

Summer Adult Bible Classes

Start June 4 – August 27, 2017
(Unless otherwise indicated)

GROUNDING:

Discover Apostles – Learn More About Us

Dave Hubbard
Room 204

Discover Apostles is a casual and interactive session where you can get a clearer picture of who we are and where we're headed. You'll get your questions answered, and you'll meet others who are also new to Apostles. Continental breakfast will be served in Room 204. Discover Apostles is offered on the fourth Sunday of each month (see website or bulletin for upcoming dates). Information: Contact Jo Fuller at 404-564-6673 or jfuller@apostles.org.

Membership Class

John Horton and Greg Smith
Room 201-203

This four-week class is offered to those interested in membership at Apostles. It is an opportunity to not only learn more about Apostles but also learn about your spiritual gifts and the many opportunities available to serve and become involved. Completion of the Apostles Membership Class is required for church membership. The next start dates are August 6 and October 1, 2017. Information: Contact Jo Fuller at 404-564-6673 or jfuller@apostles.org.

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

June 11 - August 27
Seth Rikard
Room 616

With secularism creeping into our society, it is increasingly important that Christians are equipped to engage with our culture and the tough questions they ask of the world of faith. Hasn't science disproved God? How can a good God allow such suffering? How could God send people to hell? Who are you to say there is only one way? How do you know the Bible is credible? Why can't people choose to love who they want? No question is off-limits.

How do we respond to the critics, skeptics, seekers? Based off Tim Keller's popular book *The Reason for God*, this class will equip and prepare participants to engage comfortably with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who ask the tough questions of life. Come join us as we explore the answers to life's hardest questions and discover the centrality of Christ to all of life.

LEARNING:

The Book of James - Practical Christianity

Tom Taylor
Room 229 A

This class will have a bit of small-group table sharing, interactive dialog, and teaching on the book of James. We will cover God's hand in trials, grace, and wisdom. We will also spend a lot of time on our response in key areas, like: relationships, giving, serving, controlling our anger, walking faithfully, and praying.

The Gospel of John

June 4 – July 30
Mike Sessoms and Scott Mobley
Room 236

Which verses quickly come to mind if asked the question, "Who is Jesus Christ?" The Gospel of John contains a multitude of our favorite verses such as John 3:16, but it also records for us the clearest picture of who Jesus is. Our study will seek to unfold this record, so that each one, no matter how long they have walked with God, will reach a deeper and clearer understanding of our wonderful Savior.

Who Then Is This?

Allen Scott
Room 246

He might have been as young as 19 on the night of the mega storm that the Sovereign of the Sea caused and stopped. He was in the boat that should have sunk, but it did not. He was bailing and rowing while the Sovereign of the Sea inexplicably slept. In his gut, he knew he was going to hell; so, he joined his fellows in waking the Sovereign and insulting Him: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" The Sovereign did care. The Sovereign spoke the word, and there was an immediate calm. The young man and his fellows joined in posing the same question: "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?" The young man lived to the century mark with more than 70 years of memory before he ever recorded his answer to his own question: "Who then is this?" His answer has survived the assaults of time and decay, and today we know it as the Gospel of John. Join us in this eight-week study.

CONNECTING:

Co-Ed Singles (35 and above)

Danny Castellano and Brad Ost
Room 607-610

The adventure is clear and compelling: "To provide a safe and healthy place to pursue Christ in our present, God-gifted, singleness and function as the Body of Christ."

You are invited to join others as we take several weeks to study how Daniel and his friends chose to live for God in a new and different place. Information: Contact Mike Slaughter at mslaughtera@apostles.org.

Speaking Truth in A Post-Christian Culture

June 4 – July 30
Zack Carden
229 BC

The shift in culture that has been long anticipated is finally here. As the general public begins to challenge long-held assumptions based on Christianity, how do we navigate that shift? In this class, we will discuss how the early Church and Christian leaders of the past, as well as the present, have suggested that we respond to cultural changes, and the barriers that exist between church and society. We will look at generational dynamics, biblical truth, and various cultural engagement models in this class, which will be part lecture and part discussion. This class will also be intergenerational, so it is open to all ages, even high schoolers. However, please note that we will be talking about some mature subject matter (the current change in sexual mores for example), so, ideally, these high schoolers would be older and more mature, like 11th and 12th graders. (In the case of students who attend, they are free to join STS for worship and then join us in our classroom afterward.)

Young Families Fellowship

Kevin Cuthbertson
Room 620-623

Jude wrote to the early church to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Churches over the years, ours included, have taught our children this “once for all” faith by use of catechism. These catechisms are a collection of questions and answers for the purpose that our children will be able to explain who God is and what He’s done in the world. In this class, we will be examining the theology behind these questions and answers. While the Children’s Ministry will be in line with this class, you do not have to be a parent to attend. Breakfast will be served for the whole family beginning at 8:45 a.m., and class will begin by 9:15 a.m. Information: Contact Kevin Cuthbertson at kcuthbertson@apostles.org.

TRAINING:

Evangelism Training

June 4 – July 30
James Saxon
Room 201-203

Beta Training - Fundamentals in Sharing Your Faith:
This course is the entry level training in the fine art of soul-winning. It is a sequel to the Sharing Your Faith Workshop held at Apostles on Saturday morning, June 3, but participation in that workshop is not a requirement for this class.

Topics will include the following areas:
How to Share Your Personal Testimony
Integrating Your Spiritual Gifts Into Your Outreach Efforts
Assessment of your Evangelism Style Preference
How to Ask Meaningful Questions
Contact James Saxon with any questions at 404-591-1981.

Preparing to Lead – Part I

June 4 – July 30
Mike Slaughter and Brandon Guntor
Room 237 ABCD

Have you ever wondered about how God wants to use you to impact the lives of those around you? You know He has called you to leadership, but you don’t know how to get started. Here is a Bible study that will help you begin taking steps in the right direction.

Leadership has been defined as working through others to achieve a goal or a vision. There is no clearer example of this than God using Joshua to bring the Israelites into the promised land! Joshua was an effective leader, because of his intimate relationship with God. Come spend June and July with us as we discover how it is that God calls and prepares His children to lead!

Preparing to Lead – Part II

August 6 – August 27
Who Am I?
Brian Maxwell
Room 237 ABCD

August is the month for my annual physical. This August, I will also submit to an annual spiritual. And greater than the question I’ll ask my doctor, “How am I?” is the question I must ask myself, “Who am I?” Join me in a look at four biblical instances of epiphany – when the scales fell off and someone saw himself as never before. Who knows? It could happen to you, and maybe it will.

You Only Die Once

Stan Carder
Room 239

For many years, The Church of The Apostles has taught us how to live a godly life. Now, we need to be taught how to be prepared for our “final laps.” We have run the race well; now, we must finish well. This video-based class will offer practical information and guidance as we make preparations regarding our end-of-life issue, such as caring for our surviving family members, executing our wills, estate planning, and other areas that would need to be addressed.