

# GROUP NOTES

## SUNDAY, JULY 28

*Reminder*

If your class elects a new president, please inform Pastor Madison and have them reach out with their name, email address, and expected term length.



### Communications

Please announce the following to your class:

#### **AISD Back to School Kick-Off - August 3 at AT&T Stadium**

Support students across the district by volunteering. Reach out to Pastor Molly for more details.

#### **New Studies Starting Soon**

Two new studies will begin in August. Pastor Kay will be starting a study on August 6 about Saints and Their Stories - Ancient and Modern. On August 15, Pastor Madison will be starting a Bible study on the books of Ezra-Nehemiah, Ruth, and Jonah. Check the calendar or reach out to them for more details!

#### **Invite Students and Educators to Blessing of the Backpacks - August 11**

During both services on August 11, we'll have a special time of prayer and blessing. Encourage those you know to bring their backpacks, bags, laptops, tablets, phones, or other device of choice along with them. We will have backpack tags and pins ready to be prayed over and given out.



### Curriculum

Browse Studies on [Amplify](#) - [Click here](#) to set up an account

#### **Pastor Recommendation**

#### **Something a Little Different**

[Armchair Theology Study on Genesis](#)

Is your group interested in podcasts? Podcasts are a great way to continue the studying and reflection you enjoy in your classes without having to find extra time to sit down and work through a book. You can listen to the episode while you are driving, exercising, cooking, cleaning, eating etc. and then discuss with your group on Sunday. Check out this podcast with an accompanying study guide.

## Topical

### [Compassion and Conviction: A Guide to Faithful Civic Engagement](#)

Are you still processing the assassination attempt on Donald Trump? Are you finding yourself despairing at the escalation of political disagreements into political violence? This book offers strategies for Christians and faith communities to engage political systems and respond to conflict in ways that honor Christ. Each chapter utilizes scripture and lessons from history.

### [Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism](#)

In the wake of [Sonya Massey's](#) recent death, many Americans and Christians are once again reckoning with these continued patterns of racial violence. Drew Hart's compelling book leads readers toward Jesus and offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. Consider working through some of these chapters as a class or in small groups.



## Calendar

[Click here for link to full calendar](#)

### Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Tuesday July 30 8:45 am - 2:45 pm

We will be going to visit the Perot Museum and then enjoy lunch at El Fenix.

Info for August Fellowship at First coming soon!

### Upcoming and Ongoing Studies:



[Saints and Their Stories - Ancient and Modern w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154; Zoom at 7 pm  
8/6 - 9/24

[Bible Study w/ Pastor Madison - Ezra-Nehemiah, Ruth, and Jonah](#)

Thursdays at 10 am  
8/15- 9/5 in Room 100

[For Such a Time as This? - Election Year Group w/Pastor Madison](#)

4th Sunday of every month from 5 - 6:30 pm Banquet Room;  
Following Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom

### Upcoming Events:

[Epic Indoor Waterpark - August 11](#)

Email Betsy Spencer for more information!