

Spiritual Formation Classes

2011-2012

An Overview

Throughout the year we remind people that they are spiritual folks. That God, through Christ, has encouraged us to grow in our faith. This is not an exercise in intellectual information gathering but through worship, prayer, study, simplicity, service, mission, etc we push ourselves to embody

the teachings and practices of God's child, Jesus and live them in our own life contexts.

So consider this a sneak preview of ways you can be spiritually formed when we kick-off the fall season at Olympia First Baptist Church.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Mission Potluck

Friday, Sept. 23rd

5:45 pm

Featuring: Our outreach to Roosevelt School

Summary of Classes

Nursery/ Beginners	203/205
Koinonia	207
Thru the Bible	212
Simplicity	Fire-side
Tuesday Study	Fire-side
Thursday Study	Fire-side

WORSHIP

Join us every Sunday at 10 a.m. Worship is the one thing we do the most of together as a community. In worship

we enter God's realm, God's kingdom and discover how God sees us and the world God created. We not only give God our attention, our praise, our songs and prayers, but we

struggle, together, with how to embody the kingdom values that Jesus came to show the world through scripture read and proclaimed.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

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SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES: 8:30 AM

Sunday school is an excellent way to immerse one's self in God's story, the Bible. This year we will have two adult classes. We are also going to try something new:

An intergenerational class that will include children, youth and adults called **Koinonia**, which is Greek for fellowship/communion.

It's important in today's postmodern world that the generations be able to interact

with one another, especially about matters of life and faith. We learn about the stories of faith together; we learn how to talk about faith, by being together. And we learn to serve one another and others by being together. We realize that such a class is different and risky but we need to stretch ourselves and take some risk in our faith lives. This class will meet in Room 207 with Pastor Mark and Sandy Grebbs as the facilitators.

Dr. Joe Alexanian will continue his "**Drive Thru History of the Bible**" class for adults in Room 212.

Or, Roy Spaulding will be offering a class on "**Simplicity: A Christian Lifestyle**" in the Fireside Room.

You are invited to join any of these classes at any time.

During the Week Classes:

Beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9 am**, Roy Schmidt and Pastor Bob will team up to teach the **Book of Luke** – the longest of the four gospels and, in fact, the longest book in the New Testament. We hope you will plan to join us in what promises

to be a very interesting Bible Study. All you need, is to bring your Bible and desire to learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus.

Luke shows Jesus' interest in sharing His "Good News" with

the underbelly of His part of the world – the poor, the out-cast, sinners, tax collectors, and women.

For those looking for an evening study, you are invite to join Vern Blair beginning **Tuesday, September 27th, 6:30 pm**, for a study of the **Book of Exodus**. This will be a 6-8 week study.

Men's Ministry

The men, led by Roy Spaulding, will adopt Cabin 2 at Camp Bethel and do renovations work this year. There is also the possibility of sending down a small team to Tijuana, Mexico to help with the on-going ministry at Deborah's House. We would like to also

explore Male spirituality using the work of Richard Rohr who promotes an embodied faith of action and contemplation.

