



***GBC Learning
Opportunities
2017-2018***

Genesis - Models of Understanding: The first two chapters of Genesis are a veritable battlefield of theological opinion. This two week class will look at historical and contemporary models of interpreting these chapters. **Led by Jeff Kuhn**

Public Reading of the Scripture: “Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture...” (1 Tim. 4:13) Join us on three Sunday evenings in the fall (Oct. 1, 29, and Nov. 19) when we gather to read the book of Genesis out loud together.

Unstuck: Many people feel stuck in the routine of life—their jobs, relationships, and daily circumstances. They know it’s not the life they dreamed of and they feel stuck in a life yearning for deeper meaning. The *Unstuck* Bible study has been designed to help guide you out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us all. You will be inspired and equipped through biblical teaching from Mark Batterson, Francis Chan, Lisa Harper and Rich Stearns. Each of these teachers will draw from the lessons of the award-winning short film *Journey to Jamma*—a true story about two children who are forced to search for hope in a broken world. **This class will be led by Kari Larson**

“MIYO” - Make it Your Own: Everyone goes through a process of moving faith from an idea we think about to something that we actually adopt and live by. Jake has developed a series to help youth think through these complex ideas and work out what it means in regards to faith to “make it your own.” He will be leading two sessions for all ages, introducing them to the introductory concepts of this program. **Led by Jake Giles**

GBC: Our Church Family Role in Raising our Children: You’ve often heard it said that “it takes a village to raise a child.” This class will focus in on the way that our church as a family is responsible to raise children who come to know, love, and follow Jesus. We all have a part to play in this process, come and find your role. **Led by Deanna Bleakney and Heather Bleakney.**

Women in Church Leadership Study: Our elders have decided this is an issue that we need to study as a congregation in order to determine if we need to change our current practice which allows only men to serve as elders at GBC. This will be a four week study, complimented by evening meetings for questions and discussion. Our elders will be reflecting on these ideas and if necessary will bring a motion to our January business meeting in regards to our practice at GBC. **Led by Jeff Kuhn**

Stories: “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.” The “Stories” sessions will consist of various people of GBC sharing what the Lord has done in their life, as well as what they are currently experiencing in their relationship with Jesus.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with

the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oratio) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one's relationship with the Divine. **Led by a variety of leaders.**

Gathering Up the Fragments: This workshop style set of classes is suited for those people who would like to gain insights into their own life journey through journal writing. Each class will feature an in-class journal writing exercise. For those participants who would like to gather up the pieces they write in class or have written in past journals, suggestions will be offered on how to begin shaping these into a spiritual autobiography. **Facilitator: Susan DeLong**

The Gospel of Mark: This is a four week series working through the Gospel of Mark. **Led by Dustin Siemens.**

On Death and Dying: What started as a class to address issues around Canadian legislation for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) has developed into a discussion of deeper spiritual issues. This 4 week series will address how we think about loss, death, and suffering from a Biblical, Gospel centered framework. In a world that is centered around control and power, how does the gospel inform and shape our approach to loss, suffering, and death? **Led by Bruce McBride.**

Across the Spectrum: There are many theological ideas that fall into the category of secondary issues. They don't stand as essential doctrines to orthodox belief, but they are often hotly debated in Christian circles. This class will focus in on 4 of those topics - Atonement (What does that mean?), Hell (Eternal Suffering/Annihilation), Salvation (Calvinism/Arminianism), and the Millennium (Eschatology) - and present ideas on either end of the spectrum, challenging you to think through your own understanding of these issues. **Led by Erv Klassen and Jeff Kuhn**

The Just Shall Live by Faith: This is a four week series working through the Old Testament book of Habakkuk. **Led by John Corbett.**

Embracing Worship: Worship is one of our four commitments at GBC, but we often don't think too much about what worship is and how we actually "worship". In this two week series we will look at some of the ways we worship together as a community with an eye to enhancing this part of our spiritual journey. **Led by LaVern Klassen, Cyndi Nickerson, and Jeff Kuhn.**

You Lost Me: This class looks at the research on Christians ages 18 to 29, exposing why they leave the church and rethink their faith. With this insightful and honest series, you will be helped to connect across generational lines, discuss the most pressing faith issues of our day, and begin the process of building up the next generation of Christ followers. This series will

help you understand why the next generation often sees the church as overprotective, shallow, anti-intellectual, exclusive, repressive, and intolerant of doubt. You'll hear the voices of young people who want to be part of a community of faith but have been marginalized by the church. And you'll discover loving, biblical ways to reconnect to them with kindness, compassion, and humility. If you care about the future of the church, you don't want to miss this series. ***This class will be led by Danny Froese and Scott Penner.***

How we got the Bible: Often there are some assumptions about how we ended up with the leather bound text we carry to church today. This series will help us understand how the text has been transmitted over thousands of years to us today. It will challenge your thinking, but far from weakening our confidence in Scripture as the word of God, we will see how this strengthens our faith in Scripture as “God Breathed” and the revelation of God. *Greg Thiessen, manager of the Metzger Collection (<http://www.metzgercollection.org>) at Columbia Bible College, will kick off the series. There will also be the opportunity to visit the Metzger Collection as a group on Saturday, April 14th. ***The other sessions will be led by Jeff Kuhn.****

Life, Money, & Hope: Is God concerned about your financial situation? What does the Bible have to say about debt? What is the most important thing to know about money? This series consists of 3 video lessons and one session of discussion. The video lessons feature Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert, popular national radio and television personality, and the best-selling author of *Financial Peace* and *The Total Money Makeover*, as he looks to Scripture and discusses several critical issues about your personal finances. ***Led by Don and Sherri Rempel.***

The Psychology of Optimism and the Theology of Hope: In Erv’s words, this class will be focused on “Exploring how to be people of Hope in an increasingly hopeless culture.” ***Led by Erv Klassen***

Spiritual Themes in Literature: It has been said that “All truth is God’s truth.” We see this in works of literature that engage with spiritual themes in ways that challenge our thinking and practice, and drive us back to Scripture to better live out our calling to follow Jesus. This class will reflect on specific readings in literature and practice listening for the voice of the Spirit in these works. ***Led by Mark Friesen***

| Date: | Track A | Track B |
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| Sept. 17/17 9:45 AM | Adult SS Overview - Jeff Kuhn Introduction to the GBC Lectionary | |
| Sept. 24/17 9:45 AM | Genesis - Models of Understanding - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Oct. 1/17 9:45 AM | Genesis - Models of Understanding - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Oct. 1/17 7:00 PM | Public Reading of the Scripture - Gen. 1-12 | |
| Oct. 8/17 9:45 AM | Unstuck - Kari Larson | MIYO - Jake Giles |
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| Oct. 22/17 9:45 AM | Unstuck - Kari Larson | GBC: Our Church Family Role in Raising our Children Deanna and Heather Bleakney |
| Oct. 29/17 9:45 AM | Unstuck - Kari Larson | GBC: Our Church Family Role in Raising our Children Deanna and Heather Bleakney |
| Oct. 29/17 7:00 PM | Public Reading of the Scripture - Gen. 13-36 | |
| Nov. 5/17 9:45 AM | Women in Church Leadership Study - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Nov. 12/17 9:45 AM | Women in Church Leadership Study - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Nov. 19/17 9:45 AM | Women in Church Leadership Study - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Nov. 19/17 7:00 PM | Public Reading of the Scripture - Gen. 37-50 | |
| Nov. 26/17 9:45 AM | Women in Church Leadership Study - Jeff Kuhn | |
| Dec. 3/17 - 9:45 AM | Stories - Rob and Judy Griffioen - Good News International Ministries | |
| Dec. 10/17 - 9:45 AM | Lectio Divina | Stories Gary and Faith Bergen |
| Dec. 17/17 - 9:45 AM | Lectio Divina | Stories Christine Schmidtke |
| Jan. 7/17 - 9:45 AM | Gathering up the Fragments Susan DeLong | The Gospel of Mark Dustin Siemens |
| Jan. 14/17 - 9:45 AM | Gathering up the Fragments Susan DeLong | The Gospel of Mark Dustin Siemens |
| Jan. 21/17 - 9:45 AM | Gathering up the Fragments Susan DeLong | The Gospel of Mark Dustin Siemens |
| Jan. 28/17 - 9:45 AM | Gathering up the Fragments Susan DeLong | The Gospel of Mark Dustin Siemens |

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| Feb. 4/17 - 9:45 AM | On Death and Dying Bruce McBride | Across the Spectrum Erv Klassen/Jeff Kuhn |
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| Feb. 18/17 - 9:45 AM | On Death and Dying Bruce McBride | Across the Spectrum Erv Klassen/Jeff Kuhn |
| Feb. 25/17 - 9:45 AM | On Death and Dying Bruce McBride | Across the Spectrum Erv Klassen/Jeff Kuhn |
| Mar. 4/18 - 9:45 AM | Habakkuk - The Just Shall Live By Faith - John Corbett | Embracing Worship LaVern Klassen, Cyndi Nickerson, Jeff Kuhn |
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| Apr. 1/18 - 9:45 AM | Resurrection Sunday - Why Resurrection Changes Everything Jeff Kuhn | |
| Apr. 8/18 - 9:45 AM | You Lost Me Danny Froese/Scott Penner | How we got the Bible - <i>Special Guest - Greg Thiessen - "Getting our Hands on the Bible: Texts, Manuscripts, and Translations."</i> |
| Apr. 8/14 - 9:00 AM | Field Trip to the Metzger Collection at Columbia Bible College Leaving GBC at 9:00 AM | |
| Apr. 15/18 - 9:45 AM | You Lost Me Danny Froese/Scott Penner | How we got the Bible - Jeff Kuhn |
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| Apr. 29/18 - 9:45 AM | You Lost Me Danny Froese/Scott Penner | How we got the Bible - Jeff Kuhn |
| May 6/18 - 9:45 AM | You Lost Me Danny Froese/Scott Penner | Life, Money, & Hope Don and Sherri Rempel |
| May 13/18 - 9:45 AM | You Lost Me Danny Froese/Scott Penner | Life, Money, & Hope Don and Sherri Rempel |

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| May 20/18 - 9:45AM | Spiritual Themes in Literature Mark Friesen | Life, Money, & Hope Don and Sherri Rempel |
| May 27/18 - 9:45AM | Spiritual Themes in Literature Mark Friesen | Life, Money, & Hope Don and Sherri Rempel |
| June 3/18 - 9:45AM | Spiritual Themes in Literature Mark Friesen | Optimism/Hope Erv Klassen |
| June 10/18 - 9:45AM | Spiritual Themes in Literature Mark Friesen | Optimism/Hope Erv Klassen |
| June 17/18 - 9:45 AM | Spiritual Themes in Literature Mark Friesen | Optimism/Hope Erv Klassen |
| June 24/18 - 10:30 AM | Community Service in Memorial Park | |

At GBC we exist to help people take one step closer to Jesus Christ by committing to



Seeing, loving, and surrendering to God.



Living as the family of God and the body of Christ, united in Spirit.



Loving God with our mind and growing in our knowledge of Him.



Finding our place in the Mission of God and serving faithfully.