

## Return of the 12 Classes

### ***Conversations Around End of Life and Dying Well in America***

- Leader: Doug Lofton
- When: Class begins April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Location: To Be Determined
- Theme: Conversations based on “Dying Well” by Ira Brock
- Audience: For people making decisions about issues of death and dying for family and for themselves.
- Format: Open conversation based upon reading of the book, “Dying Well”.  
\*You will need to purchase the book.
- Description: From Ira Byock, prominent palliative care physician and expert in end of life decisions, a lesson in “Dying Well”.  
*Nobody should have to die in pain. Nobody should have to die alone. This is Ira Byock’s dream, and he is dedicating his life to making it come true. “Dying Well” brings us to the homes and bedsides of families with whom Dr. Byock has worked, telling stories of love and reconciliation in the face of tragedy, pain, medical drama, and conflict. Through the true stories of patients, he shows us that a lot of important emotional work can be accomplished in the final months, weeks, and even days of life. It is a companion for families, showing them how to deal with doctors, how to talk to loved ones—and how to make the end of life as meaningful and enriching as the beginning.*

### ***Acting Up: Using Drama in Worship***

- Leaders: Jim & Paula Ream
- When: Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Location: To Be Determined
- Audience: Intergenerational
- Description: We’ll examine how drama can be used in worship by improvisation and other skills besides skits.

### ***What It Means to Be an Open and Inclusive Church***

Leader: To Be Determined

When: Summer of 2018

More information will be provided about this class during the next few weeks.

### ***Financial Peace, In Just One Hour?***

Leaders: Chris Fultz and Matt Fultz

When: Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 10:30am

Location: SCC room 300

Audience: This intro class is suited to all adults, regardless of where you are on your life journey.

Description: Are you interested in gaining better control of your finances, learning how to create a budget or finding proven ways to reduce your debt? Have you heard about Financial Peace University, but just not sure if it's for you? This short class will introduce you to all these topics and some others, give you some solid take-aways, and provide information on FPU class offerings in the community if you want to take that next step.

### ***Are you the Ideal Team Player?***

Leader: Dave Rohl

When: July 2018

Location: To Be Determined

Audience: High School and beyond

Theme: Conversations about the work of Patrick Lencioni around what makes a good team member and connections to scripture.

### ***Visual Faith Project***

- Leader: Scott Opsahl
- When: Tuesdays of Lent: February 13<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm
- Locations: February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> will be held at Mashcraft (1140 N State Road 135) in Greenwood. Beverages will be available for purchase. Some snacks will be provided. Locations for remaining dates are to be determined.
- Audience: Ages 14 and older.
- Description: We will explore Scripture and make connections with photographs through self-reflection and discussion. Exploring Scripture through the use of images creates a connection in our biology and our souls that allows us to experience God's Word in new and transformative ways.

### ***Christian Discipleship***

- Leader: Don Hutton
- When: Sunday mornings March 4 – August 26 at 10:30am
- Location: SCC room 302/Parlor
- Audience: Young Adults
- Description: A Study of Jesus' Parables

### ***And Still We Rise***

- Leaders: John Kixmiller (9am) and Paula Peterson (10:30am)
- When: Sunday mornings April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> at both 9am and 10:30am
- Location: SCC room 300
- Audience: Older Youth and Adults
- Theme: A six-week study on personal and congregational transformation.
- Description: God calls each of us to take a journey of faith as we go through our lives. That journey involves the process of allowing ourselves to be transformed by God's presence and guidance on each turn of our lives. The authors of "And Still We Rise" state that "It is important to understand that the transformation process is just that -- a process. God works on us as individuals and as congregations, but it takes time. You may not walk away from the first lesson feeling transformed or even knowing exactly what transformation is. Be patient! God is working in the journey, and in the Scripture, and in the conversations."

\*You will need to purchase the book. They will be pre-ordered.

### ***How to Share Your Faith Without Being Obnoxious***

- Leader: Bill Bass
- When: Saturday mornings February 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-10:30am
- Audience: High School Youth/Adults
- Description: Are you “put off” by persons who want to share pamphlets or stories about their religious beliefs? So am I. Have you ever talked to a friend or acquaintance about your church or your faith? Probably not.
- The primary reason that a church grows is because the members invite others to come and share in an experience which they value.
- As we relocate our congregation in Greenwood this year, it will be very important that we invite people to church and to be able to share why we would like them to come.

### ***Faith Film Series***

- Leaders: Various – to be determined
- When: Three Fridays during summer 2018
- Audience: Various with each type of movie
- Location: To Be Determined
- Description: Movies will be selected for target audiences of men, adults, and women which will challenge your faith and promote discussion.

### ***The Gospel According to Harry Potter***

- Leader: Mark Meyer
- When: Sundays mornings April 8th – May 25 at 9am
- Audience: Ages 8 and older. (Not appropriate for ages under 8).
- Location: SCC room to be determined
- Description: Come join us as we explore the religious themes found in the Harry Potter series. We will discuss the books and movies of the Magical World of Harry Potter, no need to have read the books or seen the movies. This class is open to ages 8 to 99!

## ***Jesus Under Fire, Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus***

Book by Michael J. Wilkins & J. P. Moreland

Leader: Sandra Hayes

When: Sunday's 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning March 4 through May 13  
(excluding April 1- Easter)

Location: SCC Library

Description: In 1985, a group called "The Jesus Seminar" was founded by Robert W. Funk and John Dominic Crossan. Their goal was to "liberate" Jesus. Their findings confirmed to many that Jesus was just a myth, therefore there really is no God. Their findings confused many others who were searching for something to believe in. Who was right; the Bible or the Jesus Seminar? Suddenly, it became much harder for Christians to reach out to others to bring them to Christ. Jesus Under Fire was written in response to the findings of the Jesus Seminar. Thomas C. Oden, Drew Theological School, says of this book, "The Jesus Seminar is the creation of a media-culture looking for a story. This book refutes its conclusions point by point."

The class will be a discussion-type one. There will be no "canned" questions to answer. The class will decide which direction it will take each week.

\*You will need to purchase the book. Sandra can order it for you. Cost is \$8.