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Adult Classes Next Quarter: What to Expect

We have a great lineup of classes for the adults next quarter. Below is a brief overview of each one so you can choose the one that best fits your current needs.

Sundays and Wednesdays, Auditorium. David Posey (Rich Mowrer, assisting). "Your Better Life Now: A Study of the Book of Hebrews."

Joel Osteen has written a best-seller entitled "Your Best Life Now." Critics say the book is bereft of scripture and man-centered instead of Christ-centered. Whatever; the point is that the only way we can have our "best life now" is to make certain we are "in Christ," completely and for good.

Most Christians know that Hebrews is a great book to study if you're interested in "rightly dividing the word of God" in terms of how the New Testament fulfills the Old Testament. We also are aware that Hebrews trumpets the superiority of Christ and the New Covenant; that is, Christ is "better" than any pretender as a source of salvation and the New Covenant is "better" than the old.

Hebrews is also a very practical book. The people that the writer was addressing were Christians who were growing weak in the faith — they were "drifting" — and the writer calls them back to faith, hope and commitment.

But we don't have to be "drifting" to gain from a study of the book. We can all use exhortation and encouragement and Hebrews majors in these. And the Lord knows, we need more faith — in fact, we cannot please God without it (Heb. 11:6).

If you know Hebrews, you will be able to capably answer questions about the relationship of the Old Testament and New Testament; you'll likely know more about the Old Testament after the study. More importantly, your faith will grow and your grip on hope will become a little more secure.

I'm very excited to have the opportunity to teach this wonderful book next quarter and grateful that Rich Mowrer has agreed to help.

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Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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Sundays, Room 11-12: Dennis Wade. A Study of the Book of Job.

Dennis will have a synopsis in next week's View.

Wednesdays, Room 11-12: Jeff Herrin. Evidences.

Beginning in January, there will be a Wednesday evening class on evidences in Room 11. The material presented is being incorporated into our high school class curriculum and will be introduced to them in the Spring Quarter. The title for the spring quarter high school curriculum is Evidences: Exploding the Myths that Challenge God's Word.

Although King David was not intimidated by Goliath, even he thought the task of constructing a temple worthy of the Lord was a daunting one (1 Chron. 29:1). Preparing young people for the assaults on their faith from a secular society is just as grave a responsibility and the consequences are high. Even if their own faith is unwavering, it is still almost certain that people they care about deeply will be swayed by the arguments of the world. I appreciate the opportunity to spend a quarter discussing these issues with an adult class to further sharpen our thinking before presenting the material to our high school students in the Spring.

Since we are only meeting on Wednesdays for the adult class, the material will be compressed and we will move quickly to cover several topics. Lesson topics will include:

- Introduction;
- Serving God with all your mind in a secular society;
- How Einstein and others proved the universe had a beginning;
- Every watch has a watchmaker;
- Darwin's new critics;
- Intelligent design;
- The reliability of the New Testament accounts and the canon;
- The problems with other gospels (Gospel of Thomas, Gospel of Judas, etc)
- Amazing Biblical prophecies
- Archaeology and the Bible
- Summary

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Wednesday, 10 AM, Auditorium, 6-8 weeks starting January 14th.

"The Household of God."

We'll be examining the New Testament ideal for the church, the family of God, from several perspectives: worship, work and the roles people fill in the church, including the role of women. We will also take a look at the social activities that grow naturally out of our relationship in the church.

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Special Announcement: this coming Wednesday Night and Thursday!

For members of the body of Christ, this coming Wednesday night, December 24th, and Thursday, December 25th, are exactly like the other 51 Wednesday nights and Thursdays of the year. These days are no different in any spiritual sense. For us, Wednesday is NOT *Christ-mass eve*; we will **not** be singing "Christmas Carols" or engaging in a special service designed to celebrate Christ's birth.

Why? Because the Bible is absolutely silent on the date of Christ's birth and does not authorize the setting aside of special days to celebrate special events. Every first day of the week is the Lord's Day; other than that, no day is esteemed above another, for spiritual reasons.

The families here will undoubtedly enjoy some social time with loved ones on Wednesday night and Thursday. That's each family's prerogative. But we, as a church, will assemble on Wednesday like we always do and study and worship, like we always do, without any attention given to the secular nature of the evening.

Please be here and ready to study your Bibles as we normally do.

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