

## We are Disciples

Often referred to as the Great Commission, found in Matthew's gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19a, 20a)

In response to this commission, as followers of Jesus we are called to both *be* disciples, and to *make* disciples of others. The Greek word for disciple means learner. So, we are to continually be learners, striving to deepen our understanding of Jesus' message, so we may mature in our faith. We also teach others so they, too, can be faithful followers, deepening their spiritual journey.

Christ Church offers opportunities for Children, Youth, and Adults to be disciples! We hope this brochure will provide a glimpse of our offering, and we invite you to go to our website for more information. Come learn with us!

## Christian Education Schedule

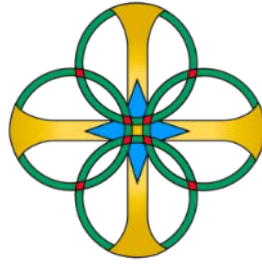
Classes for Children, Youth & Adults  
Sunday, 9:15am to 10:15am

Education for Ministry  
Monday, 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday, 10:00am to 11:30am

Bible on Tap  
First Thursday of each month, 6:30-8pm

Practicing Faith at Home  
One Saturday per month (see inside for dates), 5-6:30pm



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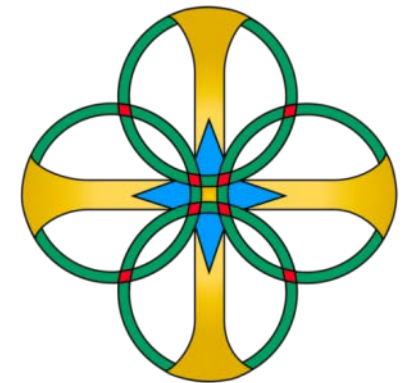


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# Adult Christian Education

## Fall 2018 Classes



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Whoever you are,  
wherever you are spiritually,  
**you are welcome here!**

## Sunday Morning Sessions Session 1: August 19-October 28\*

**Contemplative Prayer and Practices** (The Rev. Ceci Duke, Ed. Wing Rm. 107)

“Human health depends on the continuous awareness of God’s presence.” -- John of the Cross

When most of us think about prayer, we imagine conversations with God. Some of these conversations are formal, as in Morning Prayer; some are personal as in private devotions; some are intercessory as when we pray for others. The conversations with God in Contemplative Prayer differ in that they are mostly silent. Contemplative Prayer requires that we set aside activity in order to make space and time to be quiet.

Using Father Thomas Keating’s video, “The Contemplative Life,” this class will learn the steps of centering prayer, and the value and importance of silence in human life.

**Reclaiming Jesus** (Kristie Bernard, Jacki Bosco, Stacy Collins, Chuck Seeliger, Ed. Wing Rm. 114)

Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? Join this discussion for an examination of civil discourse, teachings from the Bible, and shared conversation as we seek to understand how God is leading us in this time.

\*No classes on September 2.

## Session 2: November 4-December 16

**Celtic Christianity** (The Rev. Andrew Frearson)

Join our Visiting Rector, The Rev. Andrew Frearson, for this exploration of themes and practices that developed in regions of the British Isles and Ireland during the Early Middle Ages. How can these practices and perspectives shape our understanding of Christianity and inform our Christian lives in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century?

## Practicing Faith at Home

To transmit religious faith and practice intergenerationally, home life is key. Recent studies indicate that the most important factor in forming religiously committed and engaged youth is having a family that talks about religion at home. While clergy, youth ministers, and Sunday School can play an important role, they cannot replace family practices. Practicing faith at home takes just that – practice.

Taught by Karen Bass, this class will explore habits you can create to make the transmission of faith part of your family rhythm. Not every family will gravitate to the same practices; this class will give you concrete ideas to try before coming together to see what worked and to discuss another practice. By the end of the course, each family will have had opportunities to discover what works for them now and a reserve of ideas for the future.

The class will meet one Saturday per month from 5-6:30 pm (including dinner) on the following dates: September 29, October 27, December 1, January 5, February 23, March 23, April 27. Babysitting will be provided. A small fee will be requested for dinner—the group will decide how to handle dinner options. Contact Karen Bass at [children@ccnorcross.org](mailto:children@ccnorcross.org) with further questions or to register.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join The Rev. Ceci Duke and fellow parishioners each Wednesday morning to study and converse about the Bible. This fall our study continues with Rob Bell’s book, *What is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You think and Feel about Everything*. Since each class session is self-contained, anyone is welcome to join the Bible Study that meets from 10:00 – 11:45 a.m in Ed. Wing Room 117.

## Bible on Tap

Join The Rev. Ceci Duke and fellow parishioners at The Crossing in downtown Norcross the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to have a drink or a meal, discuss scripture, and catch up on each other’s lives.

## Education for Ministry

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program, an extension of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN, provides people with the education to carry out that ministry and the opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. This is an exciting four-year course that explores the scriptures as well as church history, ethics, and theology. EfM runs for 34 sessions each year, from September through May and meets on Monday evenings from 6:30pm–9:00pm in room 114 of the Ed. Wing. Classes now forming for 2018-2019! For more information, please contact

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