

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

SEPTEMBER 2011 TO MAY 2012

MONDAYS

Education For Ministry (EFM) – **MONDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 1:30 TO 4:00 P.M.** EFM is a program of “theological-education-at-a-distance” which covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, ethics, and theology: it is ecumenical and non-denominational. The overall objective of the EFM is to better equip Christians for their personal lay ministries. EFM graduates come away with a better understanding of the Scriptures and the history of the church. If you are interested, please contact Judith Kerry at 434-9856 or Bob Moore at 561-278-9788, so that they can schedule an interview.

Women at the Well Retreats – These will be held on November 14, 2011 at Bethesda and January 30, 2012 at Royal Poinciana Chapel. Times will be announced.

Living the Questions: An Exploration of a Credible Jesus for the 21st Century – This course will be led by Tom O’Brien, and each of the 12 Sessions will consist of a 30-minute video followed by an hour of discussion about the topic for the evening. The course will be held on 12 Mondays from January 30, 2012 to April 16, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No preparation is needed for each class. Topics for the videos can be found at <http://www.livingthequestions.com/xcart/product.php?productid=154&cat=469&page=1>

TUESDAYS

Morning Bible Study – This gathering from 7:15 to 7:55 a.m. each Tuesday allows participants to explore the next Sunday’s Biblical Texts with the scheduled preacher. A Eucharistic Service at 8:00 a.m. and a light breakfast follows. No registration is needed.

Bible Study – Led by Fr. Cogan with 12 sessions, January 10 to March 27, 2012. The class will study the Book of Lamentations and some of the “Minor” Prophets.

WEDNESDAYS

Book Discussion – This lively conversation will be led by Tom O’Brien. There will be 7 sessions held on November 2, 9, and 16, 2011, January 11, 18, and 25, and February 1, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The class will read and discuss *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God* by Elizabeth A. Johnson. Participants are asked to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first session.

Bethesda Book Group – The books selected by the group for 2011-2012 are listed on the parish website at <http://bbts.org/adulteducation-bookgroup>. These gatherings are held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month starting October 5, 2011 and ending May 2, 2012. The first meeting will discuss Tea Obrecht’s *The Tiger’s Wife*.

Women’s Bible Study – This will be led by Cecie Titcomb and Ellen Kaufman in January through March from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dates and topics will be announced.

Acts of the Apostles – This discussion will be led by Clay Waddell. There are 7 Sessions from February 8, 2012 to March 28, 2012 (no class on 2/22 – Ash Wednesday). The class will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall or ECW Room (depending on the number of participants).

THURSDAYS

Education For Ministry (EFM) – **THURSDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.** EFM is a program of “theological-education-at-a-distance” which covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, ethics, and theology: it is ecumenical and non-denominational. The overall objective of the EFM is to better equip Christians for their personal lay ministries. EFM graduates come away with a better understanding of the Scriptures and the history of the church. If you are interested, please contact Judith Kerry at 434-9856 or Bob Moore at 561-278-9788, so that they can schedule an interview.