

# Adult Sunday School Classes in May

All classes meet from 9:30 –10:30 am

*Sunday School ends on May 23 and will resume again September 12.*

## ***Faithful Living for Everyday Life***

Gen X'ers and Friends – Room 219

Getting through the day-to-day work, chores and challenges often consumes our waking thoughts. Throw in an ornery neighbor, the child throwing up just as you are walking out the door, or financial stress and there is often little time for reflection on how we can live our lives in a more faithful way. We will learn about the interpretations and re-interpretations of the Ten Commandments and their application to our lives. This class will use lecture, small-group and large-group discussion. *Teacher:* Rosalind Banbury is the Associate Pastor for Adult Ministry at FPC.

## ***The Jesus Creed: Seven Lessons in Loving God and Loving Others***

Sojourners Class—Room 205

We are completing a study in spiritual formation based upon the model that Jesus provided his first disciples. Early Christians didn't sing in the choir or go to weekly Bible studies!! And, yet, they matured in their faith inwardly in relationship with God as well as outwardly in their relationships with others. This study provides helpful insights and guiding principles for how we likewise can grow and mature in our own faith journeys. Our lessons will make use of short video clips, Bible study, as well as class sharing and discussion as we explore what it means to live and grow as a disciple of Christ today. *Teacher:* Sandy Irby trained as a school psychologist and is now pursuing a degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

## ***The Present Word: Teachings on Community***

Covenant Class - Room 218

What kind of community does God create? The books of Jonah and Ruth, the teachings of Jesus, and the stories of the early church demonstrate how faithful people come together in response to God's will. Unit III draws on three teachings from Colossians and one each from Philemon and Jude that relate "Teachings of the Church" on community. In Colossians, the learners will study the faithfulness of the community and how the community was established and chosen. The letter to Philemon helps us look at welcoming in the community, and the letter of Jude examines a community at risk. *Teacher:* Dr. Trotti, Professor Emeritus of Bibliography at Union-PSCE, is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

## ***Can the Dead Sea Scrolls Help Explain Difficult Passages in the Bible?***

Bible Explorers --A Bible Study Class for All Ages (formerly known as the 39'ers Class) Chapel  
May 2 and 9, 2010

Even for Christians who read their Bible faithfully, some passages of scripture are hard to understand. Some are ambiguous; some are obscure; some make us wish for more information. In this two-part class, we will turn to an unlikely source--the Dead Sea Scrolls--as a possible aid in wrestling with selected parts of the New Testament that have resisted interpretation or been misunderstood over the generations of believers. *Teacher:* Stuart Nixon.