

Westminster Presbyterian Church
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES, 9:30 AM

December, January, February 2015-2016

This quarter begins December 6

Register by Sunday, November 29 to facilitate room assignments and book orders. Husbands and wives, register individually if attending separate classes. You are not obliged to any class. You may change as you wish.



Register online at www.westpca.com

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Print Name _____ Class # _____ Book: Yes No

1. Then You Will Know That I Am the LORD—A Study of the Book of Ezekiel

The prophet Ezekiel is called by God to preach a singular message - the time has come for the nation of Israel to collect the wages of their continuous, generational sin - death, destruction and exile! This is presented by the prophet in a long series of messages, some enacted symbolically, but all foretelling and justifying God's intention to punish the holy city of Jerusalem and its inhabitants with death, destruction and exile. Yet Ezekiel's book contains a message which speaks of the holiness and sovereignty of God, of His grace and mercy, of our individual responsibility for our sin. Most of all, God is faithful.

Teacher: Mr. Mark Flaharty

2. Ephesians: God's Plan for All Things

Ephesians pulls aside the curtain to reveal God's plan for human history, indeed, for all creation. Paul's intention is not just to give an abstract view of God's purpose, but to help us understand in very practical terms, how we are to fulfill that purpose. Surprisingly, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages," remains largely undiscussed, and little understood among believers today. Seeing God's plan in Ephesians will help you to understand all of Scripture more completely, and understand God better. It will also give you a pragmatic guide to becoming all we were meant to be as the people of God. For Paul's prayer for the Ephesian saints applies to us as well: that you "comprehend with all the saints...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Teacher: Elder Mark Blecker

3. The Attributes of God (Ligonier Video with teaching by Rev. Steven Lawson)

We are not permitted to invent or tinker with our own ideas of who God is; that is idolatry. Divine attributes as found in Scripture must be our sole foundation. Among many qualities of One True God we shall explore will be: sovereignty, holiness, omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, immutability truthfulness, grace, foreknowledge and wrath. We will ask how these attributes of God may have practical impact on every Christian's daily life and worship. No text is required. Study outlines will be provided.

Teacher: Dr. Michael Rogers

4. History of Missions

God's whole purpose in human history is to "bring many sons to glory." The cosmic conflict of redemption is being worked out still today in the experience of His people. In this course we consider how and by what stages Christ's little band of 120 in an upper room on the Day of Pentecost has spread to become the largest of the World Religions today. What lessons are there for us as we in turn take our place in the "grand procession" toward the long-awaited Return of the King?

Teacher: Dr. Samuel Larsen, *Professor of Missions Emeritus at Reformed Theological Seminary, is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies. He served as a missionary in Kenya and Australia. He has had urban church planting experience on three continents and is a former regional director with Mission to the World.*

5. **Redemptive Approach to Same-Sex Issues**

This class will explore a number of issues.

- What does the Bible teach about homosexuality, and what about alternative interpretations?
- How can a congregation be a redemptive community of both grace and truth?
- How might we be “salt and light” so that we commend Christian thinking on this issue to the world around us?
- What guidance is there for parents seeking wisdom in relating to and guiding a young adult?
- How does Scripture speak to the Christian struggling with same-sex attraction?
- What does the Bible teach about “same-sex marriage”?

Teachers: Dr. John Light, Dr. Joan Stratton, Rev. Tucker York, and others

Books (optional): *Is God Anti-Gay?* By Sam Allberry (\$6.00)

What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality? By Kevin DeYoung (\$9.00)

6. **Homebuilders—A Loving Life**

Homebuilders is a Westminster community of young couples and parents that seeks to foster God-honoring relationships, Christ-centered marriages, and godly parenting.

Everyone loves a love story and there is perhaps none better in the Bible than Ruth and Boaz. However, love is more than romance. It is work, commitment, and sacrifice. It is also glorious when our Sovereign Redeemer works through fallen people so they die to self and give themselves for the good of others. In this class on the Book of Ruth, we will follow author Paul Miller’s lead to explore this story of redemption with the hope that we can grow to love others in greater likeness of the one who loved us and gave himself for us.

Teachers: Rev. Tucker York, Elder Jeb Bland

Recommended book: *A Loving Life* by Paul Miller (cost \$14)

7. **Footprints Fellowship—Today’s Culture, Our Responses...and WHY**

Footprints Fellowship is a women's fellowship group that purposes to nurture women of any age and to help them establish a scriptural basis upon which to meet life's challenges.

Our culture is presenting us with increasing and strong contradictions of truth. While for believers “because God says” is a satisfactory end to the debate, many will want to know *why* God says what he says and why believers accept that. Join us as we consider various areas in which Scripture differs from our current culture and as we outline biblical answers (and how to clarify these for our children). Most importantly, however, we will look at underlying biblical truths that direct and allow us to mold our lives according to God’s directives.

Teacher: Dr. Joan Stratton

8. **Pilgrims in Progress—Lessons From the Upper Room**

Pilgrims in Progress is a class that welcomes all who could benefit from a small church fellowship inside a larger church. In a warm and informal setting each Sunday morning friendships are formed, prayer needs are shared, and the Scripture is opened either in guided discussions or through teaching videos combined with class discussion.

In this winter quarter, we will view and discuss a video series by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson titled, “Lessons From the Upper Room.” All are welcome.

Teacher: Dr. William Piepgrass

9. **Young Adult Fellowship—Deuteronomy**

Should God's laws for Israel affect our approach to this election cycle? How do you distinguish between the three distinctions in the law? Is the law about not boiling a goat in its mother's milk profitable for teaching, reproof and training in righteousness? It's hard to overestimate the theological significance of Deuteronomy. It is the necessary background for a clear understanding of most of the Old Testament but can be difficult to understand. This class will introduce the basic context and governing principles of interpretation and then move through the book applying the principles to exemplary passages of the different segments of law.

Teacher: Mr. John Hayward

9. **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

This class is for those for whom English is not their primary language. The purpose of the class is to go over the Scripture used in the morning sermon by emphasizing English comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. This would be an excellent class to invite your English-learning friends.

Teachers: Elder Jim O'Connor and others