

The Gift of Empathy, Book Study

Book Discussion **February 8-March 7 at 7:00PM in Room 22/23**. Empathy is a skill anyone can learn. During this book discussion, you will learn principles and practices that empower you to better understand, connect with, and care for family, friends, coworkers, and others you may relate to. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sherry Del Giorno: 410-274-4301, sherry.delgiorno@gmail.com or Lori Wedge: 757-377-1177, lwedge99@comcast.net.

Evidence that Demands a Verdict

Have you ever been stumped by arguments against Christianity or the Bible? Do you struggle with how to articulate your faith to a skeptical world? This 6-week video study is for you! We will cover questions such as "Is there such a thing as truth?" and "Did Jesus actually rise from the dead?" The group will meet beginning **Wednesday, January 31st through Wednesday, March 6th, at 1pm in Room 13/14**. Pastor Val is the facilitator. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Prime Time Adults Ministries Bible Study

You are welcome to join a new Bible Study, Decisions "*Seeking God's Guidance*" starting **Monday, January 22, 10:30-11:30am, Memorial Hall Rooms 22-23**, for nine weekly sessions. While the Bible cannot give us the answer to every decision that we face, it does teach us how to make decisions. Prayer, study, the leading of the Holy Spirit, circumstances, seeking advice and common sense are all involved. Study Guide Book is \$8 and can be purchased from Traeclyn. Sign up sheet in church narthex. Study led by Nancy Kinney. (941)-408-9798 nancykinney42@gmail.com.

The Epic of Eden: Isaiah Bible Study

Come dive into the Isaiah Bible Study from Sandra L. Richter. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk! Class will begin **January 18th, every Thursday at 10:00am Meeting in Memorial Hall, Room 22/23**. Contact Sophia Fong SYIK63@comcast.net for more info.



PRAYER GROUPS

pray & praise

Revival Prayer Group

Be part of our prayer team! Meeting **Tuesdays at 11:30AM in the Prayer Room** for half an hour. Located in the Sanctuary building. Contact Pastor Val for more information Val@ChristVenice.com.

Intercessory Prayer Group

Come intercede with us as we lift the prayer requests of our church to the Lord, together. Meets **weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm in the Prayer Room**. Contact Rich Hutter for more info richhutt1@gmail.com.



STARTING POINT

Wondering about membership? We invite you to our Starting Point class, **the first Wednesday of most months at 6:45pm in the Memorial Hall Parlor**. It's a chance to meet with Pastor John, hear about our church and ask questions. This 5-session Small Group experience is a great way to continue in your faith journey. Contact Traeclyn@ChristVenice.com or call the church office to register (941)-493-7504.

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GROUPS



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ONGOING GROUPS

JOIN US ANYTIME

Journeyman Group

A men's group studying *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller. In this study of recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith, we will uncover the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Within that parable, Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. **Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30pm in Room 22/23.** Contact Nathan Skjerseth skjerseth@icloud.com for more info.

Young Adult Group

Join us in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, Jan 23rd . **Meets every other Tuesday at 6:30pm in the FLC Building.** Come hang out, grab coffee, meet new people and let's talk about Jesus. Hope to see you there! Contact Traeclyn Albright (865)-368-9770 Traeclyn@ChristVenice.com for more info.

Journey with Wesley

Join us for an enjoyable discussion as we explore John Wesley and his writings. Led by Pastor Missy. **Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Memorial Hall Dining Hall.** Class begins January 16, 2024. Hope to see you there! Contact Jess Davis Jess@ChristVenice.com for more info.

SOAP Group

Everyone is welcome to join the SOAP Group at Christ Venice Church. Join us as we discuss the Scripture reading based on the SOAP Journal Reading Plan. This group meets in in **Memorial Hall on Monday at 9:30AM in Room 24/25.** Contact Gail Finney for more info. craftygahf@gmail.com.

Early Riser Men

A men's Bible study that meets **every Thursday at 7:30am in Memorial Hall, Room 24/25.** Currently studying in the book of Philippians! Contact Dave Burks deburks75@gmail.com for more info.

Life Together

A small group for disciples in their 20s, 30s & 40's who are committed to exploring, discussing, and growing in their faith. Our studies are grounded in Scripture, and everyone has a voice. Our topic: Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life. Hosted by Jeff and Mary Lou Dunn-Rankin **every Monday at 6:00pm @ 3308 Meadow Run Circle.** Includes a light dinner. Please let us know if you would like child care. Contact jeff@dunn-rankin.com for details.

Couples Bible Study

Our group will be studying the book of Acts with J.D. Walt's *Wake Up Call Journal*. Join us as we learn about and discuss the first half of the Acts of the Apostles. We'll **begin on Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall Room 24/25. Will meet every 1st and 3rd Monday thereafter.** Contact Bill (937)-902-9884 or Julie (937)-902-0112 Schaid for more details wesjas2021@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Group

We are a small group that meets to enjoy the company, share our burdens for prayer and have a short time of Bible study. Everyone is welcome. We're in the middle of studying the book of Acts. **Meet us weekly on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Memorial Hall Parlor.** Contact Dan Manningham for details danskyman@yahoo.com.

Pastors Bible Study

An exciting exploration of Scripture with Pastor Bob. Everyone is welcome to join **every Wednesday evening at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary.**

Friday Morning Men

This group is open to all men who are looking for a place to study and connect with other men. **Meets on Fridays at 7:30AM in Memorial Hall Room 24-25.** Contact Tom VanDyke thomasvandyke@hotmail.com for more info.



SHORT TERM STUDIES

SIGN UP & GROW TOGETHER

Women's Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount

Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right—a study on blessedness; a reflection on the Lord's Prayer; a discussion of religious devotion, money, ambition, and relationships. This 9-session study will **begin February 1st and meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00AM in Memorial Hall Room 24/25.** Call the office to reserve your \$20 book (941)-493-7504. Led by Janet Shahan, contact her at jannierufus@aol.com for more info.

Bible Study on the Book of Daniel

Open to all persons on lessons and prophecies in Daniel. From the Book of Daniel, "On the road to Babylon...the Fiery Furnace...the Writing on the Wall... to Examining God's Prophetic Word". **Beginning January 25th, meeting every Thursday evening in Memorial Hall, Room 13/14.** The Study is led by Ed & Brenda Fritz and is a discussion led small group. Contact Ed efritz44@aol.com for more info.