



Fall 2010 Growth Groups


Recently you have heard a lot about our church being “**Christ Centered – Community Driven.**” This is more than just a catchy phrase or slogan – it is the mission of Shady Grove. It is our desire to make this not only the mission of our church but, most importantly, the description others will use to describe who and what we are. If this is to be true of the church, it must be true of those who worship and serve here also. To help us become “**Christ Centered – Community Drive**” we all need some assistance and helps along the way. This is where “**G.P.S.**” becomes invaluable – **Get Connected; Participate; Serve.** At Shady Grove, small groups are called **Growth Groups** and you are invited and encouraged to participate in them. In Growth Groups we encounter new knowledge about God through study and application of Biblical principles to our daily lives. Sharing with others the struggles, questions, and concerns of our daily walk helps us to move this knowledge into actual life principles that become foundational wisdom for our spiritual journey.

Growth Groups are also about fellowship and service. Each **Growth Group** will be asked to design and implement at least one mission project during their time together, as well as at least one fellowship event during the study.

Participation in **Growth Groups** not only builds individual knowledge but also grows strong roots for our church. Roots that sustain and nurture us. Roots that help us to spread out and touch the lives of those in our community who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Roots that anchor us in the word of God and make us stronger. Roots that connect us to each other and help build a loving caring community of Christian compassion. All that is the end products of participating in a **Growth Group**.

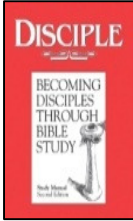
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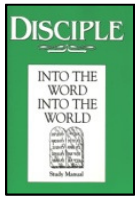
8:30 AM – **First Step** – Thomas Tetter – no cost – This study is 4 weeks long and covers the basics of what it means to be a Christian, to be a member of a United Methodist Church, what it means to be a member of Shady Grove, and offers the opportunity to discover one’s spiritual gifts.

Monday



6:30 PM – **Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study** – Linda McInnis & Dinah Tonsor – \$35.00 - This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the

biblical story.



6:30 PM – **Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World** – Tom Bartoli – \$35.00 - INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD is prepared for those who have completed DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY. This 32 week study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture.

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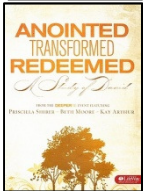


12:30 PM – **“Becoming More Than Just A Good Bible Study Girl”** – Rhonda Johnson – \$18.00 – “Do you find yourself striving to mark off your daily spiritual “to do” list rather than spending quality time with God? Tired of going through the motions? In this 6 session course, you will explore how to cultivate greater authenticity and depth in your relationship with God and find the joy that only faith in Him can give. Written by the author and founder of Proverbs 31 Ministry, this study offers valuable insight

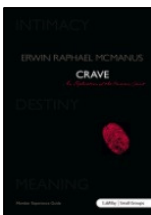
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6:30 PM – **“Freed Up Financial Living”** – Pastor Lynn Upchurch – \$18.00 - The inclusive six-session curriculum outlines biblical essentials on earning, giving, saving, spending, and reducing debt, while providing practical tips to help participants achieve their own financial, personal, and spiritual goals. Freed-Up Financial Living combines encouraging, grace-filled delivery with the right balance of biblical principles and practical application that will revitalize your approach to stewardship.



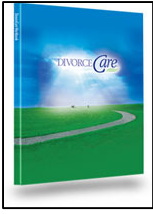
6:30 PM – **“Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed”** – Geri Wright – \$13.00 – This 6 session study of the life of David by Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Priscilla Shirer offers a unique and in-depth look at this great biblical leader. Each session focuses on David’s life at a different stage of his development, thereby offering wisdom and insight to the various turning points in his life.



6:30 PM – **“Crave”** - Bruce & Kara Ward – \$8.00 – The subtitle **An Exploration of the Human Spirit** helps to define this 7 session study that challenges the believer to look at the topics of intimacy, destiny, and meaning. Videos and discussions will help the participant understand, or at least pay attention to, the deepest longings that one has for God and to find appropriate ways to meet those cravings.

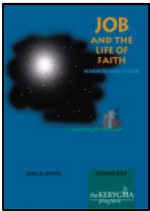


6:30 PM – **“Parenting Your Teenager”** – Rob & Kim Musser – No Cost - This growth group will center around a study that will help parents of preteens and teens sharpen their parenting skills. The video-driven study will help parents develop new skills as well as form a support network of caring and compassionate friends.



6:30 PM – “DivorceCare” – Janean Ross - \$12.00 – A 12 week study geared toward helping you find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. This is not only a study but is also a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You’ll gain access to valuable resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. You can sign up for this group in the church lobby or by contacting the group facilitator or Pastor Mike.

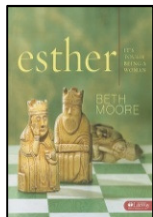
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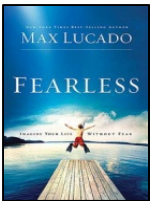
10:00 AM – “Job and the Life of Faith” – Pastor Mike Lee – \$18.00 – This 7 session study is based on one of the oldest books in the Bible and helps the participant look at some of life’s most perplexing questions, including looking deeply at what it means to be human.. Job had to decide if he was going to serve God even in the midst of loss and chaos. Sound familiar? Think Job is relevant? I do. Come explore radical trust in God.

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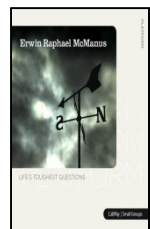
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9:00 AM – Beth Moore Study / “Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman” – Pastor Leigh Bartoli – \$15.00 - Going up against heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. This is a 10 session study.

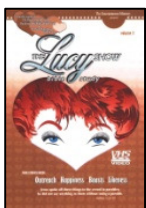


7:00 PM – “Fearless” – Ruth Fine – \$15.00 – Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear – layoffs at work, downturns in the economy, flare up in the Middle East, etc. This 6 session course by Max Lucado explores fresh insights into the faith and trust that one needs to live in this world tainted by fear but created for joy and meaning.

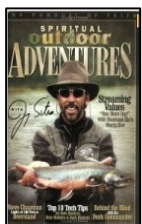


7:00 PM – “Life’s Toughest Questions” – Jeff & Amy Batten – \$8.00 - Life is full of questions. Some of these questions are: “Does God care?”; “What about sex?”; “Is there a hell?”; “Is faith nonsense?” Using scripture as your guide, this 6 session study will lead you to grapple with some of the most meaningful and difficult issues in life. The Participant’s Guide contains supplemental material to help you get the most of the video based discussions.

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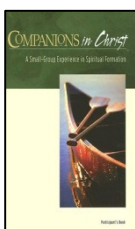


7:00 PM – **“I Love Lucy Bible Study”** – Gary & Karen Bowman/Jim & Susan McAbee – no cost - *The Lucy Show Bible Study* Volume 3 is a 6 week study that features lessons and discussions based on four classic "primetime parables: Lucy Gets a Roommate; Lucy and the Ring-A-Ding Ring; Lucy and the Submarine Commander; Lucy and the Look-Alike.

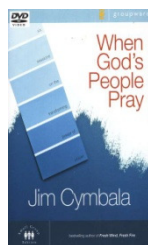


7:00 PM – **“Faith in the Field: Christians on Target”** – Jeremy & Valerie Yoemans/Dick & Cherie Jones – \$10.00 – The sub-title for this study could well be **“Guns, God, and Fishing Rods.”** This study for the outdoors enthusiast includes spiritually engaging lessons such as “Brave Hearts,” “Scouting for Success,” and “A Look at Life from the Deer Stand” among others. This study will also include shooting lessons from professional outdoor writers and certified shooting instructors at their home range.

Wednesday



6:30 PM – **“Companions in Christ”** - Rick & Pat Barnes - \$20.00 - This study offers a powerfully transforming experience in opening yourself to God's presence and guidance. You will get the opportunity to explore classic spiritual practices, and develop new daily patterns that will open your life to a deepening relationship with God and with your group members. This 28-week study will cover the following five topics: spiritual formation, scripture, prayer, vocation and spiritual companionship. The study includes weekly readings, daily devotional material and guides, and a group session where you share your thoughts, reflect together, and take part in diverse group learning experiences.



7:00 PM – **“When God’s People Pray”** – Lisa Hauser - \$8.00 - Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources? In this 6 session DVD based study, Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows you how God moves in life-changing ways when we set aside our own agendas, take him at his Word, and listen for his voice. You will see stories and hear testimonies related to answered prayers and discuss ways to grow in your own prayer life and spiritual walk.

Thursday



7:00 PM – **“Fruit of the Spirit”** – Jim & Barbara Myers - \$8.00 - In *Fruit of the Spirit*, a 6 session study, you’ll learn about the life-transforming qualities God wants to cultivate inside you. And you’ll discover the supernatural Agent who empowers you to attain them: the Holy Spirit, working within you to produce each kind of spiritual “fruit.” In the Holy Spirit’s power, you can live a supernatural life that transforms every relationship you have. And in the process, you’ll discover the one route to a truly satisfying life: serving others.



TBA – **“GriefShare”** – TBA – \$12.00 - This study is designed to not only equip you with new methods and principles to deal with grief but to also provide the needed support group to work through your own personal losses. This is an excellent study for those who have recently lost loved ones or are struggling with loss issues of any kind.

*Sign up begins on August 1st and extends to September 12th. Groups start - week of September 12th
Sign-up sheets are in the Main Lobby. For more information please contact the facilitator of the group or
Pastor Mike Lee. Telephone: **769-2942** or Email: **mlee@shadygroveumc.com***