Fall 2025



# COME. WORSHIP. GROW.

Adult Sunday School & Small Group Opportunities

### Adult Sunday School Opportunities BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING FORMAT

The classes below meet Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary and use the Adult Bible Studies curriculum. This quarterly study presents stimulating lessons that explore the biblical message and how to apply it to daily life. This fall, our Bible lessons follow the theme "Struggle. Perseverance. Hope." They reacquaint us with Hebrew women whose faithfulness helped further God's plans; challenge us with Jeremiah's commitment; and offer us insights into living in love, faithfully imitating what is good, and praying with confidence.

Four Fold Friends Men's Bible Class Christian Adults

## SMALL GROUPS/ BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP to grow closer to the Lord and be encouraged by fellow Christians? The following groups will meet during the fall months. Please join us!

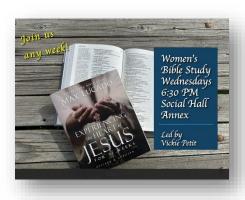
5:30 PM \$5 Adult (ages 13 & Older) \$2.50 Child (ages 2 – 12)

Please register for the meal by the Sunday before on the Connections card in your bulletin, at the Giving Kiosk, through the Giving App (under "events"), or call Jen in the church office.

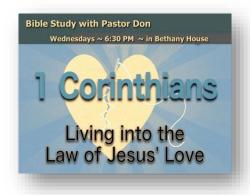
#### Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Social Hall Annex

Although Jesus is familiar, and we know details of his life, could we consider him a companion or dear friend? Do His mannerisms and habits rub off on us because



we spend so much time with Him? This study is about walking with Jesus so closely that we become like Him, that we imitate Him. You will step into Jesus' presence over the course of a year and experience the grace, forgiveness, power, love, and prayer of Jesus. The study is designed that you can start it at any point in the year. It will help you experience Him in fresh and deeper ways, drawing you into the company of our Lord. All you need to do is call on Him, spend time with Him, and you will be changed.



# Bible Study with Pastor Don – 1 Corinthians – Living into the Law of Jesus' Love

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in Bethany House

This is a story of a journey of Discipleship in a divided

world. Join us as we follow Paul and Silas and Timothy into the busy, diverse, and thoroughly Greek city of Corinth. This will be a deep dive into one of the most raw, relevant, and revolutionary letters in the New Testament.

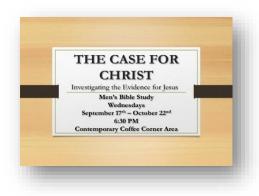
1 Corinthians isn't just ancient wisdom—it's a blueprint for living as disciples of Jesus in a world that often pulls us in

every direction but His. In this study, we'll explore how Paul challenges the church in Corinth—and us today—to move beyond division, pride, and spiritual confusion, and instead live into the radical love of Jesus. This isn't just about knowing the right theology; it's about embodying the love that transforms communities, relationships, and hearts. Discipleship isn't passive. It's active, bold, and sometimes messy. Through Paul's words, we'll learn what it means to be shaped by the cross, led by the Spirit, and grounded in love that doesn't quit. So, whether you're new to the faith or have walked with Jesus for years, this study invites you to grow deeper, live louder, and love stronger—just like Jesus.

#### Men's Bible Study The Case for Christ

(through October 22<sup>nd</sup>)
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
in the Contemporary Worship
Area Coffee Corner

Is there credible proof that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? In *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of



the *Chicago Tribune* and *New York Times* bestselling author, retraces his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith and builds a captivating case for Christ's divinity. In his comprehensive investigation, Strobel doesn't shy away from challenging questions, including: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is Jesus who he said he was? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event? What does all of the evidence point to—and what does it mean today? Strobel's thorough examination flows like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction: it's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure.



#### **GriefShare**

(through December 4<sup>th</sup>) Thursdays @ 1:30 PM in the Social Hall Annex

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through

this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcome—no matter how long it has been since the loss. Please register online at griefshare.org/findagroup or contact Pastor Larry to register or for more information (717-244-7624) so that we can have enough participant books available. Walk-ins are welcome for any of the sessions.

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

Thursdays at 6:30 PM (dinner at 6 PM) in the Social Hall Contact: Michael Wilt 717-244-7624



#### Is Celebrate Recovery for me or someone I know?

Living in a broken world, we all deal with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. No one has the ability, nor should they attempt to face their hurts on their own. Celebrate Recovery is a beautiful community of strugglers that courageously enter this safe and beautiful space to get honest about our pain, and the negative ways we may see ourselves, God, and others. In this process, we come to accept that some of the habits we may have developed to escape our pain have caused destruction in our life and those close to us. Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy truths

and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships. Join more than seven million hurting people across the globe who now walk in freedom through the power of Jesus Christ as we walk through the eight principles of Celebrate Recovery based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. These are some of the issues people find freedom from in Celebrate Recovery: Anger ~ Codependency ~ Eating Disorder ~ Love & Relationship Addiction ~ Physical, Sexual, and/or Emotional Abuse ~ Drug Addiction ~ Alcoholism ~ Sexual Addiction ~ Gambling Addiction ~ Grief ~ Mental Health ~ and many other issues we may struggle with.



For the months of September, October, November, and December, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (https://my.bible.com/reading-

<u>plans/insert</u> the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

Judge Not (57559) - September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation (35906) - October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

Not Good Enough (29747) - October 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Good News (52808) - October 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Christ Came for All (19161) - October 26<sup>th</sup> - October 29<sup>th</sup>

Seeking Truth (43197) - November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Basics (18611) - November 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

Prayer (44355) - November 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Prayers of Thankfulness (9342) - November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Advent (13255) - November 30th - December 3rd



QR Registration Code

Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership



and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials. What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone

associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow Media website. There are literally more than 10,000 videos to choose from. It works much like Netflix, and there is no additional cost to you. Some of what it includes: training videos, children's TV programs, Bible Studies, Christian Conferences, Leadership Material, and so much more. We can use these online Bible Study courses here at the church; and if a person misses a class, they can view it at home any time they want. You can also use the Bible Studies as an individual, couple, family, or Bible Study group in your own home. Please visit <a href="https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC">https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC</a> and complete your profile to sign up. You can also text "BETHANYUMC" to 49775 to register or use the QR code above. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

The Connecting People with God Ministry is pleased to announce that they have added a Discipleship Toolbox to our website with a variety of wonderful resources to help you as you Connect with God throughout your daily life. You can find it under the "Become" tab at the top of the Home Page of Bethany's website or by typing



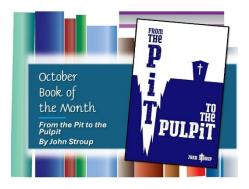
https://bethanyredlion.com/discipleship-tools/.



#### **YOUVERSION BIBLE APP**

Download the YouVersion Bible app and join with us as we explore different reading plans and Bible studies throughout the year together as a church. Create an

account in the app, go to friends, search for Bethany Church Red Lion, and send the friend request. Once accepted, you're ready to go. Contact Justin Zelger or Pastor Don with any questions or for additional details.



The "Connecting People with God" Committee is asking various people in our church what books they have read that have helped them in their walk with God or their understanding of scriptures. Of course, our first recommendation is always the Bible, but we hope you find

these others helpful as well. This month's Book-of-the-Month (recommended by Nancy Keeports) is From the Pit to the Pulpit by John Stroup. It is the story of how God can use totally broken people for their good and His Glory. John's love affair with the Lord began in solitary confinement in prison through pamphlets smuggled to him through a cellmate. Instead of craving drugs, John craved The Word; and his craving has led John to introduce countless broken people to Christ and to discipleship. Each chapter in the book begins with several Bible verses. The one that best characterizes John's remarkable journey is 1 Timothy 1:15—"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know



