

Wednesday Evening: Covenant Connection

Wednesday evening dinners and programming for all ages

Dinner served between 5:30 - 6:45; programs begin at 6:30 - see schedule below

Dinner cost: \$6 adults/\$4 children and youth; \$20 family maximum

Dinner reservations needed by noon Monday preceding each Wednesday

Make weekly or standing reservations by phone (704-333-9071) or on line (www.covenantpresby.org)

Adult programming, in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 pm

► Living Abundantly

September 1 - November 17 in the Rec. Center

www.livingabundantlyprogram.com

Co-sponsored by Recreation Ministries and the Health & Wellness Committee

Empower whole health by making the connection between a healthy body, mind, spirit, and community. The Living Abundantly program uniquely integrates time-honored spiritual and self-discovery practices with diet and exercise principles. In the context of a supportive environment, individuals are empowered to incorporate healthy behaviors into their everyday lives. (First session free, then \$15 per session)

► Study of Paul's letter to the Philippians

Suzanne Henderson, teacher

Assistant Professor of Religion; Queens University of Charlotte

September 8, 15, 22, & 29

- Do you enjoy probing the rich claims of Biblical texts as they relate to our lives? Or would you rather do a "Bible for Dummies" class?
- Do you admire the apostle Paul and yearn to know more about his ministry? Or are you suspicious of his letters, sensing somehow that they're closed-minded, chauvinistic, and perhaps even a distortion of Jesus' message?
- Do you want to commit to a four-week study? Or would you rather drop in when your schedule permits?



If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, join us on Wednesday nights in September for a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Each week, we'll explore Paul's claims and their relevance for our lives today. Along the way, we'll learn about Paul's views about Jesus as the Christ, and his example for Christian communities across every place and time. Most importantly, we'll deepen our own sense of what it means to be "partners in the Gospel" at Covenant, in Charlotte, and in the larger world.

► Journey Through the Holy Land

September 15, 22 & 29

For those traveling to the Holy Land in October with the Covenant group, and all others who are interested

September 15: Capernaum, Ceasarea and possibly Megiddo

September 22: Hebron, and possibly Masada

September 29: Jerusalem

Discussion each week will include information about the early, ancient history; Biblical references (ties to Jesus' life where possible); the modern role; and what the Covenant group of Holy Land travelers might expect to see while visiting.

► Faith Conversations

Beginning in October

Led by Ann Sanders and Donna Wise

In the fall, a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World ... a Geography of Faith*, a fresh look at the sacred in life and our experience of God in the world around us.

Winter and spring will move into a study of religious pluralism and American spiritualities using writings from

Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religions and

Director of the Pluralism Project at Harvard;

Harvey Cox, Divinity Professor at Harvard;

Robert Wuthnow, Professor of Sociology and Director of Princeton University's Center for the Study of Religion;

Religion;

Krista Tippett, producer and journalist for NPR's

Speaking of Faith

The class will look at why religion matters and how to talk about it in a world growing ever more diverse; standing in our own faith while engaging those of other faiths.

► Would you like to receive daily e-mail devotions through the month of September based on Paul's letter to the Philippians, and written by Suzanne Henderson?

If yes, e-mail your request to Sally Graves in the church office (sally.graves@covenantpresby.org)