

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## MAY – AUGUST 2019 SPRING-SUMMER QUARTER



### From the CED Director...

Wow! It's almost summer, high temps, swimming, relaxing family time, homework break, vacation or staycation, amusement parks...! There are probably a few more things that you can add to this list (for sure) now that you have some free time over the summer break. There is one more thing that you should spend doing this summer (especially if you slacked off during the school year) but no matter what time of year it is... spending time studying and meditating on God's word should be a priority. There are great benefits for you and your family to attend Bible Study including an increased faith that is sure to draw you to a closer more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as you study His word. Other benefits include a fellowship which fosters accountability, connection to, and encouragement from other believers fostering a sense of community in the body of Christ. Remember when you wanted to attend Bible Study but couldn't because you had other commitments... kids' game, practice, homework, working late, too tired and a host of

other excuses (*oh I mean reasonable justifications*) ...now that you've got more time and hours of sunlight, studying God's word can be placed at the top of your To Do List. We (Christians) are in a time of testing and we need God's word to speak directly to the situation(s) of the day. The Word tells us that God would not have us ignorant and conceited (Romans 11:25) and that people perish because of the lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). God left His word for us to get to know Him better and to teach us His ways and how to live Christlike. This quarter offers several opportunities to delve into a study in at least one of GWBBC's Equipping Hours Classes on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. (See schedule in this bulletin.) Coming soon an opportunity to participate in an online Bible Study that will meet periodically. Participation is limited. It doesn't matter where you are physically located, you will be able to join the online Bible Study. We want everyone from toddlers to seniors to be able to press toward the level of Christlikeness. We invite your entire family to join us!

## SPRING-SUMMER QUARTER EQUIPPING HOUR CLASSES

CLASS TITLE	AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	TEACHER	TIME/LOCATION
<b>GENESIS: THE LIFE OF JACOB</b>	Chuck Kelley	This Bible study focuses on Genesis 27-33, examining Jacob's journey to the land of Haran, his twenty-year stay there, and his return to the land of Canaan. Discover how God used a flawed individual like Jacob and how God can help you grow and change to become what He wants you to be. CAN GOD USE YOU?	Sis Bessie Flono	Wednesday @ 12 noon/ Senior Room This class will end on April 22, due to Summer Enrichment. Class will resume September 4 <sup>th</sup> at noon!
<b>HEALING THE WOUNDS OF THE PAST</b>	TD Jakes	"It is God's intention to set you free from the loads you carry. But are you so accustomed to a problem that even when you are delivered, you find it hard to let go?" Healing of the Wounds of the Past provides solutions for the tragedies and traumas you may have experienced and help you move forward confidently beyond the past.	Min Marie Montgomery	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Sanctuary
<b>KINGDOM (CHRISTIAN) DISCIPLESHIP</b>	Dr. Tony Evans	What a disciple is; What discipleship looks like for individuals, families, and communities; What impacts discipleship can have on the world. Kingdom Disciples calls believers and churches back to our primary responsibility: to be and make disciples. Only when we take seriously this assignment will the world see heaven at work on earth. Will you answer the call?	Min Christopher March	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Fellowship Hall
<b>SALVATION/NEW CHRISTIAN LIFE</b>		This class is designed to nurture new believers and to help all believers to refocus on the fundamentals of our faith. This class will answer the basic questions that we all must now..."How do I know that I am really saved? What is salvation? How do I know what God's will is for my life?" This is a great class for old and new Christians.	Min Cornell Harris	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Room 201 (Upstairs)
<b>PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP</b>	REV ROBERT L. RAMSEY	REQUIRED CLASS FOR ALL LEADERS... and open to all... This is an exciting and dynamic class. It equips the students to be effective leaders and soldiers of Christ. It provides the necessary tools to live a more Spirit-filled, productive life. This class is open to all students. You do not have to be a leader to attend.	Pastor Robert L. Ramsey	<b>Saturday @ 9:00 a.m./</b> Fellowship Hall

<b>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: EPHESIANS</b>	JD GREEAR	<i>Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God?</i> He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world.	Sis Rosa Hardy Biles	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ CED Office Upstairs
<b>CLASS TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>TIME/LOCATION</b>
<b>IGNITING A PASSION TO PRAY</b>	Moms in Prayer International Founded by Fern Nichols	We hope and pray that no matter where you are with your walk with God, that you will experience a greater intimacy with the Lord and a more effective prayer life as a result of taking this class. We will focus on the components of praying in praise, confession, thanksgiving, intercession, meditation and praying in scriptural language. Our hope is that you will get a greater vision of the power of God through prayer and become confident that your prayers have eternal significance. May God bless you as you open your heart to Him through this study. I have asked the Lord to use this prayer curriculum to touch hearts with a desire to pray "Igniting a Passion to Pray". May that passion bring your family a lasting legacy to pray for individuals, community, and the nations.	Sis Linda Wright	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Upstairs Library
<b>MANAGING MONEY GOD'S WAY</b>	Larry Burkett	How to Manage Your Money" by Larry Burkett, is an in-depth bible study on personal finances. This workbook will help you gain a clearer knowledge of God's financial plan for your life and position you to experience freedom from financial bondage. With the discovery of His plan, you will find that the possibilities for contentment are guaranteed and that the opportunities to be used by God are endless.	Dea Craig Magee	Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Senior Room

<p><b>BACK TO BASICS YOUTH (Ages 13-17)</b></p>	<p><b>Group.com</b></p>	<p>“The 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers”... This class seeks to empower teens by providing sound doctrine, with a focus on concerns and subjects that teens face in their daily lives. Each lesson is based on daily characters and scenarios that reflect the issues.</p>	<p>Min Sheila Hendrix/Bro Terrence Marshall</p>	<p>Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m./ Youth Classroom 200 Upstairs</p>
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<p><b>TEAMKID: GOING VERTICAL YOUTH (Ages 5-8) &amp; (Ages 9-12)</b></p>		<p>We will continue to use the TEAM Kids In Discipleship (KID) lesson plans for the new year. TeamKID is new for the next generation kids. This class will have Bible Study where the stories will be brought to life for the kids by way of high energy games, drama and art. This class is designed to use the bible stories to help the children develop a relationship with their Savior and help them grow in God's Word.</p>	<p>Sis Savannah Magee / Sis Shemika Johnson/ Sis Tonya Stokes</p>	<p>Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m. /Youth Classroom 205 Upstairs</p>

## SERVANT'S CORNER

**UNIT 3 • The Spread of the Gospel.** This unit has four sessions. It begins with Paul's introduction of himself to the Jewish and Gentile Christians living in Rome. Paul affirms that the call to salvation is to Israel and to Gentiles. This call to salvation is a call to a life in the Spirit and involves a new life in Christ.

**Lesson 10: May 5, 2019 • Called to Righteousness • Romans 3:21–31**

People sense that evil actions negatively impact their lives. Who can make amends for evil behavior? Paul told the Romans that the blood of Christ atones for all our sin.

**Lesson 11: May 12, 2019 • Called to Life in the Spirit • Romans 8:1–14**

Consequences of past actions, the reality of impending death, and a sense that we cannot undo past mistakes weigh heavily on the human spirit. Where does one find relief from these pressures? Paul assures us that those who are in Christ Jesus have life in the Spirit and are free from condemnation.

**Lesson 12: May 19, 2019 • The Call of the Gentiles • Romans 11:11–24**

Privileged people often feel superior to others. What is the corrective to such feelings of superiority? Paul warns the Gentile believers that their acceptance into grace must not make them feel superior to their Jewish brothers and sisters.

**Lesson 13: May 26, 2019 • Called to New Life in Christ • Romans 12:1–8**

People often engage in a me-first way of thinking, which results in conflict and makes cooperation difficult. How do people learn to work together? Paul compares the church to a body and encourages believers to see themselves as individual members that work in sync with all the other members.

**Summer Quarter**

This quarter will teach how Jesus fulfilled the Law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the Gospel and this same message is continued through the Apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the Gospel message.

**UNIT 1 • A Fulfilled Covenant** In four sessions, this unit reveals a new sign of the covenant for Jewish and Gentile believers, as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, Hebrews, and Colossians. During the celebration of the Passover, Jesus explained to the disciples that He would initiate a new covenant through His death. Paul explains that the sign of the covenant is now a relationship of the heart between God and God's people, not circumcision.



**Lesson 1: June 2, 2019**

**Jesus Institutes the New Covenant**

**Mark 14:17–24; Hebrews 8:6–7, 10–12** People often make promises to one another seeking lasting, committed relationships. How can one be assured that a relationship will last? In Mark and Hebrews, Jesus is affirmed as the one through whom God's new everlasting covenant is fulfilled.

**Lesson 2: June 9, 2019**

**Jesus Seals the New Covenant**

**Mark 15:6–15, 25–26, 33–39** All personal relationships encounter problems that result in division and strife. Who can heal the breaches and restore harmony? Mark describes how Jesus' crucifixion forges a new covenant and reconciles God and humankind.

**Lesson 3: June 16, 2019**

**The New Covenant's Sacrifice**

**Hebrews 9:11–22** People have devised many methods to deal with the sense of moral uncleanness their misdeeds incur. How can we be definitively cleansed of guilt? Through shedding His blood and dying, Jesus once and for all fulfilled God's new covenant to forgive sins and guarantee eternal life.

**Lesson 4: June 23, 2019**

**Hearts United in Love**

**Colossians 2:1–15** People bind themselves together by mutual bonds of love and commitment.

How can communities avoid losing their identities while under attack? Paul urged the Colossians to be united in love in order to fully understand the rich treasures offered to them by faith so they can resist false teachings and come to appreciate their new spiritual standing in Christ.

**UNIT 2 • A Heartfelt Covenant**

This unit has five sessions and gives new meaning and purpose to the Law. According to Matthew, Jesus began teaching the Law in a way that gave life to the hearer and doer. Unlike other teachers of the Law, Jesus preached the transforming righteousness of the kingdom. Jesus challenged the mere external observance of God's Law without internal transformation.

**Lesson 5: June 30, 2019**

**Jesus Teaches About Right Attitudes**

**Matthew 5:1–12** Our attitudes determine how we view circumstances in our lives. How can our attitudes bring long-term benefits? Jesus' Beatitudes taught the crowd and His disciples those heartfelt values and attitudes required of anyone who seeks to be in a covenant relationship with Him.

**Lesson 6: July 7, 2019**

**Jesus Teaches About Fulfilling the Law**

**Matthew 5:13–20** People express their beliefs through their actions. How do we express what we believe? Jesus teaches us that we are to do good for others and follow God’s Law.

**Lesson 7: July 14, 2019**

**Jesus Teaches Us to Love One Another**

**Matthew 5:21–32** Love transforms how we relate to one another. In what form does this transformation come? Jesus teaches us how to be a reflection of His light through controlling our anger, being reconciled with others, immediately dealing with sin, and being faithful.

**Lesson 8: July 21, 2019**

**Jesus Teaches About Transforming Love**

**Matthew 5:38–48** Many people believe retribution is justified when they are mistreated. What is the appropriate response when people are mistreated? Jesus taught His disciples to love their enemies and pray for those who persecuted them.

**Lesson 9: July 28, 2019**

**Jesus Teaches About Spiritual Discernment**

**Matthew 7:1–6, 15–23** In a complex world, many become confused in trying to cope with the diversity in beliefs and lifestyles. How can one maintain a sense of stability given such complexity? Jesus taught His disciples the spiritual disciplines of resisting the use of judgment and using discernment.

**UNIT 3 • Covenant: A Personal Perspective**

This unit has four sessions. It focuses on personal relationships between people in 1 Samuel, Ruth, and Ephesians. Ultimately, those relationships pave the way for the Messiah. After Christ established the New Testament church, relationships between people have been based on relationship with Christ Jesus. These relationships continue the work of Christ Jesus by spreading the Gospel message.

**Lesson 10: August 4, 2019**

**A Covenant Between Friends  
1 Samuel 18:1–5; 19:1–7**

Sometimes we are challenged to compromise our loyalty to a beloved authority figure to keep a promise made to a trusted friend. Whom does one choose? Jonathan chose to keep his promise to love and protect David, his intimate friend, despite his father’s insane hatred of David.

**Lesson 11: August 11, 2019**

**A Mother-Daughter Covenant  
Ruth 1:6–11, 14–18**

When bonded by a strong love and commitment to one another, people who are unrelated by birth may enter into a covenant relationship. What drives and sustains this relationship? Although Naomi begged Ruth to return to her people, Ruth clung to her mother-in-law and vowed her loyalty until death.



**Lesson 12: August 18, 2019**

**A Covenant to Marry**

**Ruth 3:1-6, 8-12, 16-18** Obedience and commitment to others may bring unanticipated rewards. How should loyalty be compensated? Ruth's commitment to Naomi and her efforts to obey were rewarded with favor in Boaz's eyes, marriage to a kinsman-redeemer, and the assurance of a comfortable life in the future.

**Lesson 13: August 25, 2019**

**Marriage: A Covenant of Mutual Love**

**Ephesians 5:21-33** In an ever-changing and increasingly complex society, the focus on self-indulgence has endangered a healthy concept of family. How do we make commitment to God and family central to our well-being? Paul says a committed relationship must be sought in which husbands, wives, and children love, honor, and respect both God and one another.

# CED EVENTS

**May 2 - RIGHTNOW MEDIA Launch**

**May 9 - No Equipping Hour (Spring Revival May 7-9 @ 7 pm)**

**May 15 - Equipping Hour Resumes @ 7:30**

**May 11 - No Equipping Hour Class (Mothers' Day Breakfast)**

**Jun 3-7 - VBS: Theme: Jesus STU! @ 6 pm**

**July 13 - Annual Church Picnic @ 9 am, Liberty Park, Grovetown**

**July 27 - Bible Bowl Challenge @ 5:30 pm**

## Sunday Equipping Hour Specialty Classes

### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY – Stewardship

*(Should be called the “Blessing Class”! Get back what the deceiver has taken from you. When God created man, he gave him dominion over every living thing. Get your authority back and learn how to be a good steward over all that God has entrusted to you.)*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY – Kingdom Parenting

*(It does not matter if you are a new parent just starting a family or a grandparent raising your grandkids, you don’t want to miss this class. You will develop a kingdom mindset and become a kingdom parent after attending this class. God will forgive our past parenting mistakes and show us how to raise kingdom kids. This class is about parenting God’s way!)*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY – For Singles Only

*Those whose status is one of the following: not married, divorced or widowed, whether male or female are considered “single”. This is not a match making class. This class offers singles a dive into relevant topics for the issues and challenges that single Christian adults face on a daily basis. “Fish Bowl” discussions open up the class and leads to what the Bible says about it.*

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY – Married Couples

*(This class is led by different married couples. A variety of topics are discussed. If you are newlyweds, engaged to be married or have been married for 30 years, this is a class you don’t want to miss. Real discussions about married life issues are addressed. Building a kingdom marriage is the focus.)*



## Tips for Reading Scriptures...

- 1) Create a space to be alone with God-remove distractions.
- 2) Pray before you read and ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind to receive God’s word.
- 3) Ask yourself these questions:
  - What does this scripture say?
  - What is the background of this passage?
  - What does this scripture mean to me?

*(Put on the whole armor of God, don’t leave home without it – Ephesians 6:10-17)*

**Please be sure to complete the Class Participant Evaluation at the end of this quarter. This will help us to better serve your Bible Study needs.**

Volunteers are needed for a Focus Group Survey. If you are willing to participate and want more information, please contact the CED Director via email @ [rhbiles@comcast.net](mailto:rhbiles@comcast.net).

## Equipping Hours:

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday @ 12 noon

Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.

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**August is Transition Month –  
Wednesday Equipping Hour  
7:30 p.m. adult classes are  
combined.**

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**READ IT! STUDY IT! APPLY IT!**

**Equipping Hour declaration:** "Your word is a **lamp** to **my feet** And a light to **my** path."  
(Psalm 119:105) "I will read it, study it and apply God's word to my life so that I shall be a kingdom soldier, ready equipped and positioned for victory."

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