

# FALL 2016 ADULT ED CLASSES

## **Christian Classics: *The Beatitudes* by Charles H. Spurgeon**

**Leader: Liz Holdridge**

***Sundays, 8:00 a.m., Room 205***

Charles H. Spurgeon (1834–1892), known as the “Prince of Preachers,” was a British Baptist preacher who is still highly influential among Christians of various denominations. A powerful orator and prolific author, he frequently preached to audiences of more than 10,000 people—all in the days before electronic amplification!

## **The Present Word: Sovereignty of God**

**Leader: John Coburn**

***Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 206***

The Present Word engages participants in an experiential style of learning, connecting faith and life. Through the exploration of biblical texts, study groups are invited into a deeper relationship with God. The fall quarter this year explores the sovereignty of God as seen through the visionary images of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation.

## **The Bible as a Whole: The Gospels**

**Leaders: Sue Farrand and Stuart Hayes**

***Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 205***

This ongoing course, working its comprehensive way through the Bible, is now in the Gospel of John.

## **Life in Christ**

**Leaders: Lay Teachers**

***Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Rooms 32–33***

This 9-week course, GPC’s discipleship class for current members as well as prospective new members, is an interactive exploration of what it means to follow Jesus here at GPC. Sharing in small groups, students consider how a disciple worships, prays, engages neighbors, serves, manages resources, and uses spiritual gifts. This course is the first in the “Life Together” series, which forms the core curriculum for discipleship at GPC.

## **Sermon Topic Discussion**

**Leaders: Steve Olin, John Hastings, and others**

***Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Library***

This “class” is simply an opportunity to share insights, questions, and perspectives in an informal discussion of the day’s sermon topic and its applications to our everyday lives.

## **FourthNight Adult Electives**

**Leaders: Pastors and Lay Leaders**

***Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Various Locations***

Two kinds of programs are offered:

- **Conversations:** Informal group discussions with a facilitator, sharing thoughts, experiences, insights, and questions on a different topic each week.
- **Classes:** Typically 3–5 sessions on a Bible passage or theme, or several sessions on a topic of general Christian interest, with teaching, discussion, and applications. Starting on October 5, Dr. Elsie Gordon will lead a 6–8 week class on “**Seven Steps for Making Marriage Work**,” after introducing it in a presentation on September 21.

## **2nd Friday Book Club**

**Leaders: Suzie Ward, Beverly Spencer & Cindy Cename** ***2nd Friday each month, 7:30 p.m., Spencer Hall***

The 2nd Friday Book Club consists of GPC members and friends who are concerned about various Christian social issues. They have just begun a discussion of the book *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis.

***Choose the opportunities that are right for you and use them to help deepen your faith while you get to know more people at GPC.***