

SUNDAY STUDIES

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a life-changing 13-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey. The course begins Sunday, September 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. in rooms G222,223,224,225,228, and 229. The cost is \$90.00 per family for materials. For additional information, call Matt Russell, 281-360-7810, e-mail him at mrussell@mtrfinancial.com, or visit the FPU website at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home.

Marriage Course

Once again this fall we will offer The Marriage Course. On Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 we will gather together to view DVD's on topics such as The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict and the Power of Forgiveness. Discussion is between spouses, not in group. This is a great date night, so come for dessert and enhance your marriage by spending time together. The course begins on Sunday, September 13 in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.00. Childcare is provided by reservation. Registration will be taken by phone, 281-358-2137 or by e-mail paula.cade@kingwoodumc.org.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God

This popular 13-week study focuses on knowing God better and learning how to walk more closely and obediently with Him. Many who have taken the study have commented, "I never really experienced God until I completed the 'Experiencing God' study." Richard and Beth Whittier will lead the group that will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in K105, beginning September 13. Participants will learn to hear when God is speaking; see where God is working so that they can join Him; and, experience God doing through them what only God can do. Workbooks are provided (~\$20.00 cost); course consists of daily individual study supplemented by group discussion on Sunday evenings. Call the Church Office, 281-358-2137, to sign up or contact Richard or Beth, 281-358-6459, with any questions.

Spiritual Growth Through Spiritual Gifts

This is a small group study of spiritual gifts. You will complete an inventory to discover your gifts. As a group we will look to scripture to see who gives us gifts, how and why they are to be used. Cost for the study is \$10. We will begin meeting Sunday, September 13 for 8 weeks (on Sunday evenings) from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in K-102. Childcare is available with a reservation. For more information contact Melinda Dodd at 281-358-2137 or Melinda.Dodd@KingwoocUMC.org

Reintroducing Christianity

An increasing percentage of people today do not attend church and know little of Christianity. What do they think of Christian faith and Christians? Are we really duped, as many seem to think? Why are Christians often portrayed as intolerant or bigoted in media, shows and books? The world has changed a great deal in the last 50 years, and in spite of a long history of Christianity in America, many people no longer know much about our faith. How do we respond to the world we live in now? And how do we bear witness to authentic Christian faith in these turbulent times? This six-week course will be held on Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 13 in the Sanctuary. The study will be taught by Rev.'s Jim Welch and Elizabeth Moreau.

TUESDAY STUDIES

Men's Fraternity

This fall the study will focus on "Winning at Home and at Work." We meet on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and finish by 7:30 a.m. The study begins Tuesday, September 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Patrick Evans will lead the study. There is no charge and all men are welcome!

Young Dad's Bible Study

This fall's offering is *The Screwtape Letters*, where C.S. Lewis provides a series of lessons in the importance of taking a deliberate role in living out Christian faith by portraying a typical human life, with all its temptations and failings, as seen from the demon/devil's viewpoint. Wormwood and Screwtape live in a peculiarly morally reversed world, where individual benefit and greed are seen as the greatest good, and neither demon is capable of comprehending or acknowledging true human virtue when he sees it. This class is facilitated by Tony Vandenberg. The class is a group of men between 30 and 45. We begin on Tuesday, September 8 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in The Loft. Cost of the book is \$15.00.

Grief Share

This fall we will offer the 13 week study Grief Share. Grief Share is a Bible study for those who have lost loved ones and who are working through the grief process. This small group study is a place where



hurting people find healing and hope. Topics include: The Journey of Grief, the Effects of Grief, Your Family and Grief and God's Prescription for Grief. We will offer this study on Tuesday afternoons September 15, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in K101, and on Thursday evenings beginning September 17, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please call Paula Cade for more information or to register, 281-358-2137 or e-mail paula.cade@kingwoodumc.org.

WEDNESDAY STUDIES

Grace Groups

Grace groups formed originally in the late 80's and have been a support to those overwhelmed by life ever since. This is a 12-week Bible study that moves us from brokenness to healing and hope. The church is the organism created by God to minister truth and love, and this is the function of a Grace Group ministry. The truth cannot be sidestepped. It must be presented to victims in such a way that they acknowledge what has happened to them and see that within the context of the love of Christ, they can become whole as they deal with the issues and events which have numbed them to life. A major breakthrough comes when a victim can call evil, evil, and good, good (Isaiah 5:20). "Building up one another in love" is a group process – and that's what happens in a Grace Group. Here at KUMC we have a Grace Group for women that meet on Wednesday mornings in room G229 from 9:30 until 11:30. A new session will begin on September 9. You can register by calling Paula Cade, 281-358-2137, or Laura McPherson, 281-540-1470.

Young Mom's Bible Study

All Mothers who have babies, preschool or school aged children are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings beginning September 9. Nursery is available with a reservation. We meet at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship and class begins at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will all meet together in the Fellowship Hall for the first class before you decide which study you would like to attend. We will be offering Esther and Faith Questions. Both studies will be held during the same time frame. One of the studies will be Beth Moore's Esther: It's tough being a woman. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Your commitment each week will contain 5 days of reading and study to prepare you for your discussion small group and help you to grow in your knowledge of and relationship with God. The other study, Faith Questions, will be exploring your questions and encouragement through scriptures. Bibles will be available for you or you are encouraged to bring your own and \$15 for the Esther study and \$5.00 for the Faith/Encouragement study. Scholarships are always available. Questions, or to register for this fall, call Melinda Dodd, 281-797-7334, or e-mail melinda.dodd@kingwoodumc.org.

Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, is an extensive and exciting introduction to the Bible. The study provides the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer and preparation for servanthood. The group is lead by Rev. Patrick Evans, Angela Bjornstad, and John Bjornstad. The class will be formatted for couples with child care provided. Contact Patrick, 281-358-2137, or Angela and John, 281-360-6222, or e-mail them at lagovista03@hotmail.com, for more information. Cost of study manuals is \$30.00. This class begins on Wednesday, September 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mere Christianity

"Mere Christianity" by CS Lewis. We will meet Wednesday nights at 6:30, starting September 23 in K105. Childcare Provided. If you're anything like me, you have heard of this classic book for a long time and thought "Hmm...I should read that." But somehow you never got around to it. This is your chance! Join the newest member of KUMC's pastoral staff as we delve into one of the greatest Christian books of our time. Whether you're new in faith or you've been around for a while, Lewis' exploration of the Christian faith promises to deepen your walk with Christ and your understanding of who we are as God's people. Contact Rev. Matthew Stone, 281-358-2137 at the Church Office if you have any questions.

Jesus in the Gospels

"Jesus in the Gospels" is an intensive 30+ weeks study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the events they narrate. This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. Materials include: · A "Jesus in the Gospels – Study Manual" guiding daily study and preparation for the weekly group meeting. The manual provides space for writing notes on insights, observations, and questions related to the Scripture, and for putting into words personal perceptions of Jesus from the week's Scripture. · A "Jesus in the Gospels – Gospel Comparison" providing selected Gospel portions from the New Revised Standard Version are printed in a multicolumn format to facilitate comparison of similarities and differences in Gospel accounts. The printed selections follow the sequence of Scripture covered in the study manual. Every participant needs a copy of both the study manual and the Gospel Comparisons. Class will begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in K102. Cost for this study: \$40. Study leaders are Woody Barksdale and Gladden Lawrence.

THURSDAY STUDIES

Women's Bible Study: Day & Evening

Mindy Ferguson is returning to give live lectures on her study "Eyewitness to Majesty" - a story of the life of Peter. She will do an 11-week series starting Thursday, September 10. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and will tape the lectures for the night class. The day class runs from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and the night class from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00. Contact Leta Barksdale for additional information, 281-360-7602.