



ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SARATOGA FEDERATED CHURCH



*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

—John 17:3 NIV

*The very fact that you have read this far may indicate you are a wonderfully curious person. It is hard for most of us to even consider the luxury of taking time to broaden or deepen our knowledge of God or the Christian faith with our crazy schedules. Quiet time alone, without having to accomplish something is a deeply-felt longing today. Peace and quiet are so inviting.*

*The prophet Isaiah said a profoundly freeing thing:*

*“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength...” (Isaiah 30:15) Jesus said, “come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

—(Matthew 11:28–29)

*Learning from Christ is the way to the rest and satisfaction we seek. I acknowledge that saying that is one thing, but really believing it and living it is quite another!*

*The message of Jesus Christ is that we can indeed know God personally — experientially — and that we can have emphatic*

*confidence that our knowledge about him is true and accurate (though not comprehensive). This knowledge comes to those who respond to his invitation to relationship and who actively seek Him. This catalog of learning opportunities at Saratoga Federated Church is for those who are seekers of God.*

*If what defines your Christian practice is attending a church service once a week, I want to challenge you to make a change in your life. Become an active seeker of the knowledge of God. Become a learner of the character and ways of God, and learn how to implement and apply the truth you learn in the nitty-gritty of your everyday life. This is the way of Jesus Christ.*

*In the following pages you will discover fascinating and helpful opportunities to grow not only your head knowledge about God but also deepen your experiential relationship with him and the church community he established as his family on earth.*

—Greg Davis, Adult Ministry Pastor

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# SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

One of the most convenient and effective ways of growing in your understanding of the spiritual life is to make a habit of attending one or more of the many classes that are offered on Sunday mornings or at times during the midweek. There are more than 20 teachers at Saratoga Federated Church who have committed themselves to teaching over 40 courses over the next few years. In addition to that we occasionally invite guest speakers to offer special classes throughout the year.

Topics range from studies of specific books of the Old or New Testaments to relevant issues of concern such as "How to Parent Teens," or "Building a Better Marriage," or "Creating Peace through Effective Conflict Resolution," and many others. The goal is to offer our congregation a healthy choice of learning opportunities that meet the needs and interest of as many people as possible, while assuring a consistent path to greater spiritual understanding.

There are classes for people who have never been to church before or who are unfamiliar with the Bible or the Christian faith, as well as learning opportunities for those who have studied the scriptures for decades. What follows are course descriptions for classes that will be offered as interest is expressed by the congregation in conjunction with the availability of the teacher for that course.

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Also stop by the Hospitality Center in the Church courtyard on Sunday mornings for up-to-date information.



## WHAT MARRIAGE CAN MEAN

Intimacy has ever-changing growth requirements. We can embrace them (and our partners) or we can let them (and our partners) drift by. The cost of disengagement is quite real—the progressive loss of companionship. By contrast, each conscious re-investment in the vitality of one's marriage increases the prospect of personal happiness. A long-term marriage profits from long-term effort. Over time the skills required change, because over time we long for new dimensions of togetherness. This class is a four-week seminar on the maturing art of sharing, which improving marriages learn. Even those who “made a bad marriage” can improve on their experience of joy and satisfaction. When the kids are gone and the dog has died, couples log considerable time together. Do yourself a favor, love your partner toward all the mutuality attainable. In particular we will ask how two people can share fulfillments, difficulties, change and spirituality.

### About the Teacher:

**DR. ARVIN ENGELSON** No pastor has served longer at Saratoga Federated Church than Arvin — 27 years to date. He is gifted in his mastery of the scriptures and skilled at guiding souls into a deeper understanding of God, themselves, and those around them. His first career was as a counselor at public and private colleges. He has also taught graduate courses for Fuller Seminary. Trained in philosophy at Westmont College, and then in pastoral counseling and history of religion at Gordon

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## RENEWING YOUR MIND AND YOUR MARRIAGE

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)*

Does your spouse ever accuse you of losing your mind? Well, it’s probably well deserved. In ways too subtle for us to consciously comprehend we “lose” our minds to patterns of thinking and behaving that come from the world around us. That world, however, is most often indifferent toward God or even hostile toward His ways of thinking and behaving, and for that reason the Apostle Paul instructs us with the above quote from the book of Romans.

In this class, Jim Koch and Greg Davis will dig deeply into the scriptures to uncover biblical patterns of thought that the Spirit of God means to bring to bear on our private beliefs and public behavior. We will look at patterns of: self-perception, material possessions, morality and ethics, what it means to worship God, dealing with pain and problems, and strengthening relationships with other people in a variety of contexts.

The biblical and spiritual renewal of our minds has its greatest impact in how we relate to others. The key relationship that will be the focus of this class is the relationship between husband and wife. Couples exhausted from conflict as well as those cruising

along in blissful affection will benefit from coming to this class and giving attention to the principles that can renew their marriages.

### About the Teachers:

**JIM KOCH** “These subjects are the foundations of my understanding of marriage and family relationships. As a husband, a father, a friend and a therapist, I rely on the truths and principles in these courses to steer my decisions and to respect the dignity of those in my life. My wife Ruthie and I have been members at SFC since 1982. I was active leading youth for 10 years in Southern California throughout the 1970s, I graduated with a B.A. in psychology from Cal State Los Angeles, and M.A. in Marriage, Family Therapy from Azusa Pacific University. I have been exploring and applying these truths as a therapist for the past 23 years. I have taught this material many times at SFC, at other Bay Area churches and in a variety of institutions in Eastern Europe.”

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## PARENTING TEENS

Just when you thought you had parenting all figured out, your children hit the teen years. Now they think they have you figured out — along with the rest of life. This class will be an opportunity to discuss issues of parenting adolescents in today's culture. Time will be spent dialoguing with other parents and honing in on the major challenges of loving and encouraging our teenagers. We encourage all parents to attend this creative seminar to learn and share with other parents at SFC.

Topics include:

- Making sense of adolescent behavior
- Making your teenager a spiritual champion
- What's a parent to do when they don't like who their child is becoming
- Understanding how parents and their adolescents are alike
- Connecting with other parents for help and support

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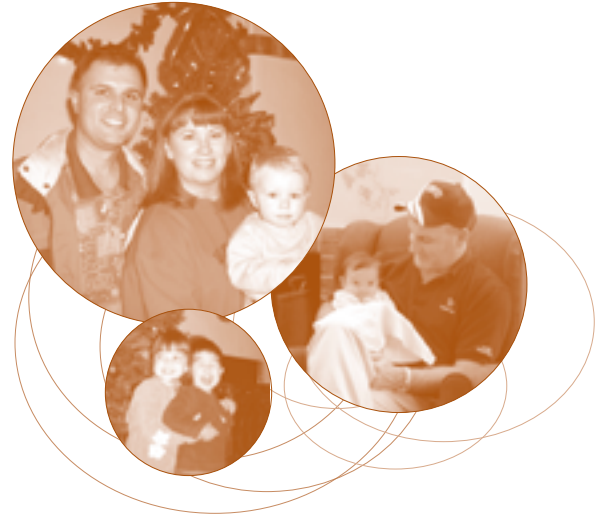
## Equipping Parents to Equip Their Children

Parents of toddlers are often concerned about just making it through the day without tearing their hair out — much less teaching their little ones about religion. But parents have a tremendous opportunity to enhance their children's language expression and to give them an early start in applying Christian principles to their lives, says Talking with Toddlers instructor Bonnie Noehr. Through a combination of brief lectures and small-group discussion, this class will provide an opportunity to learn and apply strategies, as well as receive encouragement from other parents and caregivers. "The period of growth between 18 and 36 months is enormous," says Bonnie. "This is a prime time for parents to influence their children's potential in all areas of development and to build a secure foundation in expressing and acting according to biblical values."

### About the Teacher:

**BONNIE NOEHR** Bonnie has a Masters Degree in speech pathology and audiology, and has worked with special needs (communication) individuals for 35 years, including spending the past 6 years within an early intervention program for toddlers. Her current focus is autism spectrum disorders. An avid student of calligraphy and artist bookmaking, Bonnie has contributed artwork to the Smithsonian Institution, and is a volunteer with Silicon Valley Wildlife, rehabbing orphaned and injured

animals for release into the wild. "I love watching toddler skills emerge!" she says. "I do not know any other period as fun and exciting as parenting toddlers. This is the age at which parents have the greatest control over the influences to which their children are exposed, and the greatest opportunity to lay a firm foundation for learning discernment."



## THE STUDY OF ROMANS

According to the great Reformation theologian, Martin Luther, the biblical book of Romans is the greatest of the New Testament books. He says in the preface of his commentary on the Book of Romans, "This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much ...."

The great questions of religion, morality, ethics, spirituality, faith, life and after-life are all dealt with in just the first eight chapters of the book! 'Aren't all people basically good?' 'What about the concept of evil?' 'Is Jesus the only way to heaven?' 'Isn't Christianity just reformed Judaism?' 'What happens to people who die — is there an after-life?' Instructors, Tom Priest and Becky Clewett will walk down this Romans road with you leading a discussion of some of the most fascinating topics of faith to be found in Christianity.

### About the Teachers:

**TOM PRIEST** Tom served as an associate pastor at Saratoga Federated church in the 70s. His love for ministry and the Word of God has fueled his desire to teach from the Book of Romans. Trained at the U.S. Naval Academy as an officer, and as a theologian from Dallas Theological Seminary, Tom brings to the class a

rich life experience inside and outside the church. He has been involved in all facets of church leadership for over 30 years.

**BECKY CLEWETT** What do you get when you combine college degrees in English and Classical Literature (Latin and Greek languages), with a Law degree from Santa Clara University, a passion for volleyball, a love of people and a thirst for knowledge of God? You get Becky Clewett. Becky is married with four children. She enjoys playing tennis, needlework, hand quilting and raising orchids ... and she is a practicing attorney.

Regarding teaching Romans, Becky says, "I love all of Scripture. Speaking as a lawyer, Paul makes a slam-dunk case for Christ in the first eight chapters and Romans provides peace, hope, life and the answers for man's search for meaning." Becky has been at SFC for over 35 years. She has taught extensively in Women's Fellowship and at women's retreats, and has been highly involved in all facets of the church.



# THE STUDY OF I JOHN

It has been said that no apostle, no person for that matter, was relationally closer to Jesus than the Apostle John. In his letter to people of the First Century who were seeking truth about God, John pours out his heart and mind about the truth he knows first-hand from his own personal experience with Jesus Christ. Many of the deepest “why” questions about God, the Christian life and human relations are answered in this short epistle.

John addresses why God sent Jesus to us, and why sin is such a powerful force, but also how it can be overcome. The nature of faith, the character of love and the essence of evil, are all topics in this potent book of the Bible. The basis for close human relationships, definitions of what true spirituality is, and other important issues are samples of what will be covered in this class.

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## SCIENCE AND CREATION

How did the universe start and the earth come to be, along with the life forms that now inhabit it — including man? Various branches of science have put forth compelling ideas, many of which seem to conflict with the biblical narrative of creation in Genesis chapters 1–3. Darwinian evolution is taught as accepted fact in most academic institutions, yet in scientific research circles a diversity of opinion exists — a diversity independent of biblical influence. Theologians have weighed in over the years as well, many of whom are excellent scientists, and here too a diversity of opinion has been expressed. The issue has far-reaching implications for many people who wrestle to be true to God and true to the ‘scientific record’. Are Science and Christianity compatible on this issue? Bob Connors and Bob Weigel will present a thoughtful view that may challenge your mind and heart in ways you’ve never before considered.

### About the Teachers:

**BOB CONNORS** Bob has a B.A. in physics and math and an M.B.A. He has spent the last seven years studying the Bible in Bible Study Fellowship, six as a discussion leader. For many years his scientific background caused him to put God in a box. He felt science had adequately explained everything and as a result left little work for God to do. “It wasn’t until I took seriously the study of God’s word that I allowed God out of the box,” he says. “The last few years I’ve been studying Genesis and

have discovered much support in modern science. I’m excited about sharing this and discussing its implications.” Over the past ten years Bob has been teaching children’s Sunday school and leading high school guys’ small groups. In his professional life he works as a CFO for a fiber optic lighting company.

**BOB WEIGEL** Bob has been a member of Saratoga Federated Church for ten years. He is on the Board of Deacons and is a member of the Trustees. He has been in a Bible study small group for the last ten years and is a Core Leader at Community Bible Study. Bob completed the Bible Study Fellowship program a few years ago. One of Bob’s “passions” (besides Bible study) is creation science and he has thoroughly researched this issue for many years. He really enjoys the Physics, Biochemistry, Biology, Philosophy and other scientific pursuits in the creation science literature. Bob passionately believes that God is true to His Word when He says in the Bible that He created the Heavens and the earth and all life within it. Bob is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin where he majored in Finance.



## WOUNDED HEROES

### Lessons From The Great ... And Not So Great Men And Women of The Bible

A life lived well can inspire people for generations to come, an 'inspired' life lived well, and recorded for future generations, can change lives throughout the rest of time. The wrenching failures and grace-filled successes of many of the memorable people of the Bible have wisdom and relevance for us today that is still unmatched in literature and the historical record of mankind.

Scott Downs will unfold the lives of numerous biblical figures such as Abraham, Saul, Samuel, Moses, Joshua, Sara, Esther, David, Peter, Mary and others. The insights Scott draws from their lives will amaze you as to the relevancy of their life story to your own: Family life, work life, spiritual life, leisure, struggles with lack of faith, confrontations with difficulties beyond our control, relationships gone awry, relationships restored, handling great wealth and responsibility, handling great loss and humility. It's all there in the scriptures, brought out in living color through the lives of ordinary men and women who encountered an extraordinary relationship with God.

If all goes as planned, the culmination of this class will be a trip to the Holy Land to see first hand the locations where these great lives were lived.

## About the Teacher:

**SCOTT DOWNS** Scott is a 'Renaissance man'. By profession he is an artist, art teacher, educator and two-sport coach. He is an avid student of history and an insightful commentator of current culture. He is a father of three, and a leader in the community. Yet, his greatest love is the pursuit of God. In that pursuit he has ventured deeply into the recorded lives of the men and women of the Bible. What he has discovered is transformative for those with a teachable heart and open mind.



# THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST

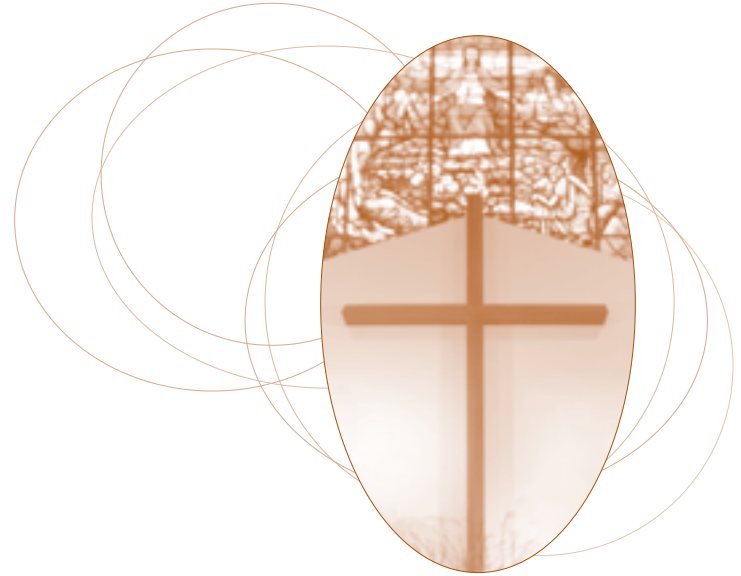
## Learning His Way of Thinking, Living and Interacting with the World

No single figure so dominates the landscape of the religious world than Jesus Christ. His impact on culture, politics, literature, academia, philosophy and the day-to-day lives of hundreds of millions of people in the East and the West is enormous. The question of the hour for those who claim faith in Him is—“does he dominate my world?” Through examining the four gospels and ancient Christian literature, participants in The Life of Jesus Christ will gain a deeper understanding of Christ’s teaching and how he wants us to think, live and interact with the world. Taught by Greg Davis, this lecture-based course will ask participants to use their own experiences and insights to further their comprehension of Jesus as a man and as the Lord. If Christianity were a crime, is there enough evidence in your life to convict you?

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# ESSENTIAL CHRISTIANITY

## An Open Dialogue

While the Christian religion is everywhere, the opportunity for non-believers to pose questions and discuss their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about Christianity is rare. But questioning — and even doubting — are important parts of an active faith. Through *Essential Christianity: An Open Dialogue*, instructors Dan Byrne and Greg Davis offer non-Christians the forum to investigate what thoughtful Christians believe are the essential elements of their faith, in an open, non-judgmental and non-defensive environment.

Each meeting will consist of a combination of social/breakfast time, introduction and review of a basic Christian proposition, the posing of questions surrounding the topic, small-group discussion and a wrap-up with recommended reading. Participants can expect to take away an understanding of the heart and foundation of the biblical Christian proposition. “This is NOT a forum to win arguments or to correct others’ ‘bad’ theology, nor is it a comparative religions class,” says Dan Byrne. “We hope to create a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere that facilitates participants’ expression of their own personal thoughts and feelings without fear of reprimand — no matter how discordant with Christianity.”

### Who should take this class:

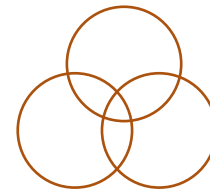
- Thoughtful, genuine people earnestly seeking the truth about God and his meaning in their lives

- People who are interested in/open to learning about Christianity, but who do not consider themselves Christian
- Those who generally agree with what they perceive to be Christianity, but who don’t buy into the “born again” thing

### About the Teacher:

**DAN BYRNE** is currently pursuing a Masters in Theology from Fuller Seminary. Dan was a seeker for nearly 20 years, and as a result, “I have a strong interest in and desire to communicate Christianity in an intelligent, approachable and understandable way,” he says. “The fact that I spent a long time searching before becoming a Christian in mid-life might make my viewpoints more relatable and approachable or provide more accessibility to seekers.”

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## IS CHRISTIANITY RELEVANT?

What history demonstrates is that we learn very little from our past. This is particularly evident in the issues that face the modern church, some so perplexing that after a number of centuries they seem too complicated to solve. What views did the earliest Christians hold on topics such as: abortion, astrology, demons, magic and homosexuality? Similarly, how does the twenty-first-century church compare in doctrine to that maintained during the apostolic age, especially on important matters like: Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Sabbath worship, prayer and tithing? Simply redefining these issues is not enough to make them applicable; what is required involves returning to the first-century church and consulting her practical wisdom.

Perhaps the finest way to reconstruct the teaching of the early church community is to evaluate her literary legacy. One document written during this time was designed to address matters of faith and practice; it is called the Didache, the earliest known catechism of the church. Based on apostolic tradition, this manual dealt with issues that arose among the believers scattered throughout the Mediterranean world. Translations, outlines and parallel biblical passages will be provided at the beginning of each session, as we open this remarkable little treasure from the apostolic church. Join us in the pursuit of the early Church as we ask the question: Is Christianity still relevant in the twenty-first century?

Discussion topics:

Abortion and Infanticide	Confession	Last Days
Agape Meal	Deacons	Magic and Witchcraft
Alms	Demons	Prayer
Apostles & Prophets	Eucharist	Sabbath/Sunday
Astrology	Fasting	Tithing
Baptism	Golden Rule	Trinity
Church Offices	Homosexuality	

### About the Teacher:

**BRENT WALTERS** By the time Brent was 18 he had acquired 1,000 volumes of ancient Christian literature. Now (at a more mature age), his library numbers 85,000 pieces. This includes books, critiques, documents, articles and journals, some of which can only be found in elusive, exclusive libraries. This is indicative of Brent's hunger for knowledge. Trained in Philosophy and Theology at SJSU and Boston Theological Seminary, he currently teaches in the Comparative Religion Department at San Jose State University. He prefers the undergraduate classes on the Bible, church history and Western religion because he likes the idea of teaching in a secular school to a wide variety of students with different beliefs and faiths. For Brent, the idea of questioning one's faith is the key component to faith.

He's a firm advocate of questioning to learn, not necessarily to challenge. "Belief is something you have to be convinced of, that you have evidence of," says Walters. "If you don't understand its foundations, how can you possibly understand what you believe in?"

## **CALLED TO HOLINESS:**

### **Finding Purpose in Our Faith**

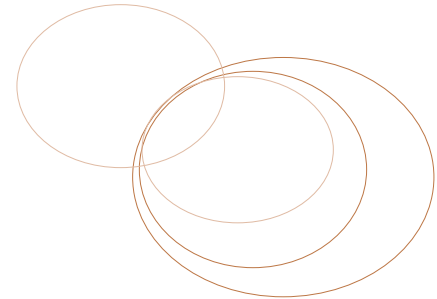
When faced with the concept of holiness, many of us experience a defensive if not allergic reaction. Holiness images fly through our minds such as the unattainable piety of a cloistered white-haired monk, the constrictive straight jacket lifestyle of a Puritan, or the exclusive sectarian viewpoint of a fundamentalist. The end result is that we dismiss holiness as something irrelevant, idealistic, or optional. Even when holiness gets some acceptance, it is often kept at a distance by referring to it as a wishful goal or with sentimental platitudes. Why do we fear comprehending holiness? Do we feel it may make our lives ineffective or miserable, even weakening our witnessing potential? Do we dread the thought of being exposed to a standard that proves us as being unfit? Does it seem to weaken the gospel message of freedom in Christ? All these fears can come upon us despite the biblical and historical narrative that demonstrates that holiness gives purpose to our salvation, and that a deeper understanding of holiness, can only lead us to a healthier spiritual life where we are content and joyful in all circumstances.

While many Christians accept that they are called to be daily living sacrifices or that they are sent into the world as God's ministers, they often overlook the scriptural basis for which these activities are defined and given purpose within the context of holiness.

Join Art Harkin, as he and his class meet head-on with the objections that can hinder the pursuit of holiness in our lives. The class will be a mix of talks, discussions, exercises and handouts. We will explore holiness in terms of the past, present and the future, the differences between virtues and values, the role of tradition, conscience and ethics. Our goal is to leave the class embracing holiness as our calling that brings us to our true selves and not as something to be avoided or dreaded.

### **About the Teacher:**

**ART HARKIN** Like most of you, Art has many excuses for not embracing holiness, but also like you, he seeks deep down to live that abundant life promised by Jesus. Art is currently an elder at SFC and has previously taught parenting and Bible study classes. He has extensive knowledge of the scriptures, historical Christian literature, and takes interest in how our current cultural issues can be related to the Christian faith.



## CREATED TO BELONG

### Healing Our Earthly Relationships through Our Relationship with God

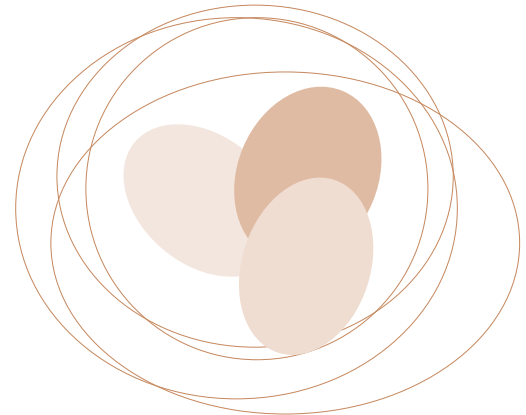
Our earliest relationships greatly influence the manner in which the brain develops. The attachment to our primary caregivers in our first three years was meant to mirror God's unconditional love toward us. When we are hurt by less than ideal earthly relationships, we can lose faith in the possibility of emotional and spiritual well-being. Because God created us to be in relationship — with each other and with Him — we can find peace and hope in his overwhelming love and goodness. Through an integrated approach involving lecture and video clips, participants in *Created to Belong*, taught by Linda Ikeda, will learn how elements of theology, psychology, neurobiology and Scripture can help create healthier brains and more satisfying relationships.

### Who Should Take This Class:

- Those actively parenting young children whose attachment status is still forming
- Those wishing to develop a deeper trust in God
- Those desiring to heal some area of relationship — with themselves, their birth families, their children, and/or with God
- Those curious about how they can build healthier, more functional connections in their brains

### About the Teacher:

**LINDA IKEDA** Linda, a licensed marriage and family therapist, (with a B.S.N. in nursing, an M.A. in counseling and courses in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary), brings an integrated background that makes her well suited to teaching *Created to Belong*. A frequent speaker, trainer, workshop leader and Twinkie addict, Linda has been involved internationally with attachment disordered children.



## DEALING WITH DEPRESSION

Almost every family includes a loved one who suffers from depression. In the course of life, most people will have an episode or season of depression. It accompanies many inevitable life experiences. For some the occasion is the birth of a child, the end of a relationship or a financial setback or a serious illness, or the death of a loved one. Some day, some where . . . depression ceases to be a stranger. When this unwelcome guest shows up, it needs to be understood for what it is and its visit needs to be managed. Religious souls have a particular vulnerability to this “demon.” If misinterpreted, depression erodes their peace and dismantles their trust in God’s attention to their lives. Religious souls also have potent resources for coping with depression. This class will consider depression as a physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual event. Ways of managing one’s own depression and caring for others who suffer depression will be featured. The role of healthy personal faith will be explored.

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## SEVEN VICES AND SEVEN VIRTUES

For centuries thought has been given to a familiar problem: What does it mean to be bad or to be good? Is either a progressive condition? Are some bad attitudes and appetites worse than others? Are there good antidotes for each bad condition? Some Christian thinkers organized their insights into a catalog of vices and virtues. One monk identified heart-conditions of escalating severity, with increasing moral consequences. One pope ranked sins based on the degree that they offend or undermine love.

One theologian found a virtue for each vice, and imagined them in competition for a soul's loyalty. Over time seven sins came to be regarded as fatal to spiritual health. These were called deadly: pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust. With parallel precision, seven virtues came to be thought heavenly (inspired and sustained by divine influence): faith, hope, charity, fortitude, justice, temperance and prudence. Wise and silly souls alike have made use of this moral matrix. Our class will explore the value of these "short-lists" and survey the issues they raise.

### About the Teachers:

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**GREG DAVIS** Pastor of Discipleship and Missions at Saratoga Federated. Before joining the Pastoral staff at SFC Greg was involved in business ownership and management here in the Valley for 15 years. He has spent time in the mission field in South America, and is currently in the Master of Divinity program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Menlo Park. Greg has a B.A. in Biblical Studies from Multnomah Bible College in Portland, Oregon. He brings a unique blend of theological understanding, real-world experience and spiritual passion to his teaching.

*greed faith  
prudence sloth justice  
anger temperance  
charity gluttony envy  
pride lust fortitude  
hope*

# UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## Getting to Know the Third Person of The Godhead

The church in America today does little to help its members understand the role and function of the Holy Spirit, yet we often use phrases that include this person — assuming that everyone has a basic understanding of who and what the Holy Spirit is.

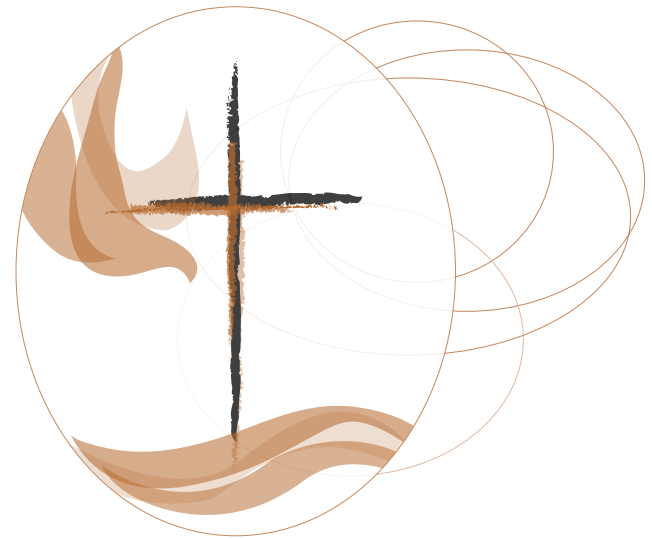
“Learning to walk, be led and live in the Spirit grows in mystery and necessity as we continue our journey with Jesus,” says Russ Ikeda, instructor of *Understanding and Experiencing Life in the Spirit — Getting to Know the Third Person of the Godhead*.

The Spirit of God at work in us makes spiritual formation possible and personal,” he continues. Through the use of group discussion and instruction and personal practices such as journal-keeping and contemplation, course participants will discover at least three characteristics and consequences of the Holy Spirit, practical disciplines to sensitize our experience to the Holy Spirit, and useful understanding on discerning “the Spirit’s work.”

### About the Teacher:

**Russ Ikeda** Russ has a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Azusa Pacific University’s Graduate School of Theology. Born and raised in Hawaii, Russ served as Associate Pastor at SFC for over two decades. Russ is now director of Emmaus Ministries of Silicon

Valley, “a relational ministry of coming alongside people on their spiritual journey and providing pastoral counseling and spiritual direction.” Russ is an adjunct professor at San Jose Christian College, a cohort mentor with Fuller Theological Seminary and the chaplain for the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department. Through teaching this class, Russ says, “I hope to learn where others are coming from, more about the Spirit as I prepare, and see the Spirit actually work in our midst.”



## HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Jesus and the Apostles were clear about one thing in particular regarding the Christian message (the Gospel), “tell other people about it!” We are compelled by God to be a people that are willing and ready to share with others the reasons as to why we believe as we do. This challenge given to us by Christ himself is to be motivated by a sense of compassion for other people and a true interest in their eternal welfare. We are not to be driven by guilt or a sense of coerced obligation.

Nevertheless, for most of us, when it comes right down to talking to others about matters of faith and salvation, we clam up or feel terribly uncomfortable. Most of us don’t want to feed into a Bible-bashing stereotype that many hold about those who “evangelize.” In this class on “How to Share Your Faith,” Kirt Priest will lead you through how to make sharing your faith as natural and comfortable as sharing a cup of coffee with a friend. Telling people about the Gospel of Christ does not need to be awkward, forced or “canned.”

The essence of sharing our faith comes right out of our own personal experiences with God. Intentionally thinking through how you personally would tell a friend, an acquaintance or even a stranger about what you know and believe about the Christian faith is invaluable. If you are new to the faith, or even if you have been active in your faith for many years, taking this class could be very helpful in preparing you to help introduce someone else to a life-changing encounter.

## About the Teacher:

**KIRT PRIEST** Kirt has an educational degree from Ohio State University. He was a full-time staff member with Campus Crusade for Christ for three (3) years and has worked in partnership with his wife, Lonnie, as a college and youth volunteer for 27 years. Kirt is a husband, father and soon to be grandfather. In the past Kirt has served on the local board of Youth for Christ and served as an elder at SFC. He is presently involved in foreign missions with Albanian Health Fund and has been active at Saratoga Federated Church since 1988.

“The joy I receive is in discipleship of young men and teaching principles of faith that can easily be transferred to others. I love small groups and one-on-one conversation about spiritual matters, but teaching a class about faith fundamentals and the “how-to’s” of the Christian walk is very rewarding.”



## CONFLICT RESOLUTION — MAKING PEACE

*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:18*

God wants us to have peace and to be peacemakers.

When we make peace we delight our Lord; when we neglect peacemaking we grieve God.

- Do you have, or know of, a relationship that is broken and needs reconciliation?
- Perhaps even now you are at odds with someone else and can't figure out how to get over the dispute.
- Perhaps your estrangement has gone on for a long time and it continues to bother you.

Among the many intriguing questions that will be discussed:

- Why do some peacemaking efforts fail?
- Does forgiveness have to be earned? How do you do that?
- What do you do if the person who hurt you shows no remorse or repentance?
- If you've had a long-standing grievance, that still bothers you, how do you get over it?

## About the Teacher:

**DR. ANDY ESCHENFELDER** Andy has been a member of Saratoga Federated Church since 1958. He has taught numerous classes here, as well as taught and lectured at other local churches and universities. Andy's undergraduate and Ph.D. studies were accomplished at Rutgers University. He spent over 30 years as an executive with IBM and has had a long history of leadership positions at the church, including serving as president of the Elders. His grasp of Scripture combined with a voracious appetite to continue learning in a variety of disciplines, along with significant business and professional experience has qualified him to be a gifted teacher.



## PERSONAL ETHICS

Jesus perceived his followers as in-the-world, but not of-the-world. This means that faith adds a layer of purpose to moral existence. Sometimes it simplifies our choices; other times it makes them more complex. If Christianity is true, our actions and attitudes have profound relational implications. They form our identities, improve or injure other people and alter our interaction with God. There are few areas of public discourse and private imagination that are more cluttered with vague concepts. This class will offer a useful approach to the core concepts in our moral self-understanding. It will also propose tools and skills for navigating ethical dilemmas. Christians, theists and the devotees of every credible religion want to be sufficiently “good” to maintain their self-respect, earn the trust of others and to experience their Maker’s approval. Yet, they work and reside in the company of many who under-value such aspirations. How, then, should they think and act?

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*integrity vs. commitment*  
*truth vs. loyalty*  
*justice vs. mercy*  
*self vs. others*

## FAITH AND FINANCES:

### Good \$ense Budgeting

- Have you ever wished you had your own Fortune 500 CPA to teach you the basics of money management?
- Have you heard of the concept of “stewardship” but wondered what exactly it meant and how it applied to your life?
- Have you longed for a way to reflect God's priorities in the way you budget and spend your earnings?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you’re a perfect candidate for the Faith and Finances course. Part practical application, part biblical principles, this course will be a blend of lecture, exercises, videos and group discussion, taught by Saratoga Federated Director of Administration, Jerry Bruce.

Whether you’re barely making ends meet, or wondering how to most effectively use your monetary resources for God's work, this class will offer a general understanding of the concept of stewardship, as well as a practical approach to God-honoring money management and budgeting.

### About the Teacher:

**JERRY BRUCE** With a CPA, a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and Business Administration and over two decades in the business world as auditor, controller, treasurer and CFO for a variety of companies, SFC Director of Administration, Jerry

Bruce is uniquely qualified to lead participants through an examination of God-centered money management. “I am convinced that the principle of stewardship is transformational in a positive way and I want to teach this to others,” says Jerry.



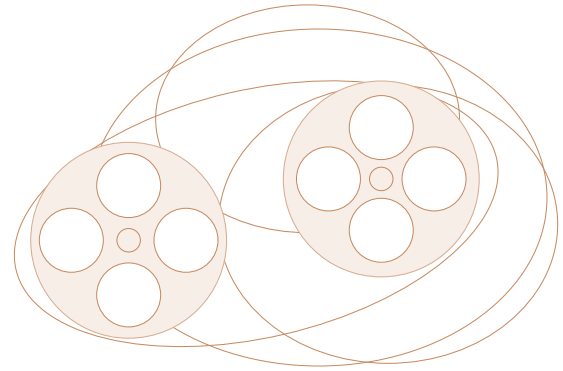
## RETELLING THE GOSPEL THROUGH FILM

Since its invention, film has been one of the most powerful communication mediums in the history of the world. So what do movies like *The Matrix*, *Titanic* or *Hoosiers* have to do with the story of Christian faith? Their storylines are saturated with scenes from the Larger Story — the story of the Gospel. As a class, participants in *A Reel Story: Retelling the Gospel Through Film*, taught by Brian Penrose, will view clips from a variety of films that portray chapters from the Story of the Gospel. Examining and discussing these scenes will help us view this very familiar story in profoundly new and fresh ways. We will use passages from Scripture and scenes from film to guide us along the path as we remember the *larger story* that we are invited to live from and participate in. “The starting point is the storyline of the films many of us know and love,” says Brian. “The stepping-stone is the discovery that these stories actually relate to and point to a *larger story*.”

### About the Teacher:

**BRIAN PENROSE** Brian has done mission work in Nepal, Romania, Mexico and Western Europe, and has served as a pastoral intern for SFC where he discipled young men and lead a surfing ministry. He has used film to help teach the scriptures in such diverse venues as the SFC youth program, a training conference in Mexico, a public high school and one-on-one evangelism. “Popular culture and film in particular, is saturated with different

aspects of the Gospel story. I am excited to explore God’s subtle and explicit fingerprints placed upon the various voices of grace and redemption that speak from outside the church,” he says.



# ADDITIONAL CLASSES

## Class Title

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Us—*Breaking the Yoke of Family Dysfunction*

Addictions and Grace

Adult Confirmation

An Introduction to Living Intentionally

An Introduction to Understanding and Using the Bible

Art as an Expression of Faith

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The Book of Esther

The Kingdom of God

The Nature of Faith

Understanding and Using Spiritual Disciplines

What Christians Believe — *The Creeds of Faith*

When did I see you hungry? *A Thoughtful Dialog About Serving the Poor and Homeless*

Worship as a Lifestyle

## Teacher

Jim Koch

Arvin Engelson

Greg Davis

Andrew Eschenfelder

Greg Davis

(TBD)

Greg Davis

Brent Walters

Arvin Engelson

Tim Galleher

(TBD)

Discipleship Training Teams

(Available Mentors)

Jeff Davis

Bill Breck

Arvin Engelson

(TBD)

John Rose

Betsy Anderson

(TBD)

## Sign Up For Classes:

- Use our web site: [www.saratogafederated.org/classes](http://www.saratogafederated.org/classes) or
- Complete the form on page 29 of this catalog and fax or mail it in

Mail form to:

Attn: Cindy Anderson  
Saratoga Federated Church  
14370 Saratoga Ave.  
Saratoga, CA. 95070

Fax form to:

408.867.8942,  
Attn: Cindy Anderson

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[greg@saratogafederated.org](mailto:greg@saratogafederated.org)

# SMALL GROUPS

**L**earning in community with others is a high priority at Saratoga Federated Church. There are numerous small-group gatherings that meet at one time or another on just about every day of the week to study the scriptures or discuss some facet of the Christian life. These gatherings are also times of sheer social enjoyment as people share their lives with each other as friends. If meeting with a small group of people (e.g. 4–14 people) who are interested in establishing relationships of mutual trust and encouragement, who enjoy the company of others, and desire to grow in their faith, is an idea that appeals to you, you will benefit greatly from joining a small group.

Various groups currently exist, and new ones are being formed periodically. There are groups with a focus on families with young children, parents with teens, men's groups, women's groups, prayer groups, groups studying the Bible, groups studying Christian literature, etc. The focus and content of the gatherings arises out of the needs and interests of each group. What is common to all of the groups is a commitment to caring for each other.

The community of faith is often best expressed and experienced in these gatherings. Your presence would be welcomed and valued.

## For More information

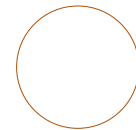
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# SPIRITUAL MENTORING

**C**ertainly, no greater master of mentoring others has existed than Jesus Christ. Of all of the different methods and strategies of training and teaching men and women a new way of life or of educating and modeling a new way to know God, Jesus chose intimate one-on-one relationships and small-group settings as a primary way to get the job done. It is



amazing to ponder that the Lord of the Universe intentionally chose personal discipleship as the means to introduce the "Kingdom of God" among mankind.

If you were going to announce the most important news ever to burst upon the human race and make provisions for this news to continue to have impact on the world for the rest of time, would you have chosen 12 young, unknown and untested men to carry out that responsibility? And that at a time of very primitive technology and means of mass communication! Yet this is what Jesus did, and the world has never been the same since.



The power of an individual sharing his life with another is potent. Jesus preached to the masses, and he taught large groups ("held class" so to speak), but his greatest work was done one-on-one with his disciples.

They literally hung out with each other... all of the time. He spiritually mentored them. They saw him teach and preach, they witnessed him debate, suffer abuse, respond to enemies and admirers alike, they watched him conduct business, saw how he interacted with people socially, politically and religiously. They saw the whole man. And, just as importantly, he saw them in the same ways and contexts of their lives.

Many men and women have made themselves available to befriend others in the church as a spiritual mentor. Their aim is to open up their lives to others who are on the path to knowing Christ better, by passing on what Jesus has taught them so far in their journey. At its core spiritual mentorship is about a mutual sharing of the journey to know God. It is about finding a like-minded companion who is committed to deepening their walk of faith with God.

## For more Information

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E-mail: [greg@saratogafederated.org](mailto:greg@saratogafederated.org)

Web site: [www.saratogafederated.org](http://www.saratogafederated.org)

## ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**M**any mid-week classes, conferences, seminars and gatherings are available throughout the South Bay for people who are interested in expanding their understanding of the Christian life. Below you will find the opportunities available at Saratoga Federated Church or nearby sister churches.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)** BSF features a seven-year study schedule covering: Genesis, Romans, Matthew, Life of Moses, John, Israel and the Minor Prophets, and Acts of the Apostles. Classes are presented with a challenging fourfold approach including: daily questions for personal Bible study, lively discussion groups where insights from personal study are shared, interesting lectures with applications for daily living, and enriching notes distributed to class members attending the lecture each week.

BSF offers day classes for women, evening classes for men, evening



classes for women, and evening classes for single young adults (ages 18–35). Various class locations exist throughout the Bay Area. The two closest to the church are:

Women's BSF: Saratoga Federated Church,  
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Men's BSF: Calvary Church in Los Gatos,  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m.

BSF also offers a children's program. Day women's classes offer children's classes for preschoolers (at least two years old) whose family members attend the adult class. Evening men's and evening women's classes offer programs for children, grades 1–12, whose family members attend BSF.

### For more information:

Church Office: 408.867.1000

E-mail: [cindy@saratogafederated.org](mailto:cindy@saratogafederated.org)

Web: [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org)

**Community Bible Study (CBS)** Men and women's class Monday evening at Saratoga Presbyterian Church; women's day class Wednesdays at West Valley Presbyterian, Cupertino; and women's class Thursday evenings at Church of the Chimes, San Jose.

### For more information Contact:

Vicky Hasheider

Tel: 408.984.0607

[vhasheider@aol.com](mailto:vhasheider@aol.com)

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A place to build relationships, and to hear inspiring speakers address matters of the Christian life. This group also takes on projects that express the heart of the group. Fellowship circles offer the additional aspect of Bible study or discussion on matters of spiritual development. There is also an annual women's retreat that allows for a time of reflection, sharing, fellowship and learning.

Luncheon meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

Fellowship circles meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On one Saturday per month you can treat yourself to a delicious breakfast and a chance to hear a special speaker on any number of relevant topics addressing the needs and interests of men. These gatherings, along with an annual men's retreat, provide excellent opportunities for networking with other men, sharing a common bond of faith, and learning about living the Christian life in the context of daily living.

## SINGLES MINISTRY

A community of friendship, caring and learning — not to mention fun events. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. singles meet in the chapel.

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Also stop by the Hospitality Center in the church courtyard on Sunday mornings for up-to-date information.



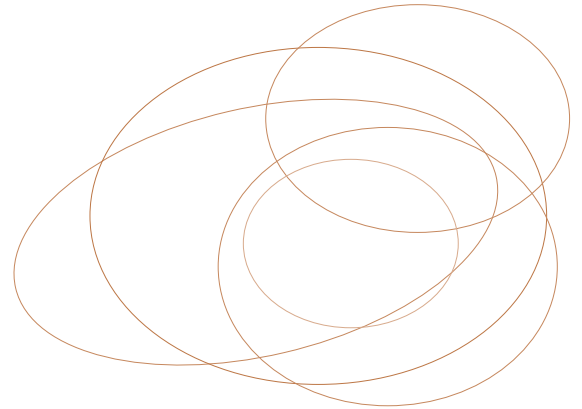
## HOW CLASSES WILL BE SCHEDULED

**B**efore scheduling classes with specific dates and times, we feel it wise to first ask all who are interested in actually attending one or more of the classes which topics they want to sign up for and what time slots would be acceptable to them if the class could be offered at different times of the day or week. Therefore, there are two ways of letting us know which classes and time slots you would attend if offered. Please choose one of the following:

1. [The preferred method] Go to the church web site, [www.saratogafederated.org/classes](http://www.saratogafederated.org/classes) and fill out the on-line sign up form.
2. Fill out the tear-out sign-up form on the following page and fax or mail it in to the church. Or simply drop it into the offering plate at any service.

Once we gather this information we will develop a schedule of classes that will be published in a variety of formats. The schedule will be available online at the church web site, it will be posted in various bulletin

boards around the church and it will be published in the Federated Family newsletter. Current schedules will always be available in the Hospitality Center. One other option will be receiving the schedule and any future updates to it via email (see the church web site at the address mentioned above for more details).



# CLASS SIGN-UP SHEET

**Note:** This form is available online at the church web site. Sign up via the web is preferred! [www.saratogafederated.org/classes](http://www.saratogafederated.org/classes)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Complete only if you are not on the church mailing list):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Please check the box of each class you would definitely like to attend:**

## Class Title

- What Marriage Can Mean (pg. 2)
- Renewing Your Mind and Your Marriage (pg. 3)
- Parenting Teens (pg. 4)
- Talking with Toddlers - *Equipping Parents to Equip Their Children* (pg. 5)
- The Study of Romans (pg. 6)
- The Study of I John (pg. 7)
- Science and Creation (pg. 8)
- Wounded Heroes — *Lessons From the Great... and Not so Great Men and Women of the Bible* (pg. 9)

- The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ (pg. 10)
- Essential Christianity (pg. 11)
- Is Christianity Relevant? (pg. 12)
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- Created to Belong (pg. 14)
- Dealing with Depression (pg. 15)
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- Understanding & Experiencing the Spirit (pg. 17)
- How to Share Your Faith (pg. 18)
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**ADDITIONAL CLASSES, CONT'D.**

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- Worship as a Lifestyle

**2. Please indicate all time slots you would be willing to attend the above classes (Note: this will help us determine the most popular times to schedule the classes)**

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| _____ 7:30 a.m. Sundays  | _____ 7:00 a.m. Weekday  |
| _____ 9:00 a.m. Sundays  | _____ 10:00 a.m. Weekday |
| _____ 10:30 a.m. Sundays | _____ 7:00 p.m. Weekday  |
| _____ 6:00 p.m. Sundays  |                          |

**3. Other opportunities for spiritual growth:**

- I would like to join a small group (pg. 24)
- I would like to know more about mentoring (pg. 25)

**4. Please rank in order (1, 2, 3) which of the following most influences your decision to attend a class:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Topic      \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher      \_\_\_\_\_ Time Offered

**5. Please offer your suggestions of other topics, teachers and times that we have not included:** \_\_\_\_\_

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