

Grace Messenger

August 2018

DISCIPLE

FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Bible Study for Busy Lives

Have you always wanted to study the Bible from beginning to end? Then this is your opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with the Lord Almighty by studying His Holy Word in a Christian fellowship setting through a structured program of study. The goal of Disciple Fast Track is to develop disciples of Jesus Christ who know and love God's Word.

Disciple Fast Track is a 24-week course that moves sequentially through the Old and New Testaments using a thematic approach to the study of Scripture. The group meets weekly for 90 minutes and each participant commits to daily reading and brief responses in a study manual (35-45 minutes per day). There is also a commitment to regular attendance at the weekly class sessions for the full course.

The weekly class sessions include a short introductory video (5-7 minutes), Scripture teaching, and discussion activities centered on the chapter theme and the study guide responses. A Study Bible is recommended for this course. (Please contact Sam Poston at (937) 360-6717 for input before purchasing a Study Bible.) Come join the Disciple Fast Track group!

Comments from past Disciple FAST TRACK participants at Grace about their experience:

"You won't regret it. Such a huge learning experience. Yes, it was a big commitment and lots of homework, but so worth it all in this meaningful Bible Study course."

"Absolutely do it! You will gain a greater understanding of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Sharing what we learned from the reading and study manual assignments led to bonding with fellow Christians in the class."

Disciple FAST TRACK 2018-2019

~24 Class Sessions: September 19, 2018 through March 27, 2019

~No class on November 21, December 19, December 26, and March 6 (Ash Wed.)

~Wednesdays: 7:00-8:30pm (Room N108)

~Facilitated by Leslie McKinney and Sam Poston

Study Manuals (Old Testament and New Testament) are provided at no cost

The First chapter of the Old Testament Study Manual should be completed before the first class session

Please pick up the Old Testament Study Manual from the church office by Wednesday, September 12

Enrollment is limited to 25, so register early. (A waiting list will be started after the 25 slots are filled.)

The Registration Sheet is located on the display table in the narthex: *Deadline is Wednesday, September 12*

Calling a New Senior Pastor

To help everyone understand the process a little better we thought we'd outline the very basic steps of this process.

First is to create a Call Committee, which Grace Council as already done. Next the Call Committee will meet to better understand their duties and to begin praying. Then they will create a timeline for this process. The Call Committee will need to prepare a Congregational Profile, which will be sent into the NALC to notify them we are looking for a new Senior Pastor and what our specific needs/desires are. In order to create this profile, the Long Range Planning Team has already done some of this leg work, but Grace will host a Congregational workshop on Oct 13th to help put this profile together. Everyone from our Grace congregation is invited to participate in this workshop, please mark your calendars.

After the Call Committee prepares our profile and sends it to the NALC, then the NALC will begin to match our profile with profiles of qualified Pastors. Pastor Brodbeck can submit his profile to the NALC to be considered in this process. The Call Committee will receive profiles and then decide who they want to interview. Once the interview process is complete, the Call Committee will chose a candidate to introduce to Council and Council will meet this person. Council will then bring the candidate before the congregation for approval.

Please be joining us in prayer throughout this entire process. This is a crucial time for everyone in our congregation to pray and participate in laying the groundwork for the next decade(s) of Grace Lutheran Church. - Your Grace Council

Special Congregational Meeting

Mary Ellen Fulmer, a long time faithful member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, has remembered this congregation in her estate. Our Grace Church Council, in our commitment to be good stewards of the blessings bestowed upon us and to abide by our Grace Constitution, is calling a Special Congregational Meeting for 9:15 a.m. Sunday, August 5, 2018. The single agenda item for this meeting is a proposal regarding how we can most fully benefit from Mary Ellen's generosity. All Grace members, and guests, are encouraged to be in attendance for this August 5th meeting. -Pastor Powell

Financial Stewardship: Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak

These words remind me of all the times God has called me to do something I was really apprehensive about doing. I am usually an unwilling recipient at first because I am fighting my fears about falling or making mistakes or worrying about constant conflicts with schedules.

Growing spiritually means stepping out of your comfort zone from time to time and maybe tapping into a new talent, having faith that things will work out. Things of a spiritual nature, needing to be done, are never easy. It is allowing God in to guide you in His mission by prayerfully taking on whatever it is He is asking. It is through faith that I overcome my fears and shortcomings to become a better Christian and to share the word of the Lord.—Cathy Zernechel

Home Care Ministry Needs Members

The Home Care Ministry Team is a committed group of members who get great pleasure from regularly visiting our Grace friends who are unable or seldom able to attend worship. Some are still in their own homes, while others are in area care facilities. Visiting 1 or 2 people takes an hour or so each month. The impact on those we visit is greatly appreciated. It is meaningful to them for their visitors to bring news of the activities and events at Grace. It helps them to feel connected to their church family and to know that we do care about them. They look forward to our visits and a chance to get a break from their daily routines. If you cannot make visits, volunteer to make regular phone calls instead. For some members, just receiving a friendly phone call means so very much. Unfortunately, a few of our homebound friends have not had a visitor in a while, and many would love to be able to have even more than one visitor a month. More team members are needed to accomplish this. We urge you to sign up to serve in this ministry in the new Time and Talent brochure. The Home Care Ministry is one way of sharing the love of Christ and to be a true blessing to our brothers and sisters in Christ. You will find that it is very gratifying to serve others, to add purpose to your day, and to feel blessed for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to our dear friends.- Bev Kaech

Wax Museum Coming To Grace

On September 16 you are invited to Grace Lutheran's first ever Wax Museum. The museum will be presented by the Ministry Area Coordinators (MAC) of Grace. It is our way of bringing the Time and Talent booklet to life. We are excited to present this to you and we hope you will be curious enough to join us for this hour of fun and creativity.

The MACs work with the Ministry Team Coordinators and their teams all year long, sharing their Spiritual Gifts. This is our opportunity to see them in action, presenting information about their teams, information you can use to decide which ministry or ministries to join to use your Spiritual Gifts.

Please join us in the Community Center on Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 a.m. to receive your directions about the Wax Museum and then travel through our Grace Wax Museum until 10:15 a.m.

A New Grace Sign

Our 19 year old, original Grace sign on Saint Paris Pike has served us well and is soon to be replaced. After many repairs and maintenance efforts, a new sign is being designed, purchased, and soon to be in place. Be watching for this as, yet, another way to welcome the world to join us in faith at Grace!

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Fellowship

All men of Grace, and their guests, are encouraged to come together at 8:00 a.m. for a hour each Saturday for fellowship, prayer, and time in God's Word. We are beginning a study of *Moses: God's Man for a Crisis*. We will begin this on Saturday, August 11th and continue through the end of this year.

August Events

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 1801 St. Paris Pike. Springfield, OH 45504

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Wednesday, August 1

9:30 am Embroiderer's Guild

Thursday, August 2

9:00 am Service Quilter's Guild

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm Worship

Friday, August 3

Saturday, August 4

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Men's Triad

Sunday, August 5

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for youth

9:15 am Special Congregational meeting

10:15 am Fellowship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, August 6

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 7

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:30 am —1:30pm Staff meeting/
office closed

6:00 pm Executive committee

Wednesday, August 8

9:30 am Hope Guild

11:30 am Charity Guild

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry

Thursday, August 9

9:00 am Service Quilter's Guild

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm Worship

Friday, August 10

Saturday, August 11

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Men's Triad

Sunday, August 12

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:15 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship

12:00 pm Financial Stewardship

2:30 pm *Worship at Springfield Manor*

Monday, August 13

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 14

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:30 am —1:30pm Staff meeting/
office closed

Wednesday, August 15

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, August 16

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm Prayer Support Team

Friday, August 17

Saturday, August 18

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Men's Triad

Sunday, August 19

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:15 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship

Monday, August 20

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:30 am —1:30pm Staff meeting/
office closed

7:00 pm Grace Council meeting

Wednesday, August 22

6:00 pm Culture Crew

6:30 pm GriefShare

Thursday, August 23

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Friday, August 24

Saturday, August 25

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Men's Triad

Sunday, August 26

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages

10:15 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship

4:00 pm SummerFest

Monday, August 27

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:30 am —1:30pm Staff meeting/
office closed

Wednesday, August 29

6:30 pm GriefShare

Thursday, August 30

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Friday, August 31

A Word of Thanks

Thank you so much for your prayers, get well cards with kind words of comfort, patience and understanding, phone calls, and visits, during my ongoing recovery from surgery. I am blessed to be surrounded by so many loving and caring people. You are special to me. Dear ones, God Bless all of you.

Carol Carpenter

Carol Vincent and family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Grace congregation for its support during the recent death of Ed Vincent. Your prayers, cards, and luncheon provided, were greatly appreciated. The church has always played an important part in our families lives. We extend a special thanks to Pastor Powell for officiating the service and to Bev Kaech for the music she provided.

Sincerely,
The Carol Vincent family

SUMMERFEST



SUMMERFEST 2018
AUGUST 26
4:00—7:30 P.M.

Bring your friends and family to Grace for great fun, food, and fellowship. At 7:00 p.m. we will meet at the cross for vesper service. Transportation will be available. Watch the bulletin for opportunities to volunteer.

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