mailto:candy.lewis1809@gmail.com).

**Thursday Evening Bible Study:** Calvin 301/ 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join us for a discussion of the book *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by John Shelby Spong. Using the Gospel of Matthew as a guide, Spong reveals how a literal reading of the Bible is far removed from the original intent of the Jewish authors of the Bible. Class contact: Anna Hattaway, [chattaway111@gmail.com](mailto:chattaway111@gmail.com).

### ADDITIONAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Bible Study Dinner Group:** This group will meet at different restaurants each week for dinner and Bible Study. Adults who are age 35 to 59 are invited to contact Kristen Beightol at [kbeightol@gmail.com](mailto:kbeightol@gmail.com) for more information about joining the group.

**Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation:** Calvin 301/ Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 2017, Feb. 7 and April 18, 2018/ 6:30-8:00 p.m. Written by J. Philip Newell, one of the foremost experts on Celtic spirituality, this book offers a reflection on the "forgotten" Jesus, the Christ of the Celtic tradition. The Celtic Christ offers new hope for achieving harmony, healing, and renewal for human beings and for all creation. Newell connects the Celtic tradition with our more conventional Christian beliefs and offers a vision of concern for healing creation and the environment—for the presence of the sacred in nature and all creatures. This was the essence of the ancient vision of Christ. *Christ of the Celts* shows us a new picture of who Christ is today combined with the ancient reverence for harmony with God and nature. Each class will be a group discussion of assigned chapters and will end with a worship service. Class contact: Gloria Johnson, 919-823-3425, ext. 207 or [gjohnson@whitememorial.org](mailto:gjohnson@whitememorial.org).

**Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem:** Calvin 301 / Nov. 27/28, Dec 4/5, 11/12, and 18/19. Duplicate classes Monday evening 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday 10:00-11:00 a.m. You are invited to spend Christmas with Mary. Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book we begin at the end, with Mary at the Crucifixion and Resurrection; travel back in time as she witnesses Jesus' life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ Child born in a stable. Class contact: Gloria Johnson, 919-823-3425, ext. 207 or [gjohnson@whitememorial.org](mailto:gjohnson@whitememorial.org).