



Adult Christian Formation

*O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.
Psalm 63:1*

*There is a hunger abroad in our time, haunting lives and hearts.
Like an empty stomach aching beneath the sleek coat of a seemingly well-fed
creature, it reveals that something is missing from the diet of our rational,
secular and affluent culture. Both within and beyond faith communities,
a hunger for spiritual depth and integrity is gaining momentum.
Marjorie J. Thompson in "Soul Feast:
An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life"*

Fall 2011

September 18 - October 23 /

Track 1: Bible Study "Gospel of Matthew" – Guild Room

Track 2: "Conversation over Coffee" – Parish Hall

October 30 / Town Meeting – no adult formation

November 6 / Laos Mission Trip – Nathan Richardson

November 13 / The Holy Land – Kathie Jinks, Bob Haskin, Jeanne Manry

November 20 & 27 / Poetry of T.S. Eliot – The Rev. Andrew Parker

December 4 & 11 / Poetry of George Herbert – The Rev. Liz Parker

December 18 / The Mission of the Episcopal Church in Peru – The Rev. Canon Ian Montgomery

Classes begin promptly at 9:40 am & end at 10:25 am.

Adult Christian Formation

At St. Timothy's we are committed to lifelong Christian faith formation. We embrace spiritual growth for all ages in our core values. Formation is one of the "Aspects of Life" at St. Timothy's represented by the stunning Angel oil paintings surrounding our altar.

Faith formation happens at St. Timothy's! Be it intentional or unintentional, every life experience can be an energizing and provocative opportunity to live out our Baptismal Covenant. The question for each of us is how we might celebrate this revelation in ways which nurture and empower us to live counter culturally in a world which puts the secular life above a faith-filled life.

Adult formation at St. Timothy's strives to provide a variety of opportunities to connect, to learn, and to grow together through this vibrant, transformative process empowered by the Holy Spirit.

	Bible Study	Fellowship	Prayer	Spiritual Growth
Centering Prayer			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The Comforting Whirlwind				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Creative Listening				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date for 8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grace Group				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Great Courses - OT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Healing Prayer Group			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mom's Bible Study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
WEST				
Track 1: David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Track 2: #1				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#2				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#3				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Small Group Descriptions

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. Its focus is the deepening of our relationship with the Living Christ by the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God.

Length: Weekly 30- minute sessions

Schedule: Wednesdays from 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: The Guild Room

Cost: none

Commitment: attendance expectation flexible, practice encouraged

Contact: The Rev. Andrew Parker 979-297-6003 or aparker@sttimothy.org

The Comforting Whirlwind by Bill McKibben

The author takes a look at how the book of Job may inform our consideration of what is our right and responsible relationship with God, with each other, and with the environment. He draws upon current scientific understandings and upon the scriptures in Job to propose that we undertake a transformation of our world-view.

Length: 1 ½-2 hour sessions over 4-6 weeks

Schedule: Day, time and starting date TBD by participants

Location: TBD

Cost: purchase book

Commitment: regular attendance encouraged, reading assignments

Contact: Kelly McClendon 979-297-9464 or kdmclendon@comcast.net

Creative Listening

This group combines listening and doing within a relaxed atmosphere. Participants are invited to listen to a designated reader read. Working on some type of handwork, craft, or art work while listening is optional.

Length: Weekly 1 ½ - hour sessions

Schedule: Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: TBD by the participants

Cost: None

Commitment: Attendance is flexible

Preparation: none

Contact: Sharon McKey 979-285-3567 or mzsmckey@sbcglobal.net

Date for 8

Small groups of 8 individuals from our church—couples or singles, new and/or veterans, form a group of eight that meets 3 different times over a four-month period for a meal and fellowship. At the end of the 4-5 month period a new grouping of parishioners would be organized to repeat the cycle.

Length: Monthly 2-hour gatherings for a meal and fellowship

Schedule: Determined by the participants

Location: Determined by the participants

Cost: None

Commitment: Attendance expected

Preparation: none

Contact: Marianne Essington 979-299-3001 or alan.essington@earthlink.net

David: Seeking A Heart Like His

"God will never give up on you." Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in this Beth Moore bible study.

Length: Eleven 1½ - 2 hour sessions

Schedule: Tuesdays 2 pm - 4 pm beginning Sept 6

Wed 6 pm - 7:30 pm beginning Sept 7 as part of WEST

Location: Soundings Room

Cost: purchase book (\$16)

Commitment: Regular attendance encouraged

Reading assignments

Grace Group

Grace Group is a Biblically based journey of exploration and transformation. Each group member is encouraged and supported as they examine issues arising from childhood abuse or neglect, how those issues are still affecting them today, and how change is possible

Length: Twelve sessions

Schedule: Thurs, Sept 22, 29 / 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Friday, September 30 / 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 1 / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thurs, Oct 6, 13, 20, 17, Nov 3, 10, 17 / 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Location: Soundings Room

Cost: Book, approximately \$30

Commitment: All twelve sessions

Contact: Kathie Jinks kathaskin@comcast.net to fill out pre-group questionnaire

Great Courses: The Old Testament

This Bible study consists of video lectures and discussion. A syllabus is available for those who want to read the lecture material.

Length: 24 sessions of 1½ - 2 hours

Schedule: To be decided by participants

Location: To be decided by participants

Cost: none

Commitment: Regular attendance encouraged

Preparation: none

Contact: Bernadine Schockmel 979-265-6154

Healing Prayer Group

Participants in this group seek to continue Christ's healing mission by becoming more available to the indwelling and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Schedule: Fridays 8:45 am - 10:30 am

Location: Guild Room

Cost: None

Commitment: Attendance flexible

Preparation: None

Contact: Char Aslakson 979-297-3159 or

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Mom's Bible Study

Moms of all ages (even Grandmas) are welcome to participate in this sharing and caring group. We begin our fall sessions with an 8-week study titled "Debunking the Myth of the Ideal Mom." For Moms with little ones, the church nursery is available for ages newborn-5 yrs old. In addition, the Children's Choir (K-5th grade) meets at the same time.

Length: Weekly 45-minute sessions

Schedule: Wedn 4:15 pm - 5 pm beginning Sept 7

Location: The Soundings Room

Cost: \$5.00

Commitment: Attendance is flexible

Preparation: none

Contact: Alysia Bucci 979-285-9942 or alysia555@gmail.com

Wednesday Evenings at St. Timothy's (WEST)

Track 1: David: Seeking A Heart Like His

Beth Moore Bible Study (See previous details)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Soundings Room

Track 2: Mending Body, Mind, and Soul: Becoming a Whole Hearted Apprentice

1. Cry of the Soul

by Dan Allender and Temper Longman

This book study uses the Psalms to explore the idea that our emotional life forms a window that lets us see deep into the heart of God.

Length: Nine 1-hour sessions

Schedule: Wed 6 pm - 7 pm beginning Sept 7

Location: Guild Room

Cost: purchase book

Commitment: Regular attendance encouraged

Preparation: reading assignments

Contact: Kathie Jinks 979-297-3560 or

kathaskin@comcast.net

2. The Good and Beautiful God

by James Bryan Smith

This deep, loving, and transformative book will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by—to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed—and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.

Length: Nine 1-hour sessions

Schedule: Wed 6 pm - 7 pm Nov 2011 - Jan 2012

Exact dates TBD

Location: Guild Room

Cost: Purchase book

Commitment: Regular attendance strongly encouraged

Preparation: Reading assignments and spiritual exercises

Contact: The Rev. Liz Parker 979-297-6003 or

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3. Why God Won't Go Away

by Alister McGrath

Details: TBD-Stay Tuned

Contact: The Rev. Andrew Parker 979-297-6003 or

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The Angel of Formation oil painting was created by Ruben Aponte using a watercolor model by Franci Kelley. It is one of the paintings representing the four aspects of life at St. Timothy's which surround the altar.

Worship Schedule

7:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (quiet)

8:30 - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with Joiful Noyse

9:30 - Christian Formation

10:45 - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with Choir & Organ

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