

Christian Education Month

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The Purpose of Christian Education

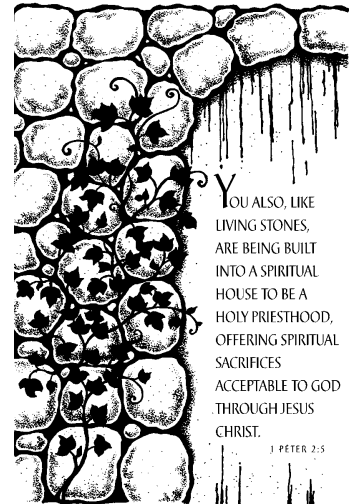
“Growing spiritually is an exciting adventure. As individual and as communities, we change, we are renewed, and we share in renewing God’s creation every day. As Christians who claim life in the power of the Holy Spirit, we live and rejoice in what God already has done, what God is doing, and what God wants for us. Spiritual growth is a lifelong process, and spiritual disciplines are the means by which we continue that process.”

*Foundations:
Shaping the Ministry of
Christian Education
in Your Congregation,
page 48.*

Christian Education is really about spiritual formation, not head information. Explore all the opportunities to stretch your spirit in the special issue newsletter. For more information on any of the following studies, please contact Katie Jenifer at 488-8593.

PRAYER

Loving God of the child, youth, and adult: We praise you for the wonder of growth in faith from cradle to grave. You are constant in your call to form and transform us into the people you have gifted us to be. We thank you for the saints who have nurtured us in the larger family of God. Give us strength and grace to love and lead others throughout our lives into vocations of faithful disciple-



YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5

ship. We pray in the name of our master teacher, Jesus Christ. AMEN

*2009 Christian Education Week:
Making Disciples of Jesus
Christ—Christian Education and
Formation is Life-Long*

Sunday School for Kids Ages 3 Years Old-8th Grade

Live B.I.G.

Hear, See, and Live Your Belief in God

What can *Live B.I.G.* do? *Live B.I.G.* will lead children to experience God through

- Coming to know Jesus

and the Bible

- Relationships with others
- Praise and worship
- Learning about God’s creation

Children will:

- Learn how much God loves them and learn to love Jesus
- Develop lifelong faith as they experience the Bible stories through all their senses

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Sunday School for Kids (Continued)



- Experience a place where they can be spiritually transformed
- Emulate the role models they see every week on the video
- Become so excited and energized by their experience that they will be eager to come to Sunday school each week and will want to bring their friends

UPSTAIRS ROOMS

Toddlers & Twos
Leaders:
Eleanor Ninestein
& Suzanne Pate

Preschoolers
Leader(s) Needed
Beginning August 30

K-1st Grade
Leader:
Deanna Poulk
starting August 30

DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS

2nd-3rd Grade
Leader(s) Needed
Beginning August 30

4th-5th Grade
Leader:
Teresa Perry

6th-8th Grade
Leader:
Everett Perry

Sunday School for Youth & Young Adults



Senior High Sunday School

Are you a high school student looking for a place to fit in with other 9th through 12th graders? Looking for a place to ask questions about God, the Bible, faith, money, friends...without being judged?

Look no further! Join the Senior Sunday School class down-

stairs in the Family Life Center. Craig Davis, SAUMC Youth Director, facilitates this class full of fun, exciting conversation, and sometimes even food!

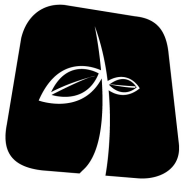
Young Adult Sunday School

The Coffee Club

Explore faith in a friendly atmosphere of twenty and thirty-somethings in the Coffee Club class. Starting September 13, the Coffee Club will move across the hall from its former location to the Fellowship 1 Classroom.

Sunday School for Adults—Faith Lessons

Sunday School



it's for life!

Want a lively discussion with little to no homework? Then try the Faith Lessons Sunday School class!

Facilitated by Dan Pietz, this class has delved into God's word piece by piece using the Faith Lessons DVD curriculum. A new title in the series

begins in September:

God Heard Their Cry

Uncover the "hidden" meaning of Scripture with an exciting faith discovery series that brings the Bible to life! Uniquely captivating, Faith Lessons reveals keen insights into the relevance

of God's word, making it truly applicable to today's Christian.

Faith Lessons meets in the Fellowship 2 Classroom.

Sunday School for Adults—The Gathering

Newly relocated to the Fellowship 3 Classroom (old church offices), The Gathering Adult Sunday School Class now has more space to accommodate more people!

So join Facilitator, Debbie Poulk, as The Gathering begins a new study exploring our desire for God.

The Pursuit of God

In the muddle of day-to-day life, have you somehow forgot-

ten that Christianity is a living, vibrant relationship with a personal God? In this classic best-seller and recipient of both the ECPA Gold and Platinum Book Awards, *The Pursuit of God* reminds and challenges you to renew your relationship with your loving God. In each of the 10 chapters, Tozer explains one aspect of hungering for God and ends with a prayer.



The Gathering Adult Class

Sunday School for Adults—Serendipity Class

Finding Redemption in the Movies

Stories, great and small, share the same essential structure because the great stories we tell borrow from a Larger Story. Ecclesiastes 3:11 suggests that we come ready-made to understand the greatest story, the Epic story of an enemy's be-

trayal, of the fight between the destroyer and the redeemer, of something lost and the journey to recovery, of a hero coming to rescue and the ultimate restoration. The Larger Story is the story of the Gospel, and Scripture provides the truth behind every meaningful story. The Greatest Story is not set in

Eden. No longer are we insulated from pain and suffering whether it is brought on by others or ourselves. But God promises to redeem it all.

The Count of Monte Cristo
September 13– October 18

Secondhand Lions
November 1–December 13

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Bible Study for Adults

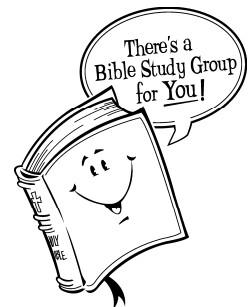
There are many wonderful opportunities for spiritual formation coming up this fall at St. Andrews. Commit to making this year the time you devote yourself to growing in Christ and see what blessings you reap!

Companions in Christ

When: Starting August 20
Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: Fellowship 3 Classroom
Facilitator: Katie Jenifer

This series offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation. All

resources in the series explore classic spiritual practices, and invite participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another.



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Bible Study for Adults (*Continued*)

Disciple 2: Into the Word Into the World

When: Starting August 18
Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm
Where: Fellowship 1 Classroom
Facilitator: Dan Pietz

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Into the Word Into the World encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it.

This thirty-two-week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on

four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts.

Pathfinders

When: Starting September 1
Tuesdays, 9:00-11:30 am
Where: Chapel
Facilitator: Sharon White

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David contains the audio and video portions of the 2007 Deeper Still conference featuring Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur.

You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. These authors' messages are divided into three segments, two lessons each. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (by

Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (by Kay Arthur).

Wade Hayes Memorial Class & Pastor's Bible Study

When: Starting September 10
Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Chapel OR 7:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship 3 Classroom
Facilitator: Pastor Gerry Davis

Pastor Gerry will continue with the study of 1 John.

Bible Study for All Ages—Soul Feast

With something for everyone, including great food, fellowship, and Bible studies for all ages, Soul Feast is a great way to be spiritually nourished each week!

Wednesdays

Fellowship Dinner 5:30 pm

\$4 a plate for adults
\$2 a plate for kids ages 3-10
Free for kids ages 2 and under

Bible Study 6:00-6:50 pm

Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study in the Family Life Center facilitated by Pastor Gerry Davis
- Homebuilders in the Chapel facilitated by Phillica Fowler

Youth

6th-12th Grades

- Youth Bible Study in the High School Sunday School Room facilitated by Kathy Jeffreys

Kids

Ages 2 Years Old—5th Grade

- Pioneer Clubs

Club members earn Bible and activity awards in the form of badges. Pioneer Clubs is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Its goal is to help children make Christ Lord in every aspect of their lives.

This year's mission for the weekly "Penny March" is the third and final phase of the new church playground which will include a play area specially designed for kids ages 2 years old and younger.

