

# Educational Opportunities for Fall 2011



## September – December, 2011

### Small Groups & Shepherding Groups

**Wilson Shepherding Group:** Elder Tim Wilson and Deacon Matt Miller will be concentrating on home visits during the fall.

**Rossi Shepherding Group:** will meet for fellowship & prayer at different homes within the group on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

**Helmick Shepherding Group:** will meet at 7:30 pm for study, prayer and fellowship at the Helmick home on the third Tuesday of each month.

**O'Steen Shepherding Group:** will meet the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at the home of the O'Steens, or other homes within the group.

**Wright Shepherding Group:** will meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at various homes to be announced.

## Featured on Sunday Mornings...

### ✓ **Studies in the First Letter to the Thessalonians**

We continue into the Fall with our study of the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonian church. This precious letter teaches and reinforces the biblical doctrine of the church as well as gives us the living hope of Christ's parousia – his promised return.

*Morning Worship Services, 11:00 am*  
Pastor David G. Barker

### ✓ **Reformation Celebration!**

This year, during the month of October, our subject will be the doctrine of Holy Scripture as the Word of God. We will examine how God has preserved and guarded his Word throughout the years from one onslaught after another and what difference that makes in our lives today.

*Morning Worship Service, 11:00 am*  
*October 2 through November 6*  
Pastors David G. Barker & Andrew Gretzinger

### ✓ **Looking for an Epiphany**

During the Advent season, we will be examining the Christmas story from the perspective of the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on the accounts unique to that gospel record – the interference of King Herod and the travels of the Wise Men.

*Morning Worship Services, 11:00 am*  
Pastor David G. Barker

### ✓ **Inquirer's Class**

This class is designed for anyone who would "like to know more" about the basics of the Christian faith, especially in a forum that would allow for questions and answers. Also, if you are interested in applying for membership at New Covenant, you should plan on attending this class.

*Christian Education Hour, 9:30 am*  
Ruling Elders Terry Wright & Rob Rossi

### ✓ **The Meaning and Significance of the Lord's Supper**

The elders have taken the summer months to re-examine the meaning, the elements and our practice of the Lord's Supper. Now they would like to share with you what they have discussed and concluded and what they plan to implement in our observances of the precious sacrament in the future.

*Christian Education Hour, 9:30 am*  
*September 11 -25*  
Pastor David G. Barker

### ✓ **Foundations, Part 2**

Last Spring, we took the Christian Education hour together to examine how the opening chapters of the book of Genesis are not only factual and historical but absolutely relevant and vital to the forming of a proper, biblical world and life view. As Christians, we must know what makes us think and act differently. We will continue in this study, focusing specifically on Genesis 15-17 and our covenantal heritage and the connection that New Testament Christians have with our forefather Abraham.

*Christian Education Hour, 9:30 am*  
*October through December*  
Pastor David G. Barker

## ... on Sunday Evenings

### ✓ **A capella Hymn Sing**

This informal psalm and hymn sing will meet on the first and second Lord's Days of each month. Elder David O'Steen will lead the singing of psalms and hymns, familiar and unfamiliar, mainly from the Trinity Hymnal. Singers will learn singing techniques and will gain experience singing in harmony without piano accompaniment.

*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's Day Evenings, 5:00 pm*  
Elder David O'Steen

✓ **Studies in the Book of Ruth, concl.**

Beginning in October, we will resume our examination of the story, the background and the glory of the book of Ruth. Having gotten Ruth and Boaz together, we will see how the Lord blesses their lives as they attend not only to their own obedience and faithfulness to his Word but to the larger promise of God for all his people.

*Evening Worship Service, 6:30 pm  
October through December  
Pastor David G. Barker*

## ... and During the Week

✓ **Ladies Prayer Circle**

Tuesday mornings (year-round) in the conference room beginning at 10 am, NCPC is supported in prayer by faithful women who join together to approach the throne of grace boldly on behalf of the community.

*Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am  
Conference Room  
Mrs. Ruth Boone*

✓ **Leadership College – Module 2**  
**This Study will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>**

“What do the officers of the church believe?” will be the focus of this module as we work through the doctrines of grace articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith and wrestle with what it means to be both Presbyterian and Reformed.

*Wednesday Evenings 7:00-8:30 pm  
Pastor David G. Barker*

✓ **Vision (Grades 9-12)**

This fall we will be studying **Revelation: A Study of the Kingdom of God**. We will enjoy a time of study, prayer, and fellowship, as well as opportunities for service and study at our Family Night program.

*Wednesday Evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Andrew Gretzinger*

✓ **Kids Quest (Grades K-5)**

KidsQuest is a weekly meeting that will include Catechism lessons, scripture and hymn memorization, a continuing story, and games. Our focus this year will be on God's attributes, identifying our true needs, and open-Bible prayer.

*Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Lori Wilson*

✓ **Quest (Grades 6-8)**

Pastor Andrew will be leading a Bible study in **Foundations: The Book of Genesis**. We'll also have small groups, prayer, fellowship, games and food. In addition, we will be having special events from time to time.

*Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Pastor Andrew Gretzinger*

✓ **Women's Bible Study**  
**A Study of Our Faith**

Ladies, did you grow up in another Christian denomination or religion? Are you unclear about what people mean when they talk about "catechism", "The Westminster Confession of Faith", or being "reformed"? We have a class for you! All women are invited to a weekly Bible study during Family Night, in the Library at NCPC, studying through **The Shorter Catechism for study classes** by G. I. Williamson. Books will be available the week before class. Bring your Bible and a friend! Have questions? Contact Nancy Ciliax (410-838-3405).

*Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Nancy Ciliax*

✓ **Women's Bible Study**  
**Job: Lessons in Comfort**

This will be a study on the character of our God by Frankie Bennett (speaker at the 2011 WIC Retreat). This study has a significant amount of scripture work involved in it, but we will try to have small group discussions of the material that will bring blessings to your efforts. A Thursday evening session may be planned (7-9), as well as Thursday mornings. If you are interested in getting the book and joining us, please contact Wendy.

*Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:15 am  
Conf. Room - beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mrs. David O'Steen*

✓ **God's Gym**

This Men's Bible study is for the building up of the spiritual man. Join them for a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer as they study the minor prophets.

*Thursday mornings, 6:00 am  
Conference Room  
Mr. Shawn Loftus*

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## Join us for our annual Biography Buffet

**November 5, at 4:30 pm**

**This year's addresses:**

*Happy Birthday, KJV! The 500<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the English Bible  
and*

*The Life and Times of William Tyndale*

4:30 pm – first address

5:30 pm – catered dinner & dessert

7:00 pm – second address

- Seating for dinner is limited. pre-registration is required.
- All are welcome to attend the addresses alone.

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