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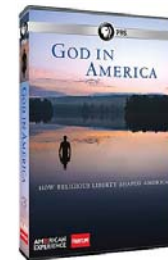


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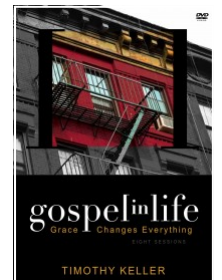
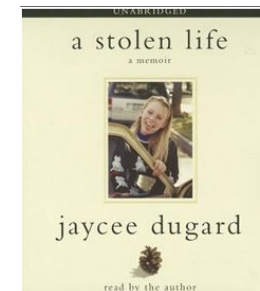
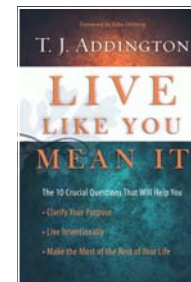
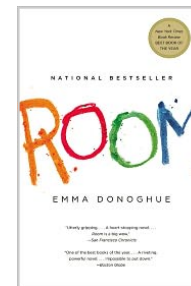
An all new Life Long Learning Catalog...
 In order to keep you apprised of all the new offerings in Adult Christian Studies, we have broken our traditional once a year catalog into two parts: Fall/Early Winter and Winter/Spring/Summer. Take a copy home and join us in a memorable Christian study.



**PARADOXES
 FOR LIVING**



**CULTIVATING FAITH
 IN CONFUSING TIMES**
 N. Graham Standish

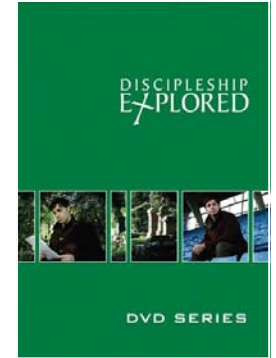


DR. SKIMINS STUDIES

Discipleship Explored

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734-453-6464, ext. 112

This winter/spring, I will be conducting a Bible Study entitled “Discipleship Explored” by Barry Cooper. At the same time, during worship, we will be preaching the same theme, *Exploring Discipleship*. We will be studying Philippians and themes such as Living in Christ, Knowing Christ and Rejoicing in Christ. This program will begin in mid-January when the current program completes. Watch bulletin for dates and times.



REV. EMILY CAMPBELL

Contact: emilycampbell@fpcp.net or 734-453-6464, ext. 113

AMP—A Moment’s Peace. This study is for ladies of every age and experience who seek to develop their faith in Jesus Christ more deeply.

Beginning on Wednesday, January 11th our class will be studying a “still to be determined” devotional book that will undoubtedly provide us with insight into living a life of faith. This class provides a time of tremendous fellowship, prayer, and study.

This Bible study is structured to meet once a week for nine sessions. We will meet following the same time and schedule as W3, on Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. -11:00 noon (except on the 3rd Wednesday of the month). **Childcare is available including an extra hour from 11:00-noon.** Cost of book still to be determined. Registration sign up sheet can be found on the church bulletin board next to the elevator.

Please check this bulletin board in early December for further details about the class.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Meets Saturday mornings 7:30 - 9:00 AM in the Library/Parlor
Contact: Jerry Kmiecik @ jkmiecik@hotmail.com

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IN CONFUSING TIMES.....

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By N. Graham Standish

Books available for purchase, \$10

For the Christian, we have many spiritual tools in our tool box. One of the tools we have are *paradoxes*. For the Christian, these are just as powerful. A paradox is a seemingly contradictory statement that reveals truth, and Christianity is full of them.

To be strong, we have to be weak. To become mature, we have to become children. To live, we have to die. In *Paradoxes for Living: Cultivating Faith in Confusing Times*, N. Graham Standish challenges readers to explore these and other biblical examples of paradox. He suggests that taking time to delve into these oft-overlooked passages will help faith grow and give a deeper understanding of and closer relationship with God.

Come join us as we continue the journey with the *Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study*.



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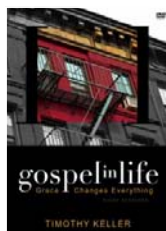
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EARLY WORD BIBLE STUDY

Every **Wednesday morning** throughout the year
7:15 - 8:30 AM ~ in the Chapel
Contact: Sue Kage @ skage@comcast.net
or 248-349-6268



Gospel in Life by Timothy Keller

Our current study is an eight-week video-based study of the gospel and how to live it out in everyday life - first in your heart, then in your community, and ultimately out into the world. *The Gospel in Life Participant's Guide* is also used for our study.

CONTINUING THE WORD

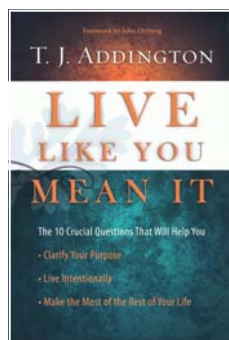
Live Like You Mean It by T.J.Addington

Sunday Evenings

5:00 - 6:30 PM ~ in the Calvin Room

Contact: Joann Oldham @ joldham48170@yahoo.com or
734-455-4639

This book does not spell out the answers for you. Instead, this is a book of self-exploration and self-discovery. It is a road map revealing how God made you and how He wants to use you. Only you can discern the answers for your life. But, if you never ask the questions, you will never know the answers.



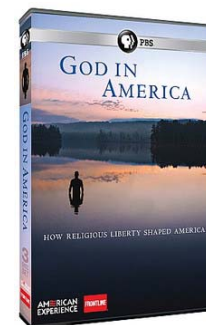
Live Like You Mean It is written for everyone who desires to understand his or her life in a new way. It is written for executives and construction workers, stay-at-home moms and career women, high schoolers or college students, entry-level employees and retirees. This book is not written for an elite few, but for all of us who care about living a life of intentionality and meaning. (taken from the Introduction).

GOD IN AMERICA: How Religious Liberty Shaped America

Six weekly Sessions (dates below)

Wednesday evenings, 7:30 PM

Contact: Joyce Holmes 734-543-8457 or
joyceholmes@hotmail.com



For those who know that in America, religion matters - and for those who wish it didn't matter so much - comes *God in America*, a sweeping history of how religious faith has shaped America. Interweaving documentary footage, historical dramatizations, and interviews with religious historians, this series from the award-winning producers of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE and FRONTLINE was first released on PBS in October, 2010. It is an in-depth exploration of the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States.

Each session will start with a one-hour video of a particular time-frame, beginning with the first European settlers up to the inauguration of President Obama. An open discussion will follow where there are no right or wrong answers. The goal is to enlighten and inform as we strive to live in a nation of diverse ethnic groups and religions. **All session will be in the chapel beginning at 7:30 PM.**

The **first three sessions will be February** prior to Lent. They will cover the years 1492 to 1865.

Episode One:	<i>The New Adam</i>	February 8
Episode Two:	<i>The New Eden</i>	February 15
Episode Three:	<i>A Nation Reborn</i>	February 22

The **last three sessions** will follow after Easter and will cover the late 1800's up to the year 2008.

Episode Four:	<i>A New Light</i>	April 18
Episode Five:	<i>Soul of a Nation</i>	April 25
Episode Six:	<i>Of God and Caesar</i>	May 2

tried to craft a normal life for her son. When their insular world suddenly expands beyond the confines of their four walls, the consequences are piercing and extraordinary. Despite its profoundly disturbing premise, Emma Donoghue's *Room* is rife with moments of hope and beauty, and the dogged determination to live, even in the most desolate circumstances. A stunning and original novel of survival in captivity, readers who enter *Room* will leave staggered, as though, like Jack, they are seeing the world for the very first time.

Sign-up on Presbyterian Women's Bulletin Board.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 - 7:00 PM

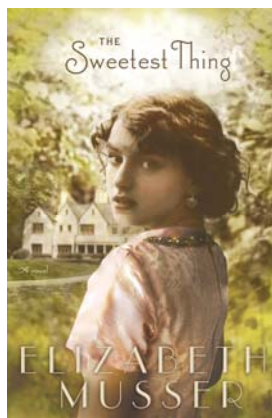
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The Sweetest Thing
By Elizabeth Musser (Audio Conference with Author)

The Singleton family's fortunes seem unaffected by the Great Depression, and Perri--along with the other girls at Atlanta's elite Washington Seminary--lives a carefree life of tea dances with college boys, matinees at the cinema, and debut parties. But when tragedies strike, Perri is confronted with a world far different from the one she has always known.

At the insistence of her parents, Mary "Dobbs" Dillard, the daughter of an itinerant preacher, is sent from inner-city Chicago to live with her aunt and attend Washington Seminary, bringing confrontation and radical ideas. Her arrival intersects at the point of Perri's ultimate crisis, and the tragedy forges an unlikely friendship.

The Sweetest Thing tells the story of two remarkable young women--opposites in every way--fighting for the same goal: surviving tumultuous change.



SECOND SUNDAY FAMILIES

Second Sunday of Every Month

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM ~ in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Heather Kirkland @ balogheather@yahoo.com or 734-459-0342

Each one of us faces a variety of difficult situations in life, especially as it concerns our children. For many families of children who have special needs, it can be particularly challenging for the entire family. No one should have to deal with these alone. One particular challenge is finding support for the child, their siblings, adults and extended family.

This past year FPCP started a group that addresses the concerns of parents who face the many trials and unique celebrations of raising children with differing abilities by providing emotional and spiritual support as one family in Christ. First Winter term meeting will be January 10, 2012. Our meetings start at 11:45 AM with lunch for parents and children (because of the special dietary requirements, we are asking parents to bring their own meals). At 12:15 children will be watched by babysitters in a separate room while parents pursue a variety of subjects, guided by educational and spiritual professionals. Meetings generally end at 1:30. But, it doesn't end there, we not only rely on the strength of God, but God also guides us as we pray for each other and share our concerns and experiences on our special Facebook account.

CONFESSING THE BEATITUDES

2nd Tuesday each month: September 13 to May 8

7:00-8:45 p.m. in the Dining Room

Contact: Joyce Holmes @ joyceholmes@hotmail.com or 734-453-8457

Confessing the Beatitudes is a Presbyterian Women Bible study of the beatitudes found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each lesson concentrates on one of the nine beatitudes. Following each lesson, as a group we attempt to write a group confession of faith regarding that particular beatitude.

A faith confession includes telling the truth about the glory and grace of God and the fact that we, in our humanity, never fully live up to that grace. It is a concrete way of making Jesus' teachings a part of our journey of discipleship as we move from confession to action.

Any woman is welcome to join us at anytime. The study book is \$10.

WINTER 2012 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDYS

James: Mercy Triumphs

January 11 – March 14 (8 Weeks)

Wednesdays - 9:30 AM – Noon

Contact: Sue Kage 248-349-6268 or skage@comcast.net

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.



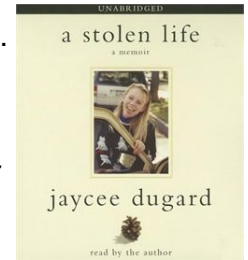
This 2011 released, 8-week **Beth Moore** study, includes teaching DVDs and a daily study Member Book. Course is **\$20** for Member's Book and materials.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 PM Reading Two Books Comparing Strong People Who Survived Imprisonment: "A Stolen Life" & "Room"

Contact: Sue Kage @248-349-6268 or skage@comcast.net

A Stolen Life: A Memoir Jaycee Dugard

In the summer of 1991 Jaycee was a normal kid. She did normal things. She had friends and a mother who loved her. She was just like you. Until the day her life was stolen. For eighteen years she was a prisoner. She was an object for someone to use and abuse. For eighteen years she was not allowed to speak her own name. She became a mother and was forced to be a sister. For eighteen years she survived an impossible situation. On August 26, 2009, she took her name back. Her name is Jaycee Lee Dugard. She doesn't think of herself as a victim. She survived. *A Stolen Life* is Jaycee's story—in her own words, in her own way, exactly as she remembers it.



The pinecone is a symbol that represents the seed of a new beginning for Jaycee. To help facilitate new beginnings, with the support of animal-assisted therapy, the J A Y C Foundation provides support and services for the timely treatment of families recovering from abduction and the aftermath of traumatic experiences—families like her own who need to learn how to heal. In addition, the J A Y C Foundation hopes to facilitate awareness in schools about the important need to care for one another. Motto is "Just Ask Yourself to . . . Care!"

Room Emma Donoghue

In many ways, Jack is a typical 5-year-old. He likes to read books, watch TV, and play games with his Ma. But Jack is different in a big way--he has lived his entire life in a single room, sharing the tiny space with only his mother and an unnerving nighttime visitor known as Old Nick. For Jack, Room is the only world he knows, but for Ma, it is a prison in which she has

