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| <p>Byrd Baggett</p>  <p>251 716-3630 byrd@byrdbaggett.com</p> | <p>Byrd has been helping organizations develop authentic leaders and passionately engaged teams since 1990. His corporate experience includes sales and management careers with two Fortune 500 companies.</p> <p>He is the creator of the True Growth™ brand and a partner in the world-class True Growth™ Academy leader development experience that has served more than 5,000 governmental, civilian and military leaders since 2007.</p> <p>Byrd is the author of 15 books on the topics of sales, customer service, leadership and motivation. A former All American sprinter at the University of Texas at Austin, Byrd is also a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), the highest earned designation presented by the National Speakers Association.</p> | <p>Legacy Leading – The Power of YOUR story</p> <p>To live a good story is the deepest cry of every human heart. In this high-energy presentation, Byrd shares insights and strategies that will help individuals live lives of personal and professional significance. If you're looking to take your life to the next level, this message is for you!</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>ZOOM - YES</p> <p>Availability Sunday Mon - Sat</p> <p>A / V Requirements LCD Projector Projector Screen</p> |
| <p>Byrd Baggett 251 716-3630 byrd@byrdbaggett.com</p> | | <p>Can You Trust Me?</p> <p>Simple Insights on How to Live and Lead with Integrity</p> | (Same As Above) |
| <p>Byrd Baggett 251 716-3630 byrd@byrdbaggett.com</p> | | <p>Humility</p> | (Same As Above) |
| <p>Byrd Baggett 251 716-3630 byrd@byrdbaggett.com</p> | | <p>Spiritual Energy</p> | (Same As Above) |
| <p>Sharon Cox</p>  <p>615 371-8375 esharoncox@aol.com</p> | <p>Sharon is a nurse by background and has been a Circuit Rider for the last several years. She enjoys facilitating discussions around personal balance and renewal as well as dealing with change and transitions. She uses humor and story-telling and often shares tips and tools that make her topics memorable.</p> <p>Sharon has her own consulting business, Cox and Associates, for the last 25 years in the field of organizational development and leadership training for healthcare. She is a nationally known speaker and author with an entertaining and thought provoking style. She and her husband Jim (who sings in the chancel choir) are active members of BUMC and in their semi-retirement enjoy golf and fly fishing. They have two grown children.</p> | <p>Transitions: Dealing with Change from the Inside Out</p> <p>We all know that change is one of the few constants in life as we deal with non-stop change at work and any number of personal changes that life brings us. With all the external changes we face this program offers insight into an internal road map to better understand our psychological adjustment to change. Helping ourselves and others as we cope with the transitions involved in change is the focus for this two part program. Based on the work of William Bridges (Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes) tips are offered to let go of old patterns with a homework assignment between the two sessions.</p> | <p># Weeks 2</p> <p>ZOOM - YES</p> <p>Availability Sunday Mon - Sat</p> <p>A / V Requirements Flip Chart</p> |
| <p>Sharon Cox 615 371-8375 esharoncox@aol.com</p> | | <p>Renewal, Replenishing, and Refreshing the Spirit Within</p> <p>Given the stresses of life and the ease with which we all lose sight of our need for self care and balance this program offers practical ways to keep ourselves in a better place emotionally. Areas of discussion include spiritual disciplines, the healing power of nature, mindfulness and the importance of gratitude. The intent is to offer ideas for next day use and ways to sustain personal change.</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>Sharon Cox 615 371-8375 esharoncox@aol.com</p> | | <p>The Transitional Power of Gratitude</p> | <p># Weeks 1 - 2</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |

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| <p>Dr. John Fite</p>  <p>615-337-6975 drjohnfite@gmail.com</p> | <p>I am a licensed counseling psychologist and have worked helping people particularly in the area of relationships. I have an extensive background in the area of addictions recovery and trauma but have also worked in a variety of settings with children, adolescents and adults doing therapy and testing.</p> <p>I have worked in hospitals, prisons, a chronic pain clinic, a biofeedback clinic and delivery therapy and testing for the public schools in most of the schools in Williamson County. In addition, I ran a sixteen bed halfway house for adolescent boys with addiction problems for six years. Half my work is with couples and the balance is with teenagers and their families and individuals with anxiety, depression or addiction.</p> <p>My wife and I live in Franklin and have been married thirty years with one son who is a researcher for Facebook. I have worked with the Counseling Center at Brentwood Methodist for eight years and consult with the clergy on the psychological needs of parishioners. I am a former professor and my goal is to offer education that is fun and relevant.</p> | <p>The topics presented on most frequently are those related to couples and communication, adolescents, trauma, and addictions intervention/recovery but other topic areas are possible. Examples include: The Psychology of Dignity, Taking Care of Each Other in Sickness and Health, Coming to Good Compromises, Divorce-proofing Your Marriage, How to Help Someone with a Substance Abuse Problem, How to Cope with Trauma, Coming to Good Compromises, How to Pick a Good Partner (for singles), How to Parent, Helping an Aging Parent, etc.</p> | <p># Weeks 1 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday A / V Requirements NONE</p> |
| <p>John Gregory</p>  <p>615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com</p> | <p>My family is at least six generation Methodist. I have taught Sunday School classes for over 30 years. My father and mother were teachers and I have found teaching to be an excellent way for me to study the bible and explore various theological views along my faith journey.</p> <p>My wife ,Olivia, and I live in Franklin and enjoy worshipping at BUMC. My career is in banking and I work as an officer of Renasant Bank on West End Avenue in Nashville. Olivia and I are members of the Crossroads class.</p> <p>I ascribe to Wesley's quadrilateral: scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. I believe God is love and is best understood through the incarnation. The compassion of Jesus , his servanthood and ultimate sacrifice for all lead me as a disciple.</p> <p>"The grace of God means something like : Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't been complete without you." Frederick Buechner</p> | <p>God Isn't Angry (Seeking God)</p> <p>What is our understanding of God? What shaped it? Discussion of the Wesleyan view of creation, harmony, separation, redemption and restoration. Emphasis is on God's grace and love and the desire for relationship with all people. Drawing on scripture and the writings of Buechner , Rohr, Taylor, and Bell.</p> | <p># Weeks 2 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Sat A / V Requirements Flip Chart or White Board</p> |
| <p>John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Down to Earth</p> <p>"Down To Earth" is an Abingdon offering consisting of four lessons with a video presentation for each one. United Methodist pastors, Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups, lead this study. While this study is intended for Advent, I believe that it is an excellent look at the incarnation and suitable for presentation at any time.</p> <p>The focus is for us to respond to the greatest miracle with down to earth love, humility, lifestyle, and obedience.</p> | <p># Weeks 4 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com</p> | | <p>The Beatitudes</p> <p>This is a lesson on the beatitudes from Dr. Charles Allen's, God's Psychiatry. Dr. Allen's insightful commentary will be used in presenting these important and well known teachings of Jesus.</p> | <p># Weeks 2 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Ephesians</p> <p>A study of St Paul's letters to the Ephesians. Emphasis will be an in depth study on the Apostle Paul's two well known prayers found in Ephesians.</p> | <p># Weeks 2 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Philippians and Colossians</p> <p>A study of St Paul's letters to the Philippians and the Colossians. An in depth look at the overall intent, purpose and theological point of each letter. The historical background and context is reviewed. How do these letters have meaning for present day disciples of Christ?</p> | <p># Weeks 2 (Same As Above)</p> |


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| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | Mercy and Grace What is the difference in mercy and grace? This lesson will explore the scriptures that speak to God's mercy and grace. There will be explanations from the theologians including the thoughts of John Wesley. This topic has invoked a lot of discussion from class members. | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | Important Themes Found in Mark "Why should we hunt God anywhere else? I cannot imagine, unless it is that voice crying out in the wilderness, the one you cannot quite make out from here. If we only listen to God in church, we miss half the message. The good news is always beginning somewhere in the world, for those with ears to hear and hearts to go wherever the way may lead." Barbara Brown Taylor "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way." " Mark 1:1-8 This is a study of the gospel of Mark. The number of lessons vary from one to four lessons. Lessons include: the history and tradition of Mark's gospel, the messianic secret, the authority and power of Jesus, and the passion predictions. Each lesson will stand on its own; so a class may choose one or all lessons. | # Weeks 1 - 4 A / V Requirements White Board & Markers (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | The Trinity God has often presented and understood as a far off and static monarch. The Trinity has been represented as a triangle with one member superior to the other. What if the representation was that of a circle of dynamic and participatory flow? The earliest church father called it perichoresis or "divine circle dance". This lesson will draw on Fr. Richard Rohr's The Divine Dance. | # Weeks 1 A / V Requirements Flip Chart or White Board (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | Easter Series God Is With Us - A study of Psalm 22. "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" (verse 1). This verse transactions to "...you have rescued me." God is with us even in the direst of circumstances. What does God require of us? A broken spirit and contrite heart are the key according to the psalmist. Micah says we must do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with God. Sacrifice and the Easter Message - A study of Jesus' rebuke of the money changers and temple hierarchy. A historical look at sacrifice to appease the pagan gods. The Hebrew practice of sacrifice is reviewed. The particular passage of John 2:13-22 is analyzed with a surprising commentary. | # Weeks 2 A / V Requirements White Board & Markers (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | Letters to God from South Africa This is a summary and discussion of universal questions asked by the children of the BUMC sponsored Tembelihie Primary School, Angel Care Centre, and Brentwood Society Church in Howick, South Africa. An example of these questions is "Why do we have to suffer?" I found their questions to be universal. This lesson will be a discussion of several of these questions. | # Weeks 1 - 2 A / V Requirements White Board & Markers A V Cart (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | The affordable housing crisis in Nashville and the Christian response. I have been asked by several classes to develop a lesson on our affordable housing crisis. This is an issue that I have worked on helping solve for over twenty five years as a volunteer with Urban Housing Solutions. I will provide the current status of housing affordability, efforts to alleviate the problem and the Christian response. | # Weeks 1 A / V Requirements A / V Cart (Same As Above) |



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| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | Telling The Good News (Our Witness) We each have a story to tell of our faith journey. What is it? How do we fulfill our commitment to witness? Discussion of how we discover God in the ordinary and relate our story to others. Will use examples of biblical witnesses and encourage the class to participate with examples of their own. | # Weeks 1 A / V Requirements Flip Chart or White Board (Same As Above) |
| John Gregory 615 804-5109 johnwillisgregory@gmail.com | | The Lord's Prayer (From Charles Allen's best seller, "God's Psychiatry") How is Jesus' teaching of this model prayer for his disciples relevant for today? Each line of the prayer with Dr. Allen's interpretation will be presented. This will an excellent opportunity to take a deeper dive into Jesus' suggestion of a prayer methodology. | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Brandon Hulette 615 591-3133 rbhulette@gmail.com | | The Lord's Prayer | # Weeks 4 - 5 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Sat A / V Requirements NONE |
| Brandon Hulette 615 591-3133 rbhulette@gmail.com | | By Water and the Spirit (Baptism) | # Weeks 3 - 4 (Same As Above) |
| Brandon Hulette 615 591-3133 rbhulette@gmail.com | | This Holy Mystery (Methodism Communion) | # Weeks 3 - 4 (Same As Above) |
| Tracey Levine  831 601-3316 tlevine@healinghousing.org | Executive Director for Healing Housing - Wmsn Co (C.P.R.S Interventionist) Tracey arrived in Nashville in 2011 after raising her 4 children with her husband in central California for 16 years. She knew from as early as 16 years of age that she didn't drink like her peers. Her drinking always led to blackouts and was the gateway to other drug usage and addiction. She sought treatment for an eating disorder in 1977, cocaine addiction in 1985 and alcohol in 1998 and has remained clean and sober since. Tracey earned her BA in psychology and is Hightower trained in the Johnson model of Intervention as well as has trained with Judith Landau in the Invitational approach to Intervention. She received her certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist in 2017. She has an extensive background in providing support to families in addiction crisis, as well as sober coaching. She currently serves as Executive Director for Healing Housing, Williamson County's first and only residential recovery community for women. She is passionate about empowering and assisting others in their journey to betterment and solution based living practices. Tracey loves spending time with her family and two dogs, reading, travel and a good knitting project. | The Importance of Faith-Based Sober Living Housing in the Continuum of Care Model for Addiction Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in an immersive recovery environment • Bridging the gaps in the continuum of care • Financial implications • Finding your Higher Power/God through Christianity and 12-step recovery practices • The comfort of structured living and accountability • Emphasis on best practices of solution-based living "Researchers found that those who live in a sober living facility or drug-free housing were 10 times more likely to avoid relapse." ~John Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2012 | # Weeks 1 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Sat A / V Requirements NONE |

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| <p>Joe Malone</p>  <p>615 595-6308 ulifeprep@gmail.com</p> | <p>Joe Malone holds a Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance with a minor in neuropsychology and a specialization in relational wellness. He has taught for many years at Middle Tennessee State University and guest lectured at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Malone served on the Centers for Disease Control Initiative for STD Prevention for the state of Tennessee. He is also a co-author of the new book Battles of the Sexes. Joe is the former Chair of the Nashville Community Health and Wellness Team and the current Topic Network Chair for Health Promotion for The Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood http://ssea.org/. He and his family first created a Christian-based wellness program for BUMC back in 1999.</p> <p>Joe has had the honor of working with young adults on their well-being for over 25 years. In his teaching, Dr. Malone has employed a background of varied life experiences which include Division I football coach and player, fitness professional, and celebrity trainer as well as professional modeling.</p> <p>He has personally made use of the research, insights, and experience that inspired Battles of the Sexes and has had his SEX IQ raised to improve, preserve, and protect his over-40-year marriage to his wife, Jody.</p> | <p>CHRISTIAN SEX IQ: Smarter Sexuality through Understanding Human Sexual Nature</p> <p>CHRISTIAN SEX IQ takes a scripturally and scientifically-based look at relationships between adult females and males and gives them insight into how and why sex differences have developed and their profound effects on their entire lives. It helps men and women understand their own sexual nature and that of the opposite sex and develop sexual empathy for them. It gives discernment into the mismatch both sexes have to endure between our rapidly changing culture and our inherited nature and the resulting battles both have to fight. Its goal is to raise SEX IQ in order to lower sexual conflict and empower long-term romantic love.</p> <p>Dr. Malone examines related scriptures and the underlying brain chemistry and physiology as well as sociology and psychology in an attempt to help both males and females gain deep insights into the drives that fuel many of their relationship decisions. This Circuit Rider lesson may be particularly important for classes with parents of young children, middle schoolers, high schoolers and even college students.</p> | <p># Weeks 3 ZOOM - NO Availability Sunday Mon - Fri A / V Requirements A / V Cart Laptop</p> |
| <p>Al McCree</p>  <p>615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com</p> | <p>Al McCree is a long time Sunday School Circuit Rider.</p> <p>Al is the CEO and Owner of Musical Concepts Inc. and the Comedy with Class Network. In that role, he is an artist manager, concert promoter and content distributor. He is also a retired Air Force fighter pilot. He is a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and has a Masters in Systems Management from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.</p> <p>He is married to Peg, an Assistant Professor at MTSU. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.</p> <p>In 2003, Al founded the Madrich Ministry. Madrich is the Hebrew word for Study Leader. In 2008, the name was changed to the Sunday School Circuit Riders.</p> <p>Al's mission is to facilitate the spiritual growth of others. His programs are always discussion based and thought provoking. He typically includes music in his facilitations.</p> | <p>Celebrating Your Natural Gifts</p> <p>How to achieve personal and professional satisfaction by using inborn aptitudes</p> | <p># Weeks 1 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Fri Trinity Church The Village A / V Requirements NONE</p> |
| <p>Al McCree</p> <p>615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com</p> | | <p>The Christian Response to the Addiction Epidemic</p> <p>Lately the news has been full of the opioid crisis in Tennessee and across the nation. This is a problem that touches us directly at BUMC. Addiction is a disease that affects many of our members and their families. This series provides an overview of the problem and features outside experts on the many issues and how, as Christians, we can begin to deal it. To schedule this series for your class, contact Al McCree, Sunday School Circuit Rider, al@almccree.com or call 615-460-7000. Teachers: Al McCree & Shannon Garrett</p> | <p># Weeks 3 - 4 A / V Requirements Lg Screen TV or Projector & Screen (Same As Above)</p> |




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| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | The Refugee Crisis and the BUMC Refuge Ministry This is a 4 week series. Each lesson is a stand alone session that does not necessarily need to be in sequence. There are multiple presenters including a presentation of the BUMC's involvement with Legacy Mission. Presenters include John Frame, Randy Hartley, David Ssebulime and Al McCree. The Refuge Ministry is a vital new Ministry for BUMC. Please contact Al McCree to schedule these classes. 1. The Refugee Crisis - John Frame or Al McCree 2. The Legacy Mission Ministry - Randy Hartley 3. The BUMC Refuge Ministry - John Frame or David Ssebulime 4. The Salome Ministry Related presentations that are not part of the series: The Persecuted Church - John Frame Immigration and the Role of the Church - Al McCree | # Weeks 4 A / V Requirements NONE (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Forgiveness Perhaps the hardest thing we are called to do as Christians | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Giving / Tithing A new look at an old topic | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Making Good Decisions Practical methods to improve personal, professional and spirual decisions | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Ecclesiastes An in depth study of one of the intriguing books of the Bible | # Weeks 3 A / V Requirements Bibles (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Homosexuality and Christianity Learn about and discuss one of the most devisive issues in Christianity today | # Weeks 3 A / V Requirements NONE (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Politics and Religion Where does the Methodist Church stand on political issues? | # Weeks 3 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Sex and the Bible There is lots about sex in the Bible. If we can't talk about in Sunday School, where can we? | # Weeks 4 A / V Requirements Bibles (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Social Principles of the UMC Where does the Church stand on many comtemporary issues from the environment to abortion? | # Weeks 6 A / V Requirements NONE (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | The Book - <u>Reimagining the Way You Relate to God</u> An in depth look at out true relationship with God | # Weeks 4 - 5 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | The 7 Experiment Teaming with Amy Coggins - A beautiful and challenging Lenten study | # Weeks 7 (Same As Above) |
| Al McCree 615 460-7000 (o) 615 243-0965 (m) al@almccree.com | | Witnessing: How To.... How to witness and not be embarrassed about it. | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |




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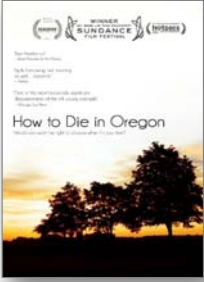



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|  <p>Peg McCree 615 243-0964 Peg.McCree@gmail.com</p> | <p>Peg McCree has been a member of BUMC for 30 years. She taught at MTSU for 18 years before retiring in 2018. She is married to Al McCree. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.</p> | <p>The Road to Ordination for Women in the Methodist Church</p> <p>Week 1 - This lesson highlights some of the significant events between 1730 and 1956 and some of the women who made the 172 - year journey to ordination within the church possible.</p> <p>Week 2 - In this session, we will examine the significant contributions of various female clergy within the church, from 1956 to the present.</p> | <p># Weeks 2 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Fri Trinity Church The Village A / V Requirements A / V Cart Mac Adapter</p> |
| <p>Peg McCree 615 243-0964 Peg.McCree@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Women in Mission in the United Methodist Church</p> <p>Many of the early missionaries in our church were women who made a lasting impact, not only in far off countries where they were sent to serve, but also here at home. This presentation focuses on a few of the early female missionaries and their specific contributions to making disciples for Christ.</p> | <p># Weeks 1 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>Peg McCree 615 243-0964 Peg.McCree@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Worldwide Religious Persecution</p> <p>Week 1 – This lesson focuses on religious persecution of all peoples of faith, including Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Jews. Where and why persecution occurs and the two types of persecution (governmental and social) will be discussed and examples will be provided.</p> <p>Week 2 – This lesson will focus on specific religious sects that have suffered religious persecution. The information for both presentations is based on information gathered from numerous sources, included The Pew Research Center, the U.S. State Department, The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, the United Nations, and the Human Rights Commission.</p> | <p># Weeks 2 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>Peg McCree 615 243-0964 Peg.McCree@gmail.com</p> | | <p>The Walk: Adam Hamilton Series</p> | <p># Weeks 5 (Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>Peg McCree 615 243-0964 Peg.McCree@gmail.com</p> | | <p>Developing a Two Part Series on Good Angels & Bad Angels</p> | <p># Weeks 1 (Same As Above)</p> |
|  <p>Mark Morrell 615 419-1235 marktmorrell@gmail.com</p> | <p>Mark Morrell and his wife, Rachel, have four children. They live in Franklin, where Rachel is a graduate of Franklin High School. An Indiana native, Mark is licensed to practice law in four jurisdictions (Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana and D.C.) and is Assistant General Counsel at Tenet Healthcare, a large, investor-owned healthcare company. Past experience includes teaching law school classes, academic administration, clerking with the Virginia Supreme Court and the federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and working in private practice. As an in-house lawyer, his client is the company. His role is to conduct internal investigations within the company and provide legal counsel to the compliance department. Mark enjoys reading and listening to books, performing choral music (former member of the Vanderbilt Community Chorus), and following Indiana sports teams.</p> | <p>Ten Ways to Love</p> <p>"Ten Ways to Love" is a survey of the Ten Commandments, taught by a practicing lawyer. The goal of the class is to review the historical context of the Ten Commandments and to consider how these commandments offer ten ways to love rather than simply ten more rules to follow. Each commandment becomes an umbrella for broader principles that are repeated throughout scripture. The class also discusses applicability of the Ten Commandments in the New Testament and how they still are relevant today.</p> | <p>Weeks 1 - 4 ZOOM - YES Availability Sundays AM BUMC A / V Requirements NONE</p> |
|  <p>Monicah Muhomba 615 727-4229 mmuho40@icloud.com</p> | <p>Dr. Monicah Muhomba is a Psychologist at the VA Tennessee Valley healthcare System and Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is originally from Zimbabwe, Africa. Monicah has a passion for teaching that is drawn from her background in both Psychology and Theology; she obtained a PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kentucky and a Masters Degree in Counseling from Asbury Theological Seminary, in Kentucky.</p> | <p>Mindfulness and Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A closer look at examples in scriptures and the practice of Mindfulness • Discussing the "What" and "How" of mindfulness practice • How Christians can use Mindfulness practice to connect more with others, themselves and with God • Contemplative prayer as a form of Mindfulness practice • Loving Kindness and Compassion based practices | <p># Weeks 3 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday A / V Requirements Flip Chart</p> |


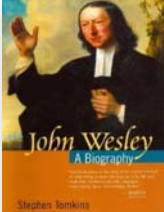
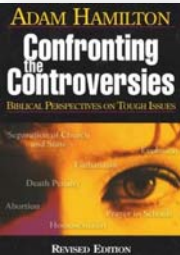


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| Monicah Muhomba 615 727-4229 mmuho40@icloud.com | | Becoming A More Forgiving Christian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion of Scriptures related to Forgiveness in the Old & New Testament- Jesus' messages about forgiveness Working definitions of forgiveness and the Process of forgiveness A look at research on Forgiveness Types of forgiveness Barriers to Forgiveness Benefits of Forgiveness Differences and similarities between Forgiveness of Self vs. forgiveness of others | # Weeks 3 (Same As Above) |
| Monicah Muhomba 615 727-4229 mmuho40@icloud.com | | Prayer and Faith Journey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A look at What the scriptures say about Prayer and faith John Wesley on Prayer as the "most important Means of Grace" Discussion of writings on prayer by such authors and Richard Rohr and Marjorie Thompson Prayer as a form of Mindfulness Leading a prayerful life in a distracting world | # Weeks 3 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer  615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | Steve maintains a focus on examining how contemporary social issues sometimes compete with our Christian faith. The son of an Episcopal minister who was deeply engaged in the civil rights movement marching with Martin Luther King, Steve grew up heavily influenced by his father's passion for social justice, helping the disenfranchised, and working on behalf of the poor. For nearly 13 years Steve has mentored death row prisoners at the Riverbend Maximum Security Prison. His willingness to carefully approach 'hot-button' contemporary issues is one of his gifts and talents. | 'Wonder Women' of the Bible Wk1 5 amazing women of the Old Testament Wk2 5 incredible women of the New Testament Putting them in the context of the times reveals the risks they faced, their faith, their wisdom and courage, and why they are important to us today.  | # Weeks 2 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Fri Trinity Church UMC The Village UMC A / V Requirements Large Screen TV - or - A / V Cart and Projector Screen |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | Based upon the following four books:  | Dead Sea Scrolls - The <u>REAL</u> life and times of Jesus What I learned preparing this presentation changed my entire perception of the origin of Christianity and its tumultuous birthing. It was a dangerous, bloody and hard-edged time. Christianity as you and I were taught did NOT come from James, John and Peter in Jerusalem. The scrolls reveal an entirely new perspective on the sacred story! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why was the discovery of the scrolls kept secret? Was Jesus soft and gentle or tougher than nails? Jesus grew up amid real danger, terror and blood. Contextual accuracy was not a forte of the gospels. There are revelations... The scrolls simultaneously affirm, reveal, and challenge us to broaden our concepts of Jesus, John the Baptist, St. Paul, and others, and so much of the scrolls' content is validated by historians of the time like Pliny and Josephus. This study ties together the Essenes, Hasidics, Sadducees, Pharasees, Zealots, Masada and so much of what was happening in a short 296 year time period overlapping part of Jesus life. We were never taught what the scrolls revealed. | # Weeks 2 (Same As Above) |


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| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | <p>NOTE: This presentation was developed by Steve with the help and supervision of Dr. Osama Bahloul, Imam of the Islamic Center of Nashville on 12th Ave South.</p> <p>Learn how our faith and theirs are far more similar than you might imagine.</p>  | <p>Understanding Islam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did Islam start? • Who was Muhammad? • The great Islamic split and its effects today • More similarities than differences with Christianity • Politics, Poverty, and Terrorism • Muslims in America and abroad today <p>This deeper dive reveals aspects of Muslims and Islam that you won't see on the news or hear from the pulpit.</p> <p>Christ mandates that, next to loving God, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we are to truly love our neighbors, we must first get to know and understand our neighbors.</p> | <p># Weeks 2</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | <p>Challenges Jesus Never Faced - Collisions of Science, Technology, and Morality</p> <p>Taking a look at questions never before raised in human history that we now face, but Jesus never did. How do we cope? To even begin our search for answers, we must first gather facts, evaluate, and make moral decisions (hopefully) based upon a framework we develop internally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we mix together logic and faith? • Or separate fact and data from fiction? • How can we know we're making a 'right' decision? <p>Jesus didn't have a clue about splitting the atom, GMOs, cloning babies, patenting genes or ownership of lifeforms, miracle drugs, climate change or space travel.</p> <p>Jesus would likely want us to courageously and prayerfully consider such questions. This class is about preparing ourselves and opening up spiritually to understand choices we will face that humanity has never before seen.</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | <p>Criminal Justice and the Death Penalty</p> <p>The Old Testament says "An eye for an eye..." Many of us are conflicted over the practice of execution.</p> <p>Tennessee has restarted executions. People are dying, and families of both crime victims and those convicted are being ripped apart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the United Methodist Church (UMC) say? • Is the term '<i>Criminal Justice</i>' really an oxymoron? • Can we prove that innocent people are being executed? • Is redemption reserved only for some? • What message does your church send? • What did Jesus say? <p>Allow me to share with you my experience of over 13 years mentoring death row prisoners at Tennessee's Riverbend Prison. It changed my life.</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | | <p>In Living Color - Human Acceptance</p> <p>This is an overview of the issue of race in America. How did things get so contentious?</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | <p>Human Sexuality - LGBTQ and My Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this rainbow represent a threat to the righteous? • Is it simply a cry for attention? • Or is it a reminder to share the universal grace of God? <p>A candid and fact based look at one of the most divisive issues of our time that separates us socially, politically, and spiritually. This is a presentation of facts on the issue through a Christian lens. Let's pause for a moment to consider this issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Culture / Society • In Nature / Science • In God's World | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |

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| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | Based upon the acclaimed HBO documentary film:  (Not a movie we will watch together. Facts drawn from the movie will be the basis for discussion.) | End of Life – Deliverance From Final Suffering Oregon's Death With Dignity act has brought this controversial practice to the fore in many states. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Church say? • Is this murder, doctor assisted suicide, or is it a surrender of life back to God? • What is happening elsewhere in our country? • What if you had to face this decision yourself or with a loved one? • Is there a possible ethical conflict within the Hippocratic oath that doctors take? • What would Jesus say? <p>9 states now recognize the right of an individual suffering inextinguishable pain to (within very strict guidelines) set in motion the ending of his own life rather than suffer a prolonged natural death.</p> <p>Any of us may be faced one day with considering such an option for ourselves or at the request of a loved one. We are challenged to consider both the practical and spiritual realities.</p> | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | Politics and Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we can end divisiveness and start the healing? - • How have we lost our way, and what can we do to restore civility and unity to our American fabric? • Jesus might argue that our politics should be guided by the illumination of his teachings. • Does separation of church and state apply? • What is the Church's role? • What are our roles as individuals? <p>This is also an exercise in learning to approach divisive issues with candor and civility through our Christian lens. It is about engaging in prayerful discourse in an increasingly divided world.</p> | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | Understanding Hinduism & Buddhism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hinduism - the oldest religion on earth • Buddhism - a religion or way of life? <p>Compared to Christianity, these may appear mysterious or bizarre on the surface, but under closer scrutiny, they somehow begin to look strangely familiar. Let's pull back the covers and look at some of the differences and the even stranger similarities between these and Christianity.</p> <p>A key to Jesus' command that we "love our neighbor" is first to "understand our neighbor".</p> | # Weeks 2 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | What 'THEY' Believe Ever wonder "What's the difference...?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic • Eastern Orthodox • Episcopal • Presbyterian • Lutheran • Methodist • African Methodist Episcopal • Assemblies of God • Church of Christ • Christian Scientists • Church of God • Jehovah's Witnesses • Mormon • Baptist • Seventh-Day Adventist • Unitarian / Universalist • Scientology <p>A key to Jesus' command that we love our neighbor is first to understand our neighbor.</p> | # Weeks 1 - 3 (Same As Above) |

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| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | Politics and Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we can end divisiveness and start the healing? - • How have we lost our way, and what can we do to restore civility and unity to our American fabric? • Jesus might argue that our politics should be guided by the illumination of his teachings. • Does separation of church and state apply? • What is the Church's role? • What are our roles as individuals? <p>This is also an exercise in learning to approach divisive issues with candor and civility through our Christian lens. It is about engaging in prayerful discourse in an increasingly divided world.</p> | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com | Based upon the following biography:  | The Life and Times of John Wesley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Wesley had some issues! • Wesley also had doubts...as well as conviction • What was going on in the church at that time? • How did his family relationships shape his life? • How his spirituality sometimes ruined relationships <p>His fascinating real-life story shows how an ordinary man suffered amazing rejection but managed to change the world. You won't believe how much he was like us. Wesley had his 'issues', but he had vision and courage that you won't believe! This is not a theological series - it's a real life story with lots of adventure and conflict.</p> | # Weeks 2 (Same As Above) |
| Steve Schaffer 615 332-4205 s1548@hotmail.com |  | Confronting the Controversies <p>Adam Hamilton's series - Biblical perspectives on tough issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Death Penalty • Creation and Evolution in Public Schools • Euthanasia • Prayer in Public Schools • Abortion • Homosexuality <p>My presentation will go beyond Adam Hamilton's original presentation 20+ years ago and will address what has changed since then and what he left out.</p> | # Weeks 1 - 6 (Same As Above) |
| Kathy Sherrod  (615) 351-4410 ksherrod@comcast.net | Kathryn B. Sherrod, PhD, earned her degree in 1972. She is a licensed clinical psychologist. In her 40-year career, she has published 23 articles, written books, and taught several graduate courses in psychology. She has lectured on various topics and has provided consultation to various groups. She works with individuals, couples, and families, helping them improve their patterns of communication in relationships | Understanding 12-step Programs <p>I wrote this 12-week study after attending various 12-step programs with clients. Every time I went to a 12-step program, I learned something. I wanted to share the 12 steps with Christians who would probably not attend a 12-step program because they do not have a problem with alcohol or any other specific addiction. In my view, all of us Christians are addicted to being human, which means that we continue to make questionable choices. Sometimes we just drift rather than intentionally making choices at all. A 12 step program is about us learning to look at ourselves in the mirror. While viewing ourselves in the mirror, we have an opportunity to notice what we see without assigning shame or blame. If we are straightforward about who we really are, we are more likely to make the changes we want to make. For many people, working through the 12 steps allows us to walk down pathway to peace and to develop a clearer connection to God.</p> | # Weeks 4 ZOOM - NO Availability Sunday A / V Requirements NONE |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey  615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | BUMC's Director of Evangelism, Shelby grew up in Texas, and received her B.A. in English from Lambuth University. She has her M.Div from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Shelby is passionate about equipping disciples to live faith filled public lives for Christ and the gospel. Shelby is married to Stephan and they have two children, Scarlett and Phinn. | Spirituality in Dementia Care <p>Explores ways to be inclusive of this unique demographic of folks in spiritual settings</p> | # Weeks 1 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Fri A / V Requirements Large Screen TV - or - A / V Cart and Projector Screen |



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| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | Play Theory in Dementia Care Explores the positive impact play can have on persons experiencing dementia, as well as practical techniques for spiritual caregivers | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | Hospital Visitation How to make a hospital visit as a faith community representative | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | Hearing the Cries - Confronting poverty in the Gospel of Matthew Explores the five theological dimensions of poverty and practical Christian responses | # Weeks 4 (Same As Above) |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | John's Gospel Study on key characters in the Gospel according to John and their relationship to an emerging faith | # Weeks 4 (Same As Above) |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | Evangelism in the Modern World The meaning and practice of Christian evangelism for all people of faith | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Rev. Shelby Slowey 615 324-8205 sslowey@bumc.net | | Topics of interest and experience for me that I could easily prepare lessons on include, <u>end-of-life spirituality and care</u> , <u>caregiver support</u> , <u>play theory</u> , and anything on the <u>Gospel of John</u> . | |
| <p>Dan Spatz</p>  <p>615 972-2843 daniel.spatz@gmail.com</p> | <p>Dan's entire career has been invested in various forms of feeding people. It has been a journey with twists and turns. After initially feeding needy populations through work at Catholic Relief Services, Dan turned to building new markets for chocolate and pet food for the Mars Corporation in Russia. Along that route, God intervened with knowledge and wisdom about the nutritional and healing purpose of food in our lives. This inspired a parallel journey converting his wife, three children and other family members onto a plant based diet. With understanding growing about the risks and traps involved in our "modern" food culture and systems, Dan and his wife, Nadia, purchased a culinary herb farm near Nashville in 2012. The mission at Healthy Flavors is to "spread the word" about naturally and nutritiously flavoring foods vs. overusing salt, fat and sugar as practiced today. In 2013, the family began attending BUMC, which imbued understanding, inspired discipline and increased investment in Christian values and practices. Dan began to develop a framework for interpreting the Christian experience and articulating a new vision of how health and nutrition could be applied to strengthen the Body of Christ. These roads – winding through charity, commercial enterprise, farming, faith and family – along with a passion for helping people improve their lives, give Dan broad perspective and many experiences to share in raising awareness about the future of health and wellness in our society.</p> | <p>Christian Wellness at Brentwood UMC</p> <p><i>Purpose</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthen the discipleship potential of the BUMC congregation by bringing a Kingdom inspired approach to health and wellness in this world. <p><i>Principles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> let God heal let Christ inspire let the Holy Spirit lead. <p><i>Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> raise awareness of the ancient wisdom and modern science related to achieving and maintaining optimum health and wellness provide a Christian biblical and spiritual foundation for focusing on health optimization make change practical, achievable, accessible and fun (!) for those interested | <p># Weeks 4</p> <p>ZOOM - NO</p> <p>Availability Sunday</p> <p>A / V Requirements Large Screen TV - or - A / V Cart and Projector Screen</p> |


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| <p>C J Stevens-Pino</p>  <p>727 215-9324 cjpino@earthlink.net</p> | <p>CJ Stevens-Pino has been a member of Brentwood UMC since April, 2015. She and her spouse, Marsha, have travelled in music ministry since 2001, ministering in large and small congregations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, carrying a message of inclusive love for marginalized communities. Averaging over 250 engagements per year while in fulltime ministry, CJ has acquired extensive experience in hands on, life changing ministry. She has been instrumental in helping many mainstream denominational churches begin the journey of inclusiveness. With over 18 years in active church ministry CJ brings a grass roots perspective to the issues churches face when struggling to create an inclusive and welcoming experience.</p> <p>CJ will share her personal experience of growing up in a Roman Catholic Church, in a small New Jersey town in the 1960's. She speaks of the struggles she faced when confronting her own sexuality at a very young age, in a family that she believed would reject her, and a denomination that would not accept her. You will hear how CJ learned that God had a plan for her, and how the unconditional love of a father and mother brought a fractured family life back to unity. A question and answer period will be included in this session, giving participants an opportunity to probe the difficult subject of dealing with homosexuality.</p> | <p>Importance of Language When Discussing Homosexuality</p> <p>The focus of this presentation is to bring relevant information to BUMC classes regarding the impact of language we use as it relates to homosexuality and the church. With the current discussions and debates arising from the February, 2019 General Conference vote, it becomes even more important to gain an understanding of the damage that can arise when someone feels they might not be able to live fully into their faith, or they may not be able to fully participate in the life of the church.</p> <p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how issues of sexual identity shaped the course of a young life. Listen to a real life perspective from the point of view of a child facing issues of sexuality and coming out. 2. How reactions of family, loved ones and the church can make a difference between life and death when a child or other family member comes out. 3. Where to find resources when you faced with a loved one coming out. | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>ZOOM - NO</p> <p>Availability Sunday Mon - Sat</p> <p>A / V Requirements Large Screen TV - or - A / V Cart and Projector Screen</p> |
| <p>C J Stevens-Pino 727 215-9324 cjpino@earthlink.net</p> | <p>BUMC Draw the Circle Wide Fellowship was started in 2011 to foster a culture of inclusion of all people in the full life and ministry of the church. In 2019 DTWCW started building courseware and other materials to provide information and raise awareness of how some populations and communities are not able to live fully into the life and ministry of the church due to restrictive language in the UMC Book of Discipline. This study provides information on specific exclusionary language in the Book of Discipline and encourages participants to delve into their own beliefs, and how those beliefs were influenced by their understanding and interpretation of the Bible.</p> | <p>"Faith and Inclusive: Sexuality, the Bible and the United Methodist Church" by Rev. Rob Fuquay of St Johns UMC, Indianapolis</p> <p>A 6 video session in 3 weeks published by Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship. The course leader follows a careful constructed leader guide to encourage discussion and dialog between participants. Each video session is followed by a short story or testimony from members of BUMC. One or more leaders from DTCW will facilitate the course each week, and may also share their testimony during the sessions.</p> | <p># Weeks 3</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |
| <p>Todd W. Van Beck</p>  <p>404 909-1829 todddvanbeck@gmail.com</p> | <p>Todd W. Beck has been in funeral service and bereavement care, and church lay ministry for 50 years. he is an author and speaker on a wide variety of topics ranging from funeral customs and practices, burial and cremation history and trends, to operation business practices, and the psychology of grief. Todd holds an honorary Doctorate Degree from the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, a Master's Degree in religion from Mt. Mercy Univ., and a professional diploma in Funeral Service Arts and Sciences from the New England Institute, Boston.</p> | <p>What Do Rituals Accomplish?</p> <p>We live in a time where the very purpose and meaning of rituals is in a type of crisis. The famous thinker Eric Erickson said "Without participation in rituals or the appropriation of the elements which it mediates, the human person faces psychological conflict, personality impairment, and estrangement from the inner self and outer society. Neither individuals nor communities can survive psychologically without ritual."</p> <p>This lesson will explore the meaning, purpose and significance of rituals. Rituals are indeed one major method that Christianity conveys its message.</p> | <p># Weeks 1</p> <p>ZOOM - YES</p> <p>Availability Sunday Mon - Sat</p> <p>A / V Requirements NONE</p> |
| <p>Todd W. Van Beck 404 909-1829 todddvanbeck@gmail.com</p> | | <p>The Founder of HOSPICE - Dame Cicely Mary Strode Saunders, M.D.</p> <p>Most everyone has heard of the Hospice movement. However there are just as many, even people who work in the Hospice world, who have never heard of the person who launched this world-wide movement: Dr. Cicely Saunders.</p> <p>This lesson will cover the remarkable journey both spiritual and political that Dr. Saunders embarked on in the mid 1960's pursuing what she dubbed "the good death."</p> <p>The contents of this lesson provide the attendee's with an inspirational story about faith, courage and perseverance. At the end of her life Dr. Saunders was quoted as saying "I didn't find Hospice, Hospice found me."</p> | <p># Weeks 2</p> <p>(Same As Above)</p> |

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| Todd W. Van Beck 404 909-1829 toddvanbeck@gmail.com | | The Exposition of Christianity In the first four Christian centuries the religions of the Roman Empire came under assault by those proposing a new faith, declaring that only the worship of the God of Jesus could be considered the true religion. This lesson presents that fascinating account of how approximately 20 first Christians and their mission to take the Great Commission of Jesus Christ very seriously resulted in a mere four centuries later of a Christian population of approximately 45 million human beings. The lesson begins with the Great Commission, explore the missionary journeys of Paul, the conversion of Constantine, and ends by presenting 10 practical common sense reasons why Christianity got such a foothold on the human race. | # Weeks 1 (Same As Above) |
| Todd W. Van Beck 404 909-1829 toddvanbeck@gmail.com | | The Life, Thought, and Ministry of Dr. Albert Schweitzer Musician, theologian and physician, Albert Schweitzer was above all, a true humanitarian. The overarching principle that guided him was 'reverence for life', a philosophy that took him to the jungles of Africa, where he healed many and touched the lives of millions worldwide. This program offers the attendee's a journey into the spiritual and missionary life and work of life this remarkable human being. The lessons will offer information on Dr. Schweitzer's academic background, his abrupt decision to leave academia and venture into the Congo to start a missionary hospital. Key to these lessons will two of Dr. Schweitzer's lasting contributions to humanity. First was the publication of his landmark book "The Quest of the Historical Jesus" and second was his philosophy of "Reverence for Life." Both of these subjects will be addressed at length. | # Weeks 3 (Same As Above) |
| Andy Voyles  615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | Andy Voyles has been a member of BUMC since 2004. Andy has been serving the banking and mortgage lending industry since 1997. He is currently a SVP for Bank of England based out of Little Rock, AR. A resident of Franklin, Andy is married to Gretchen Voyles (who works for the BUMC children's ministry). They have three children together, Ella, Alli, and Lucas. Andy has served as an elected member of BUMC's Church Council and Staff parish Relations Committee. He is a regular volunteer for the BUMC student ministry and has served as an Andrew Ministry team leader since 2007. Andy has helped lead small group discussions and teach Sunday School since 2010. He enjoys leading group discussions that offer practical application of spiritual disciplines. Andy has an avid interest in the history and formation of the Christian Church. | Christianity and World Religions Adam Hamilton Study - Explores Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam; exploring commonalities and unique differences. This is a combination of video, lecture, and group discussion. | # Weeks 6 ZOOM - YES Availability Sunday Mon - Sat A / V Requirements DVD Player + Large Screen TV |
| Andy Voyles 615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | | The Call Adam Hamilton Study - An in-depth study of Paul and his journeys; exploring his fascinating trials, tribulations, and evangelical spirit. These lessons explore the beginning of Christianity and take a deep dive into the book of Acts. This is a combination of video, lecture, and group discussion. | # Weeks 6 (Same As Above) |
| Andy Voyles 615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | | Protestant Reformation A 6-8 week study focused on the most significant leaders of the reformation and separation from the early Roman Catholic Church. We will study significant leaders of the reformation such as Huss, Wycliff, Luther, Sattler, Zwingli, Calvin, and Tyndale. This is a text, lecture, and video series that provides a deep dive into the events that helped create the religious freedoms we experience today. | # Weeks 6 (Same As Above) |

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| Andy Voyles 615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | | Christianity in Colonial America Discover how Christianity evolved in the original US colonies. This session will explore the 16th-18th centuries while examining influential leaders and the formation of religious tolerances. This session will start with an in-depth look at the Jamestown settlement and also explore following church movements: Anglican, Catholicism, Puritan, Pilgrims, Quaker, Witchcraft, and early Baptist. | # Weeks 3 A / V Requirements A / V Cart Projector Screen - or - Large Screen TV |
| Andy Voyles 615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | | Cults or Denominations? This is a study that looks at the definition of cults versus denominations. In the US there were significant religious events that transpired from the early 19th century. Some studies show there are over 40,000 active denominations. But, are they denominations of the Christian faith, or are they cults? How do you tell the difference? This study provides a brief level of understanding regarding other religious sects, triggering a rigorous discussion and debate of what is acceptable and what is not. This study can be one or two lessons or a series covering three to six weeks. | # Weeks 3 A / V Requirements NONE |
| Andy Voyles 615 584-1057 a_voyles@msn.com | | History of the World Christian Movement This is a 6 week study covering the formation of Christianity from Paul's death to the Protestant Reformation. We will explore how war, politics, religious customs, trade routes, commerce, social acceptance, and language barriers helped form the early Church. This is a historical and geographical based study, taught by powerpoint (110 pages) and complimented with some quick videos. Some highlights of the series includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman leadership and the acceptance of Judaism and the early Christian Church • Roman Emperors • Catholic Popes • Silk Road • Formation of the New Testament • Early Christian sects: Gnostics, Catholics, Manichaeans • Constantinople • Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire • Crusades • Constantine • Council of Nicaea • Dark Ages • Christianity and Islam • Feudalism | # Weeks 8 A / V Requirements NONE |