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Guided by His Word,
Serving in His Love

Make the Bible a Priority This Year

Coming to Bible School March 18th

Learn to Read the Bible for Understanding

They tell us that the Bible is God-breathed, the Word of God to His people, the most important and relevant book in the world. However, anyone who suggests that the Bible is easy to understand is either pulling our legs or just reading "here and there." Some parts of the Bible are very easy. Some parts are not. Who has never bogged down in a well-intentioned attempt to read the Bible from cover to cover?

Learn to Read the Bible for Understanding is a ten-week overview of the Scriptures touching upon the kinds of literature that are included in the Bible. How can we know if a certain story or image is to be taken literally? How can we know if a command is still binding upon God's people today? How can we appreciate the eternal relevance of some chapter that seems to be "a tedious read"?

Karl Crouch will be teaching this class as an adult elective in the *ISSACHAR* room on the lower level. Richard Shepherd will be teaching this class to the *College-or-Not Class* in the *BENJAMIN* room, also on the lower level.

This class can be of life-long benefit to any who desire to read God's Word for the richest possible benefit. This class is also a great way to start the habit of attending Bible School.



Also on March 18th

The *Sojourners Class* will resume its study of *Revelation*. For any of you who were not previously a part of that study but are curious about *Revelation*, Terry McCall will briefly review what was previously covered before forging ahead into the new material. You will not miss a thing. The *Sojourners* will meet in the *JUDAH* room downstairs.

The *Explorers Class*, led by Jim Ressler, will also resume meeting in the *ZEBULON* room on the lower level. The *Explorers* will be studying *1 & 2 Peter* in a practical and discussion-driven format.

Of course, the *Senior Adult Class* will continue to study the *Standard Lesson Plan* with Chuck Doolittle in the Fellowship Hall while the *Bethany Class* (for women), led by Kay Burcher, will continue to meet in the upper level classroom behind the balcony, pursuing studies of a consensus group interest.

Don't Forget March 4th

Please continue to pray for the large group/small group format shift for the children's department. Especially, be in prayer that God might seize the hearts of our little ones at these tender ages, setting them on a course for lives of fruitful discipleship.

Home Bible Studies

We mentioned earlier that we want to go the way of Home Bible Studies as our mid-week alternative for adults. This ministry has the potential to be one of our most significant venues for outreach and relationship building, so we will not roll out anything until we have planned very carefully. A task force has been assembled to insure that this program will have clear objectives and perpetuity. Of course, if you have experience in or a burning interest in Home Bible Study Groups, you are welcome to help in the planning. Just contact Karl or Terry.