



**Adult Education**  
**Weekday Classes and Groups**  
**Fall 2017**

Classes and small groups play a key role at First Church in building community, providing space to reflect and ask faith questions, and supporting each other's faith journey.

**Old Testament Disciple Bible Study**

*Meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Glenna Hall, Sept. 20-Nov. 15. (In Room K on Sept. 20)*

In this eight-week study participants will explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Group participants gather weekly to reflect on the texts, consider commentary, view video clips of archaeological sites, share insights and questions, and pray together. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the Hebrew Bible and of God's vision for all things. This Disciple Bible study is accessible for those with little prior Bible experience. New participants are welcome. Facilitated by Ellen Feliciano and Janet Lutz. Please sign up at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

**God's Story, Our Stories (Lectionary Bible study group)**

*Meets Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall. Begins Sept. 14.*

This Bible study group meets weekly to discuss and reflect on the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. Participants read the passages in advance and share reflections, insights, and questions. Anyone looking for a way to participate in worship more deeply and intentionally will find this group a great way to prepare. New additions to the group are most welcome. Please sign up at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/). Facilitated by Bill Brown, Bob Keller, and Bonny Roth.

**Progressive Theology Reading Group**

*Meets Thursdays, noon-1:15 p.m. in Glenna Hall. Begins Sept. 14.*

Persons interested in recent perspectives on the Christian faith gather weekly to discuss a book the group has chosen -- usually one or two chapters per week. Readings are rich, but the group is not intended for scholarly discussion; participants share their personal viewpoints and insights on what the reading means for their daily lives. This fall the group will begin with Marcus Borg's *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the Twenty-First Century*. Facilitated by Dennis Moore and others. New participants are welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch. To add yourself to the mailing list, please visit [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

**Read Pray Love --** *Meets monthly on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:45 p.m. in Glenna Hall.*

**Read Pray Love 2** -- *Meets monthly on Thursdays, noon to 1:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall.*

These two continuing groups welcome new participants to fill available spaces. Group members gather monthly to reflect together on some reading, share faith questions and challenges, support each other, and pray together. Facilitated by Bonny Roth. Interested? Please contact Bonny at [bonny@faithatfirst.com](mailto:bonny@faithatfirst.com).

### **Grace Circle**

*Meets every other Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the conference room. Begins Sept. 11.*

Participants in this small group will meet every two weeks to reflect together on some reading, share faith questions and challenges, support each other, and pray together. This fall we will read *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Facilitated by Jane Currie and Mary Taylor-Johnson. *This group is currently at capacity.*

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**

*Meets Tuesdays, Sept. 26-Nov. 21, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Glenna Hall*

We are delighted to offer this Dave Ramsey course for First Church members and friends and for the community at large. Nine sessions address topics such as communicating with your partner; setting priorities; cash flow planning; addressing debt; saving for college, retirement, and emergencies; understanding mortgages and insurance. First Church member Robert Jackson facilitates this class. Fee for church members and friends is \$100 per household, with 40% discount upon request. Persons unsure about participating are welcome to attend the first session on a free trial basis. Register at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/); non-First Church folks register at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). Questions? Please contact Robert Jackson at [rjackson4@gmail.com](mailto:rjackson4@gmail.com) or 706-951-0729 or visit the Dave Ramsey website using the above link.

**Please also see the listing of Sunday morning classes and groups.**

*Want to be added to the Adult Education electronic communications loop? Please contact Mary Taylor-Johnson, Adult Education and Membership Coordinator, at [mary@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mary@faithatfirst.com) or 847-864-6181.*

