

Education Offerings January through May 2010

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

A Study of Galatians Lead by Paul St Clair

Meet at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

January 6th through February 10th

Galatians was Martin Luther's favorite book. He called it "my Katherine Von Bora" of epistles. Of this letter Luther also said, "I have taken in hand, in the name of the Lord, yet once again to expound this epistle of Paul to the Galatians; not because I desire to teach new things, or such as yet have not been heard before, but as I have often forewarned you, lest Satan take from us this doctrine of faith and bring into the church again the doctrine of works and men's traditions. Wherefore it is necessary that this doctrine be kept in continual practice and public exercise both of reading and hearing".

Galatians come to grips with the question of what real Christian life is like. The answer can be characterized in one word, "liberty". The Christian is called to liberty in Christ. The cry of this epistle is that Christians might discover the liberty of the children of God in accordance with all that God has planned us in the way of freedom and enjoyment. Its aim is freedom of the human spirit to the utmost extent, restrained only as necessary for us to exist in harmony with the design of God. Therefore, this letter has been called the "Bill of Rights of the Christian Life", the "Magna Carta of Christian Liberty" and the "Emancipation Proclamation" from all forms of legalism and bondage in the Christian experience. In 6 short chapters, Paul lays out the fundamental issues of freedom in Christ, the sense that in Christ the Christian faith moves past a Jewish sect to a worldwide faith for all people, opening God's promise to Abraham to all who will have it. In Galatians, Paul also speaks out harshly against using obedience to the Old Testament Law as a means to salvation and against those who wanted to impose Jewish laws on followers of Christ.

It should be a fun study!

Lenten Soup Suppers with Salem United Methodist Church and Cunningham United Methodist Church

Meet at Salem United Methodist Church at 6:00 PM

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Reference
Feb 24	Commandments 1&2	Exodus 20: 1- 6 Deuteronomy 5: 1-10
Mar 3	Commandments 3&4	Exodus 20: 8-12 Deuteronomy 5: 12-16
Mar 10	Commandments 5&6	Exodus 20: 13-14 Deuteronomy 5: 17-18
Mar 17	Commandments 7&8	Exodus 20: 15-16 Deuteronomy 5: 19-20
Mar 24	Commandments 9&10	Exodus 20: 17 Deuteronomy 5: 21

Grace and Glory will be responsible for the meal on February 24th, March 10th and 24th
Salem will be responsible for the Meal on March 3rd and 17th

The schedule for the evening will be:

- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Worship (Hymn/Scripture//Prayer)
- 6:40 Pastor teaches
- 7:00 Small Group Discussion
- 7:30 Group Sharing/Closing Prayer/Benediction
- 7:45 Depart

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Grace and Glory Lutheran Church
Fluvanna Middle School
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM

Sundays in January

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Leader	Reference
3	Symbols of Grace The quilters are planning to make a quilt for our New Church Narthex. This discussion will be the basis for their design effort. All are invited to participate with ideas	Pastor Albright	John 1:14-18
10	Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy “Lutheran Roots and Upcoming Legislature Issues”	Ryan Rinn	Ryan spoke to us last Spring about his Mission Trip to Guatemala
17	Symbols of Glory The quilters are planning to make a quilt for our New Church Narthex. This discussion will be the basis for their design effort. All are invited to participate with ideas	Pastor Albright	Romans 6:4
24	Continuing Study of Luke The Forgiven Woman	Wayne Carney	Luke 7: 36-50

Sundays in February

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Leader	Reference
14	The Witness of Peter & the Disciples	Justin Wade	Luke 9: 18-27
21	The Seventy Witnesses on a Mission	Wayne	Luke 10: 1-24
28	Authentic and Hypocritical Witnesses	Justin	Luke 11: 53 - 12:11

Sundays in March

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Leader	Reference
7	The Prodigal Son: Witness as Story	Wayne	Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32
14	The Blind Man: A Grateful Witness	Justin	Luke 18: 35-43
21	Zacchaeus: A Transformed Witness	Wayne	Luke 19: 1-10
28	Peter's Denial: A Negative Witness	Justin	Luke 22: 54-62

Sundays in April

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Leader	Reference
4	Easter - no class		
11	The Penitent Thief: A Positive Witness	Wayne	Luke 23: 39-43
18	Witnesses to the Resurrection	Justin	Luke 24: 1-12
25	Witnesses Whose Eyes Were Opened	Wayne	Luke 24: 13-35

Sundays in May

Date	Topic/Bible Focus	Leader	Reference
2	Jesus Prepares His Witnesses	Justin	Luke 24: 36-53
9	Continuing Study of Genesis The Patriarchs - Abraham		Genesis 11:26-25:18
16	The Patriarchs - Isaac		Genesis 21:1-28:5
23	The Patriarchs - Jacob		Genesis 25:19-37:3 46:1-47:12
30	The Patriarchs - Joseph		37:1-50:26

Making Sense of Scripture

We are planning to offer this course for those who would like to get started on studying our Book of Faith but are a little rusty or feel the need for more information to help them get going. We will be announcing the details for this study which will start either this summer or early Fall. Based on your response we will set up the class schedule and time.

Meanwhile check out this web site for more information:

<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/item.jsp?productgroupid=0&isbn=0806699531&clsid=196927&infoid=22098>