

When the Spirit Calls Out

One of the most exciting things about coming to Maryland was the idea that I would get to share my passion for ministry and following Jesus with a whole new group of people. So, when my yearly evaluation came up, I was very excited to see how our congregation had experienced that passion over the course of the year. Let's face it with annual evaluations we want only to hear the good news, but we really only remember anything critical that's said. I left my meeting with the evaluation team energized and excited because the most consistent feedback already had a plan in place for it. "We want more Bible Study" was the educational rallying cry and I sure loved that.

On Monday night's, we have started our *Straight from the Source* Bible Study. It is a chronological journey through the New Testament, which has led to great discussions, spiritual revelations, and new relationships. The participation has varied between 11-19 people and the participants by their own admission have a knowledge of scripture that ranges from very low all the way to I have taught classes on large chunks of the Old Testament. Monday nights have become an exciting way to see people grow spiritually, both through challenging and encouraging texts. This past week, however, I felt the Holy Spirit give me even more encouragement on the matter.

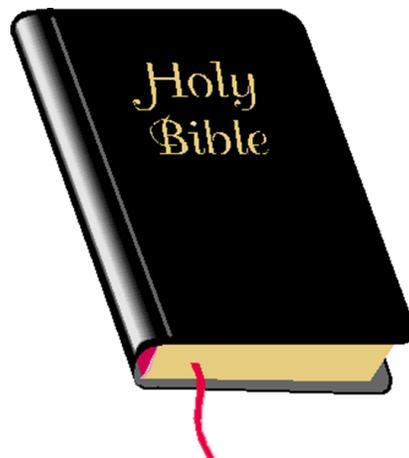
Unsolicited spiritual excitement is probably my favorite thing for a church member to experience and this past week there was a flood of energy about the class. Three different members came up to me and talked about how excited and energized they were by what they were learning. One person mentioned how it was their Tuesday morning water cooler conversation, while another mentioned it was just what he needed. This is the stuff that makes preparing the next lesson so easy.

I want to invite those of you who have been thinking about participating in the class to come to one and plan it into your schedule for the fall. Our next class will actually be Monday, August 1st. We will be studying the book of Romans and as always having a good time doing it. A normal class features Scripture reading, discussion, and historical narrative. Before and after each class people have gotten a chance to hang out, chat, and get to know each other.

One last thing to mention: Do not be intimidated by the words "Bible Study." When I first started getting really involved in church as a kid, I know this was one of the most terrifying phrases that I could possibly hear. There is no prerequisite for the class or any individual lesson for that matter. The Bible is our primary text, and the only outside information will come from handouts and charts that I provide. So, if the Spirit has called out to you that this is something you need in your life consider this affirmation that you are not alone. I hope to see some new faces join us this fall in whom the Spirit is stirring.

In Christ,

Justin Devine



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June Worship Services

June 5th — Women's Sunday with communion.

Rev. Lisa Schrott will be preaching.

Lisa Schrott is a child of this church, having been confirmed at CCPC on June 3, 1979. She recently graduated with a Master's of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, with Honor's in Practical Theology. Lisa is a candidate for ordination in the PC(USA) under the care of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA and the Pines Presbytery. While seeking a full-time call in parish ministry, she is serving as a part-time Parish Associate at Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Lisa is a second-career seminarian, having been an Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology, and Neuroscience at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in Shreveport prior to seminary. She graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA with a degree in Biology and the Univ. of Connecticut with an M.S. and Ph.D. in Biobehavioral Science (Neuroscience). Lisa is married to Brian McWilliams, who keeps her laughing on this journey of life. She is always happy to have a reason to return to Bowie to visit her dad and friends in the area. Welcome to the pulpit, Lisa!

June 12th — Confirmation & Youth Sunday

Justin Devine will be preaching.

June 19th — Father's Day Sunday

June 26th — Ordination & Installation Sunday



Office Telephones

**The CCPC Telephones
Are Back Up!**

You may now contact us at our main
phone number 301-262-6008.

Thank you for your patience
and understanding while we were
waiting for our phones to be
working again.



Vacation Bible School

Donations Please

We need your help!

We are looking for specific donations of:

- ◆ Packing Peanuts ◆
- ◆ Brown Packing Paper ◆
- ◆ A Volunteer to coordinate and pick up wooden pallets ◆
- ◆ Plastic Containers (peanut butter jars, mayo jars, etc.) ◆

Also, please see the donation board located in the Atrium for additional help and items needed. All donations are needed by June 12, 2016.

We thank you for your support!

VBS is June 20 through June 23 from 6 to 8:30 PM

Summer Callers

Please note we will

not

be sending out a newsletter for
July 15th or August 1st.

The July 1st newsletter will be the last one to go out until we pick
back up again on August 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin in the church office at
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*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*



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