

the gathering 2010

with "false concepts (about God) and the true one, namely, the narrative of Jesus." Smith writes that he based the curriculum on Dallas Willard's "simple blueprint for a course in learning to live as Jesus taught us to live."

"Equipping the Saints" and Good and Beautiful God can be taken independently, but you are encouraged to move from one to the other.

Foundational Narrative Of The Bible

Rev. John Gruel / Room 2124

To some the Bible is a set of timeless truths, to other it is a place to look for the answers to life's questions. But the Bible is more than anything, a story – the account of God's interaction with his creation. In order to truly get a grasp on this, it is necessary to know the story. Join us and become grounded in the bedrock of this story as we examine the foundational narrative of the Bible. In the spring we will be focusing on the New Testament primarily using Like and Acts.

THE THEOLOGY PROGRAM: Humanity and Sin

Dr. Mateen Elass / Room 2115

Registration & \$50 materials fee required, Please contact Alice Tritthart 341-3602 x223 or atritthart@fpcedmond.org

Why did God create human beings? What does it mean to be human anyway? What is the Fall? Do we have free will? Male and female: what is the big difference? These are deep questions which affect the way we view and relate to one another. This course is a study the nature of humanity and sin. We will look at these matters from a biblical perspective, examining the what and why of man. We will spend time understanding the different theories about the composition of human nature and attempt to understand what it means to be created in the image of God. The issue of free will shall be covered with sensitivity and conviction, tracing the debate through the centuries. We will also wrestle with issues pertaining to the nature, purpose, and design of the sexes, understanding that our stance will ultimately affect our view of marriage and society.

The Y.M.C.A.

"The Young Married Couples Alliance"

Husbands / Room 2109 / 6:45 – 8 pm

Wives / Room 2111 / 6:45 – 8 pm

Meeting separately;(husbands together, wives together) to encourage one another and hold each other accountable in our marriages. We will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm and accountability time to begin at 6:45 pm. Hope to see you there!

Holy Joe's

Room 2106

If you want to meet new friends and visit with old friends in a "no program" atmosphere, come by Holy Joe's for a cup of coffee after the Gathering dinner. No program. No study group. No book reviews. Not even a "group discussion." It's no-host, no food –just coffee and fellowship. "No reservations necessary!"

Financial Peace University

Tom & Sonya Humes / Room 2126

January 27- May 12

\$90 pre-paid materials fee

91 Days to Beat Debt...and Build Wealth

In Financial Peace University you will learn:

- How to put together a spending plan that really works.
- Step-by-step how to get out of debt
- The security of an emergency fund
- To remove the stress that comes with financial problems
- The secret of improving your marriage
- How to make wise insurance decisions
- To take back control from creditors
- The value of negotiating Big Bargains
- The best way to buy and sell a home
- The blessings of giving
- Retirement plans and how they work, and much, much more!

Pre-Registration is required; To register, please contact mtisdell@fpcedmond.org

Student Offerings

Middle School CAOS / 6:30 - 8 pm

We start in the Palmer Room and move to the Fellowship for a time of Worship and Teaching. Then it is onto small groups discussions. We also have plenty of time to hang out with our friends. (Location will depend on construction.)

High School Revolution / 6:30 – 8 pm

We start in the Fellowship Hall with Worship and Teaching. Revolution is led and designed by high school students for high school students. (Location will depend on construction.)

Parents Praying for Students / 6:30 - 8 pm

Join us in the John Blaess Chapel for a time of prayers being offered for our students, their friends, and families.

Kids Offerings

BLAST!

Believe, Live, Apply, Share, and Tell!

1st – 5th Grade Students

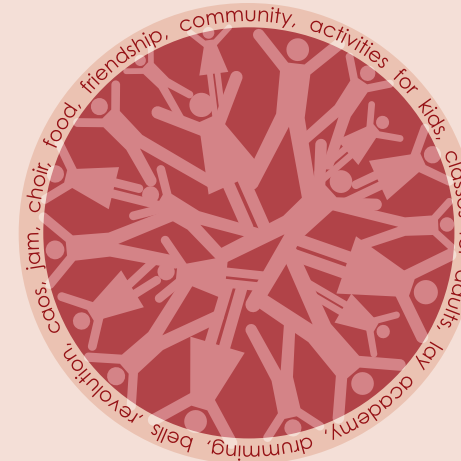
6:45 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday night in the Miracle Movies Room. We meet from 6:30 to 7:30 and will be spending time worshipping God, having tons of fun, building relationships with friends, and growing closer to God. This will be a great way to kick off the school year, and get excited about God in our lives!

JAM (Jesus and Me!)

Preschool / 6:45 pm – 8:00pm

The main purpose of JAM is to introduce children to the Bible stories about God and his Son, Jesus. It is our hope that each child will experience God's love in Jesus and begin to respond to that love as the Holy Spirit plants seeds in each heart.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Menu

January 6	Tomato Basil Soup w/Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich
January 13	Frito Chili Pie
January 21	Grilled Chicken on Flat Bread
January 28	Meatloaf
February 3	Penne Pasta with Chicken
February 10	Roast Beef
February 17	Baked Potato Bar
February 24	Chicken Tortilla Soup

NOTE: PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE FIRST DINNER BY FILLING OUT THE RESERVATION FORM (ON THIS PAGE) AND TURNING IT INTO MELISSA TISDELL OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Schedule

Meal	5:30 – 6:30 pm
FLC Community Clean-up	6:30 – 6:45 pm
KIDS' Opportunities	
BLAST Music	6:45 – 8 pm
J.A.M.	6:45 – 8 pm
Student Opportunities	
Revolution	6:30 – 8 pm
CAOS	6:30 – 8 pm
Adult Opportunities	
Adult Classes	6:45 – 8 pm

February 17th classes will not meet due to Ash Wednesday. Dinner will be served followed by Worship.

March 17th classes will not meet nor will dinner be served due to Spring Break.

Facilitator may adjust time to accommodate lessons.



Acts 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the Apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

This is our 5th year for The Gathering, as we come together on Wednesday evenings to share food, fellowship, prayer, and study.

What is "the gathering?"

The Gathering begins with a common meal served in the Family Life Center. It provides a unique opportunity for fellowship around the tables each week, as we meet new folks, strengthen existing relationships, or even sit down together with our own families.

Although The Gathering is organized around sharing a common meal, it is more than that. One feature of The Gathering is activities for children and youth of all ages. Children's activities range from worship and play to preparation and performance of musicals. In addition, it includes CAOS for Middle School students and Revolution for High School students.

The Gathering also provides excellent educational opportunities and activities for adults. Many adults are involved in the preparation, serving, and cleaning up of the meal. Classes are a blend of "core curriculum" subjects and topical classes. We hope that you have had the opportunity to check out our offerings and register today!

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Registration Form

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Number of plates needed: _____