



## Becoming more like Jesus by following Jesus

# Fall Semester Schedule (August - December)

**Bible studies meet each Wednesday at 6:00 PM**

**Dates:** Five Weeks (8/22; 8/29; 9/5; 9/12; 9/19)

- Groups:** All groups will focus on the same study
- Men: Room 126, Building E (Tracy Allen and Clayton Tolbert)
  - Women: Room 130, Building E (Wendy Stephens)
  - Women: Room 125 / First Cup, Building E (Kathryn Tolbert)
  - Open (designed for anyone): Bamberg Chapel (Jonathan Russell)
  - Couples: 100B, Bamberg Chapel Foyer (Randy and Kathy Jackson)

**Study:** "The Way" is a Bible study that examines how Jesus calls, teaches, equips, and sends believers. Focusing on the journey of Jesus' original disciples, this study helps new and growing disciples walk through the gospels and follow Jesus' example.

**Dates:** Eight Weeks (9/26; 10/3; 10/10; 10/17; 10/24; 10/31; 11/7; 11/14)

Group	Location and Leader	Bible Study Information
Men	Room 126, Building E Tracy Allen Clayton Tolbert	"It's Not Too Late: How God Uses Less-than-Perfect People" is a Bible study that answers the question, "Is it too late for God to do something with me?" God often uses broken people to accomplish His purposes on earth. This study examines the lives of six broken people who were used mightily by God despite their previous mistakes. You, too, can learn to focus on how God can use you in the future instead of on the mistakes of the past.
Women	Room 130 Building E Wendy Stephens	Prayer is the most dynamic discipline in the life of a believer. Yet it may be the most misunderstood and the least taught. The Bible study, "Pray Like This: Living the Lord's Prayer," shows believers how following Jesus' model prayer can lead them to love God more deeply and grow in their desire to engage in conversation with Him.
Women	Room 125 (First Cup) Building E Kathryn Tolbert	The Bible study, "Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All," teaches what the Bible says about the ways we are to use our words and the times when we are to remain silent. We will examine what it means to use our words in God-honoring ways when we interact with friends, coworkers, family, and strangers. The lives of different people from Scripture will be studied, using them as either an example to emulate or someone whose verbal actions we should avoid replicating.
Couples	100B Bamberg Chapel Foyer Randy and Kathy Jackson	In this unique study designed for parents, each session will begin with a group gathering. Then the group will dismiss to two separate groups, with the moms studying "Missional Motherhood," which examines the biblical and God-centered purpose of motherhood as part of His greater plan for humanity. Dads will also study "Leading at Home," and will learn what it means to lead their families in a way that glorifies God.

Open Bamberg Chapel  
Jonathan Russell

It's doubtful that there is any Christian who has not sometimes found it difficult to pray. God doesn't demand hectic church programs and frantic schedules. His desire is for His people to know Him more intimately. Paul found this to be true and experienced a great spiritual closeness in his own fellowship with God. That closeness is available for believers today. This study, "Praying with Paul," will lead us into the letters Paul wrote to see what he taught in his "school of prayer." We will learn life-shaping principles that can guide our prayer life and lead to a deeper relationship with our heavenly Father.

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**Dates:** Four Weeks (11/28; 12/5; 12/12, meeting in the FLC; 12/19)

**Groups:** All-adult study (all groups will meet together; study will be led by Dr. Russell)

**Study:** The Advent Conspiracy: Turn Your Christmas Upside Down



Each year Americans spend billions of dollars during the Christmas holidays. That's an odd way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who gave up all His riches to save the world. Christmas for Christians can be a time that is not a contradiction. It can be a time of worship, meaning, and giving that is prophetic, powerful, and transformative.

Worship More. Spend Less. Give Presence. Love All. During the Advent Conspiracy you'll be invited to join other Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be: a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us, not a retail circus that depletes our pocketbooks and defeats our spirits. Advent Conspiracy shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, countercultural concepts: (1) Worship Fully – because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus! (2) Spend Less – free your resources for things that truly matter. (3) Give More – more of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. (4) Love All – the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a difference. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most: your presence.

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### **Special Opportunity: Financial Peace University**

**Dates:** Nine Weeks (9/19; 9/26; 10/3; 10/10; 10/17; 10/24; 10/31; 11/7; 11/14)

**Group:** Led by Bill and Robyn Baker, meeting in Building G (see map)

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. Each week will feature teaching from a biblical perspective and includes practical how-to tips about budgeting, eliminating debt, planning for retirement, and more. Call the church office for more information and to learn about the cost of materials for this study.