

2017
RushChurch
Christian
Education
Class List

Our Christian Education Program is a series of classes offered on Sunday mornings with the objective of helping people understand the Bible and live fully devoted Christian lives.

As those seeking to develop the character of Christ in our lives, we have both an obligation and an opportunity to teach and be taught. If we are to apply knowledge in skillful living, thus practicing wisdom, we must first have a thirst for that knowledge. We have been given the gift of the very Word of God and the church understands that it is necessary that we be immersed in the Word, learning the Word, teaching the Word and applying its precepts to our lives. When tempted by the devil, Jesus was able to fight off his attacker by knowing and quoting the very same Word of God to which we have access (*Matt 4: 1-11*). Paul refers to the Bible as the Sword of the Spirit (*Eph 6: 13-17*). In a dangerous world, this sword serves as both an offensive and defensive instrument. We must learn to wield our sword well.

In a desert of uncertainty, the Rushsylvania Church of Christ must be an oasis of truth, refreshment and direction through the only certain and unchanging thing; God's word. I invite you to join us in this endeavor. Whether you are a Christian of many years, a brand-new child of God, or are wondering who and what Jesus is, there is a place reserved especially for you at this table of truth.

These classes are not D Groups. Our D Groups are designed for interaction, teaching through dialog and telling our stories. They revolve around building relationships and sharing life together. And while Christ taught in those ways many times, our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program is best viewed as having the form of The Sermon on the Mount. In this instance, Jesus was teaching a lesson rather than engaging in an everyday conversation. He was conveying information about the kingdom of God so his hearers would gain knowledge. He was the teacher, they were the students. The purpose of this Christian Education Program is to teach the Bible; this is what the Bible says, this is what it means, this is how it's applied.

Our classes will be offered in twelve week "Semesters" with breaks offered in the months of April, August and December. Some classes will begin in January and run for 36 weeks, or 3 semesters, and finish at the end of November. These are longer classes, encompassing large subjects such as: "Bible Doctrine" and "The Life of Christ" etc. Other classes will begin in January and run for 24 weeks, such as: "Romans", "1 and 2 Corinthians", with a break through the month of April. Still more classes will begin in May for 12 weeks (Galatians) and September for 12 weeks (James). During the month of August, all classes will be suspended as I will teach "A Survey of Worldviews" class during both services. And, as with many classes we take, sometimes there is a cost involved. The cost associated with some of our classes is not for the class itself, but for any books or materials the instructor deems necessary.

While none of these classes are a requirement for fellowship or church membership, all are encouraged to make the full commitment to whichever class you choose and seize upon this opportunity to feast upon God's Word.

This Christian Education Program is an ambitious vision designed to increase our biblical knowledge, pursue wisdom and feed our hearts yearning for unvarnished truth. It's not necessarily going to be easy, but it will be worth the time and dedication given to such an opportunity. Please join us on this adventure.

-John-

Class Name	Teacher	Date Starts	Length	Cost (Books)	Meeting Room	Service
Bible Survey	Bellomy	1/8	36	\$0	GF	1st
Life of Christ	Skidmore	1/8	36	\$0	3/4	2nd
Bible Doctrine	D. Watkins	1/8	36	\$0	1/2	2nd
1 & 2 Corinthians	Ramsey	1/8	24	\$0	MO	1st
Romans	Cleaveland	1/8	24	\$0	5/6	2nd
Galatians	Honaker	4/23	12	\$0	GF	2nd
Survey of Worldviews	J. Watkins	7/23	6	\$0	GF	1st/2nd
James	Ra. Varner	9/3	12	\$0	MO	1st

Locations: (LOCATION MAP ON PAGE 12)

- GF - Grand Foyer** **1/2 - 1st & 2nd Grade Room**
MO - Main Office **3/4 - 3rd & 4th Grade Room**
YR - Youth Room **5/6 - 5th & 6th Grade Room**

Bible Survey

Teacher: Tommy Bellomy

Tommy has served as an elder in this church for approximately 30 years. He has seen many changes at the Rushsylvania Church of Christ and through all phases of growth and evangelism has demonstrated a firm model of faith in God's provision for the church.

Start Date: January 8 - (1st 12 week session)

April 23 - (2nd 12 week session)

Sept 3 - (3rd 12 week session)

Length: 36 Weeks (3 - 12 week sessions)

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the Word of God – The Holy Bible – and the key highlights of the history of God's people and the characters used by God to guide and direct his people to salvation and eternal life.

Life of Christ

Teacher: Luke Skidmore

Luke is our chairman of the elders. He is a soft-spoken fellow who is known for his steady leadership skills and diligence in seeking consensus amid differing views at elders' meetings. Luke is passionate about the church and fulfilling its important role in this world.

Start Date: January 8 - (1st 12 week session)

April 23 - (2nd 12 week session)

Sept 3 - (3rd 12 week session)

Length: 36 Weeks (3 - 12 week sessions)

Meeting Room: 3rd & 4th Grade Room

Service: 2nd Service

Overview:

In this course we will be walking through the life of Jesus from a chronological view from creation to the resurrection. We will be using a harmonized version of all four gospels as our text. We will focus on who Jesus was, what he did, and learn how to be a disciple by looking to the Chief Shepherd.

Bible Doctrine

Teacher: David Watkins

David has been a leader of our church for over 30 years and has taught many classes and studies. He has a heart to teach people how to study scripture to find the life changing truth that lies inside.

Start Date: January 8 - (1st 12 week session)

April 23 - (2nd 12 week session)

Sept 3 - (3rd 12 week session)

Length: 36 Weeks (3 - 12 week sessions)

Meeting Room: 1st & 2nd Grade Room

Service: 2nd Service

Overview:

The Bible Doctrine class will focus on who God is and how to relate to him on a daily basis. Topics such as faith, salvation, redemption, justification, election, baptism, and more will be explained and studied with a view to helping individuals understand, define and pursue their roles individually and in the family, the Church and society.

1st & 2nd Corinthians

Teacher: Joe Ramsey

Joe is another long-serving elder—more than 30 years and counting. Joe describes himself as someone who likes to keep things simple. He has a knack of sifting complicated discussions and issues into a few points.

Start Date: January 8 - (1st 12 week session)

April 23 - (2nd 12 week session)

Length: 24 Weeks (2 - 12 week sessions)

Meeting Room: Main Office

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will help us to apply Paul's advice to a struggling group of people, located in city of Corinth, in the infancy of the Christian Movement, to our own lives. We will see how those principles of Jesus, shared through Paul so many years before, still greatly apply today as we explore, "The Challenges of Life Together".

Romans

Teacher: Lynn Cleaveland

Lynn has been preaching for more than 50 years and is still going strong! As of this June, he has preached at RCC for 19 years. He now serves as our Executive Pastor which is a part-time position involving not only preaching but also attending to many of the administrative and operations needs of the church.

Start Date: January 8 - (1st 12 week session)
April 23 - (2nd 12 week session)

Length: 24 Weeks (2 - 12 week sessions) Meeting Room: 5th/6th Grade Room

Service: 2nd Service

Overview:

This study will help the student to understand the basic outline, purpose, themes and concepts taught in the book of Romans. These concepts include baptism, Christian lifestyle, grace, justification, obedience, sin and salvation.

Galatians

Teacher: Bryan Honaker

Bryan and his wife, Cammie, have been attending RushChurch for a few years now and are active in serving in several areas. Bryan heads up the Men's Breakfasts and has a heart for helping men reach their potential in Christ as they strive to lead their families.

Start Date: April 23

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 2nd Service

Overview:

This class is a 12 week study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. The prominent themes of this book are: living in Christ by faith, freedom in Christ, faith working through love, life by the Spirit not the flesh, the fruit of the Spirit, and working for the good of all.

Survey of Worldviews

Teacher: John Watkins

John is excited to meet our four goals for the church over the next five years. John's personal goals are to grow in righteousness and wisdom. John and his wife Ashley met in this church, so they both have deep roots here. We're glad the roots have bloomed into full service!

Start Date: July 23

Length: 6 Weeks

Meeting Room: Grand Foyer

Service: 1st & 2nd Service

Overview:

This study will briefly compare the origin and practices of different religions and philosophical beliefs to the truth of God's Word, the inerrancy of scripture and the rationale of Christianity.

James

Teacher: Randy Varner

Randy says he feels called to serve. He says it took four different eldership training programs to find out where God wanted him to be. He serves on the RushChurch Missions committee and helps with various local mission projects as well as having served on two mission trips to Brazil, and the family Appalachian mission trip a couple of years ago. It is important to Randy to teach his children to serve others.

Start Date: Sept 3

Length: 12 Weeks

Meeting Room: Main Office

Service: 1st Service

Overview:

This study will look at how James wrote this book to Jewish believers to encourage them to endure and live bold Christian lives. James is a book about practical Christian living that reflects a genuine faith that transforms lives.