

# SPRING 2017 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: God Loves Us**

**Leader: John Coburn**

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

The Present Word is a widely used, quarterly Bible curriculum. Through the exploration of biblical texts, study groups are invited into a deepening relationship with God. In the spring quarter, a survey of selected Old and New Testament Scriptures reveals dynamic and encouraging aspects of God’s constant love for humankind.

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

**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 Acts of the Apostles.

## **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 Facilitators** ***Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Library/Fellowship Hall/Rooms 32–33***

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.
- ***Adult Studies:*** 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.

## **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.

## **Life in Christ**

**Leaders: Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence & Rev. Dr. D. Jay Losher** ***Saturdays, May 20 & June 3, 1:00–5:00 p.m.***

This core curriculum course, GPC’s discipleship class for prospective new members as well as interested current ones, is a small-group-based, interactive exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ here at GPC. *The room location has not yet been announced.*

***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.***