

SPRING 2008

Adult Education Class Descriptions

9:00 am

“Redefining Your Life Once the Nest Is Empty: A Study for Those New to the Empty Nest” Hyde Room (Upper Level) Starts April 6 for four weeks New!

Life is a cycle filled with milestones and changes. We go to our first day of kindergarten, graduate from high school and college, land that first real job, get married, buy a house and have children. Then the cycle begins again with at least 18 years of parenting, from diapers to their first day of school and finally their high school graduation. For 20 years or more our lives are defined by parenting. Suddenly the kids are gone. The house is quiet - maybe too quiet. Now you have something you may not have had for years - time. Much of it alone...together. Now what? This is a great time to rethink and re-evaluate - to redefine your life. During this four-week study we will look at how to successfully redefine your life as we investigate: celebrating your empty nest; relating to adult children; adjusting your plan; making a move toward significance. If your last child has graduated within the last three years, or will graduate this spring, you are invited to join Rick and Karen Foster for this class. We will learn, laugh, and share some of the joys and pitfalls of this next big step in your life's journey.

Sojourners—“Great Passages of the Bible” Spurgeon Room—E100 (Lower Level)

If you enjoy the wonders of Scripture, the delight of discussion, Christian fellowship and reaching deeper into God's Word, then we encourage you to join us for this class. We are diving into some of the most exciting and challenging passages of the Bible. Scott Wright (wright.scott@mayo.edu) and Tom Witzig (witzig@mayo.edu) are team teaching this class.

Home Improvement—“A Study of Jonah, Joel and Amos” Luther Hall—E203 (Upper Level)

A thriving church family starts at the individual home, hence the focus of this community, Home Improvement. We are a collection of adults primarily in our 30s and 40s with younger children, seeking to know God better and improve our homes through Bible study, service and fellowship with each other. We are studying Jonah, Joel and Amos. The business of life tends to blur our focus and distract us toward varied and often unworthy goals. However, these “minor prophets” have major messages for us about how to focus on our number

one goal: “Seek the Lord and Live.” We will together experience the Old Testament come alive with relevant principles and teachings for our lives today. God does and will speak to us through His Word and through our fellowship with one another. This class is team taught by the Morgenthalers (robinstest6@charter.net), Verkerkes and Burdens.

ARCHWAYS: NEW MEMBERS CLASS (April 13–May 11)
Wesley Room—E202 (Upper Level)

At Autumn Ridge we believe that community is an essential part of a growing faith. One of the ways that we promote community is through membership. You are invited to attend ArchWays, the new members' class. It will be conducted on Five Sunday mornings and is designed for you to get connected within the church. Our goal is to help you grasp the vision of our church as well as inform you of ways to connect in community and service. You will have the opportunity to meet the Pastoral Staff and the Elders of the church. If you desire to join the church, this class will help you meet all of the requirements to do so. To sign up for ArchWays, please contact Andy Kumpel, Pastor of Community Life, at 288-8880 or andy@aridge.org

Women's Class—“Beth Moore's Believing God” Maninka Room—E205 (Upper Level)

If you are longing for vibrant fellowship, vibrant Bible study, and vibrant conversation, you will want to join this class, based on Beth Moore's Believing God. This study examines what it means to believe God rather than only believe in him. Participants study the lives of Abraham and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of people who believed God. This study parallels a personal journey Beth took in coming to understand what it means to believe God. Kathy Larson (klsars2@juno.com) and Juli Fischer (fischerjuli@charter.net) are leading.

“Going OLD SCHOOL: Life Lessons from the Old Testament” TAUGHT BY PASTOR DAN FARM! New!
Edwards Room—E204 (Upper Level)

Join Pastor Dan Farm as he looks at life-changing examples from the history of Israel. The wisest of people learn from the successes and struggles of others. Since history repeats itself, looking back on the journey of God's people and learning from their victories and pitfalls is one of the most valuable things we can ever do. As we look closely at the highs and lows of Israel's history, we will discover lessons that can transform and shape both our present and our future.

Rochester MN—Chinese Church Timothy Chapel

Autumn Ridge Church is honored to be the home of the Rochester MN Chinese Church. At 9:00 am they meet for Sunday School in the Timothy Chapel.

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Common Bond—“Going OLD SCHOOL: Life Lessons from the Old Testament” TAUGHT BY PASTOR DAN FARM!
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Mosaic Fellowship—“National Anthems: The Songs of God's People” Luther Hall—E203 (Upper Level)

Bill Price and Roger Stahl are leading the Mosaic in a study in the book of Psalms, the “national anthems” of God's people. The Psalter is the basis of Hebrew worship, reflecting both the character of God and man's struggle to live out the covenant. The Psalter was the foundation of early Christian worship and continues to be relevant for our walk of faith. As we examine a selection of Psalms, the class will discuss application of its themes in our daily lives.

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Precept-upon-Precept: 1 Corinthians Maninka Room E205 (Upper Level)

This is a perfect time to start digging deep into the Word of God! Precept Upon Precept is an in-depth, inductive study method by which we examine verse by verse Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. If you have always wanted to try a Precept course but time during the week didn't allow for it, we invite you to join us Sunday mornings for this study of some of the most challenging issues facing the church. Both men and women are welcome. Cost for the workbook is \$12.25. This class is team-taught by Karen Rucker (rucker.karen@mayo.edu) and Nancy Jones (sjones496@charter.net).

Men's Bible Study—The Quest for Authentic Manhood Edwards Room E204 (Upper Level)

The Quest for Authentic Manhood is a Bible study that focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. It helps men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their view of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, “What is a man?” and “What am I living to be?” Phil Schouweiler (Ozark@kmtel.com) are leading through this study.

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9:00 am	Sojourners	Home Improvement	New Members Class	Women's Class Beth Moore Study	Going Old School	Empty Nesters	Chinese Church Sunday School
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