

Adult Ed

Sundays after worship and coffee time, starting September 3

Bible Study Essentials (Discipleship Path 201) (11 weeks)

Fellowship Hall

Wrap your arms around the big story and context of the Bible – so God can get inside you as you read Scripture. Read the key chapters and discuss the themes, building a mental timeline and connection between the Old and New Testaments. Focus is on applying Scripture to our lives as disciples, gaining confidence in personal study and even being able to facilitate a small group Bible discussion.

Materials *Knowing the Bible 101* by Bickel & Jantz + free workbook
Jack McDonald (540-808-9334, jackmcdonald@wildblue.net)
Gray Roberson (540-200-8750, gray@smidgeware.com)
Austin Knies (540-522-3959, aknies@vt.edu)



Getting to the Heart of Parenting (11 weeks)

Fellowship Hall

Parenting is so much deeper than rules and regulations. A biblical view teaches that permanent behavioral change only occurs when the heart of a person is changed by grace. *Getting to the Heart of Parenting* covers principles of grace for children 0-5, 6-12, and 13-18. Learn how to become an instrument of heart-changing grace in the lives of your children. Video series with Paul David Tripp.

Materials Free discussion guide
Claire Andrews (803-422-1929, claire@therivernrv.org)
Chris Andrews (803-730-7467, candrews@therivernrv.org)
Lucy Copeland (540-230-2874, lucycopeland3@gmail.com)



River Groups

Come. Drink. Flow.

Groups are the lifeblood of spiritual community at The River. The purpose of our groups is to glorify God as we develop friendships with Jesus at the center, pray for one another, grow as disciples of Christ, reach out and serve together.

Life Groups (Co-ed)

His, Hers, and Ours (Tuesdays, 7:00 PM)

1528 and 1437 Sandy Circle, Blacksburg

Alternating between co-ed and separate-gender weeks, this community of young professionals (mostly married, some singles) does life together and discusses the Bible.

Materials Will use Bible for discussion
Kearah Donato (207-615-5207, kearah.donato@gmail.com)
Jamie Davis (845-750-3925, jamiedavis314@gmail.com)



The Second Half (1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:45 PM)

20 Washington Ave, Christiansburg

Creating spiritual community for middle-aged adults. If you've experienced at least one kid leaving the nest (or never had kids), you'll find family with this group of friends walking the same road.

Materials *Halftime* by Bob Buford
Chris Andrews (803-730-7467, candrews@therivernrv.org)
Claire Andrews (803-422-1929, claire@therivernrv.org)



Christiansburg Life (2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:15 PM)

Rotating 3 homes in Christiansburg

Married & single, 20s-50s; join us in C-burg for a fun dinner and growing together as a community of disciples with a biblical discussion.

Materials Will use Bible for discussion of *Romans*
Chris Andrews (803-730-7467, candrews@therivernrv.org)
Claire Andrews (803-422-1929, claire@therivernrv.org)



For all groups, purchase the book listed (if applicable), bring a Bible and notebook or journal

Life Groups, Continued

Roberson Life (1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:00 PM) **2108 Chestnut Dr, Blacksburg**

Full for Fall 2017. Mostly married couples 20s-40s, but open to all; join us for dinner and an open discussion of how our faith intersects with our daily lives. Kids are welcome and hang out at the house.

Materials *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren
Gray Roberson (540-200-8750, gray@smidgeware.com)
Shannon Roberson (540-998-2713, shanroberson@gmail.com)



Women's Groups

Babes with Babes (2nd & 4th Fridays, 9:30 AM) **Various Homes**

Moms with infants through preschoolers, gathering for life-faith discussions and prayer.

Claire Andrews (803-422-1929, claire@therivernrv.org)



Deeper Waters (Thursdays, 7:15 PM) **2351 Lusters Gate Rd, Blacksburg**

Using the classic *lectio divina* method of reading the Bible, join a community exploring how we may experience life transformation through our encounter with Christ in the Scriptures.

Materials *Meeting God in Scripture* by Jan Johnson
Diana Jaasma (337-263-2904, jaasmadiana@gmail.com)



Men's Groups

Tuesday Homemade Breakfast (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM) **925 Village Way N, Blacksburg**

A home-cooked breakfast and discussion aimed at a deeper understanding of God and the life of a disciple.

Materials Will use Bible for discussion
Chris Meckley (574-304-7555, chris@therivernrv.org)



Bible & Breakfast Bros. (Thursdays, 7:00 AM)

London Underground, 112 N Main St, Blacksburg

Breakfast at the pub, growing together through discussion of a Scripture passage and sharing of prayer requests. Studies from a biblical perspective on topics of interest to men in the group.

Materials Will use Bible for discussion
Scott Cramer (757-903-9723, scott.vincent.cramer@gmail.com)



ODB Men (Thursdays, 7:00 AM)

Our Daily Bread, 1329 S Main St, Blacksburg

Breakfast at the popular bakery/cafe, discussing how to grow toward the character of Christ, catching up on life together and sharing prayer requests.

Materials *Helps to Holiness* by Samuel Brengle
Jerald Walz (703-408-2305, jerald.walz@walzmail.us)



Monthly Gatherings

Men's Monthly Gathering (4th Thursday, 7:00 PM) **3200 Gordon Dr, Blacksburg**

Food, friendship, faith discussion, and prayer around the fire.
Dave Prevette (703-307-5579, davidprevette@gmail.com)

Encountering God through the Ancient Practices (Sat 9/16, 10/14, 11/11) **2351 Luster's Gate Rd, Blacksburg**

A quiet morning of contemplative rejuvenation for women at Berakah Farm.
Diana Jaasma (337-263-2904, jaasmadiana@gmail.com)

Mere Christianity Reading Group (Sun 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 7:00 PM) **2006 Carroll Dr, Blacksburg**

Exploring classic Christian books that tackle the big questions of life.
Materials *What We Can't Not Know: A Guide* by J. Budziszewski
Jerald Walz (703-408-2305, jerald.walz@walzmail.us)

Gathering for Middle/High School Parents (Every 1-2 months) **2108 Chestnut Dr, Blacksburg**

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