

DISCOVERY CLASSES Winter 2022

(January 9-February 13 @ 9:00-9:50AM)

1. Renewing Joy in your Life

Teacher: Steve Playter

What do you do when reading your bible becomes a chore or when prayer seems to be a waste of time? What do you do when fears and anxieties take hold of your mind and getting out of bed in the morning seems like a bad idea? Saints down through the years have wrestled with trying to maintain joy in troubled times. Listen to a letter from Martin Luther, the Great Reformer, written July 13, 1521, "I sit here at ease, hardened and unfeeling – alas! Praying little, grieving little for the church of God, burning rather in the fierce winds of my untamed flesh. It comes to this: I should be afire in the Spirit; in reality I am afire in the flesh, with lust, laziness, idleness, sleepiness. It is perhaps because you have all ceased praying for me that God has turned away from me....I really cannot stand it any longer. Pray for me, I beg you, for in my seclusion here I am submerged in sins."

Do parts of that letter ring true to you, too? We have come through a really tough time and even now continue to struggle with various challenges. Psalm 51:12 says, "Restore to me the JOY of your salvation." There is a battle for joy that we must wage. It isn't easy, but it is necessary. Join us these next few weeks as we learn together how to rediscover joy in a world that tends to rob us of that very thing! Bring your bibles as it holds the key to our freedom!

2. Colossians

Teacher: Stan Zaucha

The Proclamation Of The Absolute Supremacy And Sole Sufficiency Of Jesus Christ

Paul is in prison in Rome. A small church in a small town on a former trade route in the province of Phrygia is in deep trouble. The pastor of the church senses the possible collapse of the church and goes the great distance to Rome to meet with Paul to both tell of the church's support for Paul and to enlist Paul's help in refuting the heresy that threatens the church's very existence. Such is the attraction and strength of this heresy, if it takes root it would quickly spread and place the entire Christian church at risk. Even though Paul has never visited the small town of Colosse and the church there, he feels a kindred spirit with them and a deep responsibility to help them refute this heresy that sought to reduce Christianity to a legal system and Christ to a position of a lesser God. Paul pens a letter to the Colossian church that refutes this heresy and strongly asserts the absolute supremacy and sole sufficiency of Jesus Christ. Why should we spend the time to study this short letter? This heresy is still around today in various forms and is just as attractive and destructive now as then. We also need to be reminded of how great Jesus is and understand his supremacy and sufficiency. It is not Jesus plus something for salvation, it is Jesus alone that saves. Come join us for a fulfilling study of this short letter and be spiritually enriched in better understanding the greatness of Jesus Christ and how the sufficiency of Jesus is all that we need.

3. Financial Peace University

Teacher: Paul and Kari Hanus

Planning for a future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen – there's a better way! Join Financial Peace University and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together. Interested? Join us beginning January 9th to discover a better way. Sign up online at ramseyplus.com/app/classes/guide/in-person and use the church address when signing up. This class will be a hybrid class; watch videos at home each week and then come class for discussion. This class will run 9 weeks. The cost for this class is \$59.99.

4. Discipleship Blueprint

Teacher: Pastor Chad and Pastor Travis

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Our mission at FBC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples of Christ, however, don't stop once they "know," they continue to make disciples.

We know that can be overwhelming so in this class, "Discipleship Blueprint" we're going to walk what it looks like to become a disciple and disciple maker.



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