

## Christian Education offers . . .

A treasure chest of opportunities to nurture wisdom and understanding about God, faith, and faithfulness. In study of the Scriptures we find new insights into God's work in our world and God's purpose for our lives. In book studies we hear new voices seeking to challenge us to connect Christian faith with everyday faithfulness. In discussion groups we share fellowship (and often food) as we wrestle with questions large and small. In choirs we sing the faith! Together we seek and share wisdom and understanding, gifts of God for the people of God. Take a look at the precious possibilities within these pages, and then come join us!



John Peterson



# TOGETHER ON TOW WEDNESDAY

**Each evening begins in the Great Hall**

6pm - Circle time for sharing joy & concerns

Followed by Dinner

*Suggested donation: Adults \$5; Children \$2*

Childcare is provided

### ***TOW EVENING BIBLE STUDY***

**(October 4, 11, 18 and 25)**

Poverty is not just a 21st century phenomena! Scripture speaks loudly and clearly about the challenges and responsibilities of God's people in addressing the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Join us as we take a look together at what Scripture says about the reality of scarcity in the midst of abundance and a faithful response to it.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: John Peterson

**(November 1, 8, 15 and 29)**

8th - Bag up bean soup packages

**(December 6 and 13)**

13th - Gingerbread house creations

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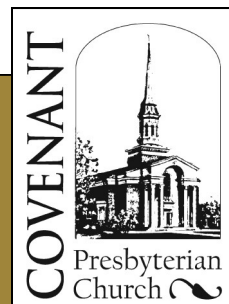
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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*How much better to get wisdom than gold!  
To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.  
Proverbs 16:16*

## ADULTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30am

#### ADULT II

Our new book for this Fall is, "If: Trading Your *If Only* Regrets for God's *What If Possibilities*" by Dr. Mark Batterson. Author Eric Metaxas states, "Mark Batterson has the extraordinary gift of making inspiration seem contagious. It will motivate and encourage you in a way that is genuinely entertaining and solidly biblical."

Location: Room 6

Led by: Richard & Donna Esther

#### CURRENT EVENTS WITH A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE (Beginning October 8)

This fall the class will continue our congregational study of the impact of poverty on children by reading and discussing a book that offers insights into the reality of poverty and the challenges it offers to our nation, our world, and our church.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: Sam Hostetter

#### QUESTIONS CLASS (Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29)

Can't commit to every week? This is a drop-in class dealing with questions/ concepts of our faith journeys. Past discussions include:

- ♦ Is being a Christian less about cautiously avoiding sins than about courageously and actively doing God's will?
- ♦ Was the Bible given to increase our knowledge, or to change our lives?

Location: Breezeway

Led by: Various

#### STAINED GLASS CLASS (Nov. 5, 12 and 19)

Covenant's own Melissa Harmon has made six stained glass panels highlighting different parts of our faith. This class will afford the opportunity to see and learn about the stained glass and the meaning of each panel.

Location: Breezeway

Led by: Melissa Harmon

#### ADVENT SERIES (Beginning December 3)

Advent is a time for preparation and reflection as we anticipate the birth of our Savior. In a culture that has tried to co-opt Christmas for its own material purposes it can be hard to keep focus on the reason for the season. Join us for a shared study of the true meaning of Christmas as we delve deeper into the meaning of the birth of the Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Location: Room 5

Led by: John Peterson

## CHILDREN

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30am

This year, we will be using the *Walk with Me* curriculum for elementary-age students. This curriculum uses Bible stories to teach about God's love, promises, and desired response from us.

#### Toddler and Pre-K (Blue Room)

Led by: Joan Sayers, Katie Campbell, Susie Oberg, & Rebecca Allison

#### K and 1st Grade (Yellow Room)

Led by: Kristin Siegel, Ellen Lucius, Elissa McDonald, & Dan and Mandy Drumheller

#### 2nd and 3rd Grade (Green Room)

Led by: Bill & Janey Terry

#### 4th and 5th Grade (Room 2-Upstairs)

Led by: Cora Leigh Clark, Diana Bohart, Kevin & Kathlynn Luebke-Brown

### INFANTS

Nursery is provided for babies through 18 month olds during the Sunday School hour by Nursery Caregivers and Huggers & Helpers.

### GODLY PLAY

Squirming in the pews? September through May after the Children's Message in the 10:30 service, children ages 4 through 1st grade are invited to an active worship experience. Bible stories will be taught through song and interactive storytelling.

Location: Room 3 Led by: Grace Melvin, Amanda Campbell, Kent Diduch, Jessica Herr, Michele Kielty & Laura Lawson

### ALPHA CHOIR

The Alpha Choir is for children in K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Their rehearsals begin September 10, before Sunday School at 9:10-9:30am. At 9:30am they will go to their Sunday School classes.

The Alpha Choir will sing on Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Location: Choir Room

Led by: Joan Swift & Mike Riddell

### OMEGA CHOIR

The Omega Choir is for children in 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Their rehearsals are the 1/2 hour immediately following the 10:30am Sunday services. The Omega Choir will sing on Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 or 24 depending on those who can be present on the 24th.

Location: Choir Room

Led by: Joan Swift & Bonnie Powell

## YOUTH

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30am

- ♦ Did Jesus know that he was the Son of God when he was a child?
- ♦ What if we never have a "mountain-top experience?"
- ♦ Does God let bad things happen to us today just so we can later experience God's grace?

The youth (grades 6-12) will be using Rebecca Kirkpatrick's book, *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation*, as a guide for lessons and discussion.

Location: Senior High Room

Led by: Lee Clark, Darlene Schneck, Tom & Vicki Bellamy, Debbie Melvin & Laura Lawson

### HIGH SCHOOL COFFEEHOUSE

Midweek meeting to talk about life, faith, and the Bible. Small service opportunities will be included! September through May, Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45pm. Check the website for locations.

### FIRED UP FRIDAYS

WHO: 2nd - 8th Graders

WHAT: Bible Study, Service Project, and Soccer Darts

WHEN: 3rd Fridays, 6:00 to 8:00pm

(check-in begins at 5:45)

WHERE: Check-in outside of the Great Hall

WHY: Gettin' fired up about faith!

### YOUTH GROUP

First Sundays of the month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Location: Senior High Room

Led by: Laura Lawson

### SOCIETAL NEED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY -

Covenant is devoting a period of study, prayer and outreach to the issue of "the impact of poverty on children." But how do we define "child poverty"? What are the consequences of growing up poor? And how can churches, community organizations and individuals best work to improve the lives and futures of children? All of our Sunday School classes will join together in September to search for answers to these questions.

#### ADULTS & YOUTH IN THE GREAT HALL

**September 10** - Covenant's own Amy Diduch, Professor of Economics at Mary Baldwin University, will examine how poverty is defined and measured, consider the causes of poverty and assess the extent of social mobility in the USA.

**September 17** - Ann Miller, Coordinator of Elementary Instruction and K-12 Professional Development at Waynesboro Public Schools, will lead a study into the impact of poverty on children's educational opportunities and outcomes.

**September 24** - Jill Lassiter, Associate Professor of Health & Human Sciences at Bridgewater College, will lead a discussion to consider ways in which local organizations can improve community health and address issues resulting from poverty.

**CHILDREN (GRADES 2-5) WILL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH KAREN PETERSON AND JOAN SAYERS**