

# GROUP NOTES

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 11



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:

#### **Pastor Chris Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery**

Pastor Chris will be out of office the next few weeks recovering from knee replacement surgery. We are grateful for a successful procedure and praying for a smooth recovery! Please keep him in your prayers and check with the church office if you need to reach him.

#### **Hospitality and Worship Volunteer Training August 18**

Interested in serving as a Greeter, Usher, or Communion Steward? Have ideas for ways we can be more welcoming to newcomers? Join us for lunch as we discuss the importance of hospitality, offer some training, and help you discern how your gifts might best be utilized. [RSVP here](#).

#### **RSVP for Congregational Conversation August 25 (Journeys of Paul)**

Please join us at noon in the Great Hall as we gather to share news of our ministry activities over lunch. Because we had to cancel the Journeys of Paul in Greece interest meeting, we will provide information about that trip during this time. **Make sure to RSVP** in order to ensure that we order enough food.



### Curriculum

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

#### **Seasonal/Topical**

[Claiming Identity - Adult Bible Study Fall 2024](#)

This fall, the Adult Bible Study lessons follow the theme "Claiming Identity." They unpack and explore the concept of identity by examining the life and experiences of Esther, the factors that shape our identity, and how we find and claim our identity in Christ. The writer of the student book is Dan Dick.

## For My Fellow Bible Nerds

### [The Gospel Next Door: Following Jesus Right Where You Are](#)

Bill Brown explores uncharted territory in the Bible with a particular focus on the Psalms, the most diverse book of the Bible. By taking his cue from Martin Luther, Brown explores how the “little bible” (the Psalter) engages the larger Hebrew Bible in dialogue, specifically how the Psalms counter, complement, reconstrue, and transform biblical traditions and themes across the Hebrew canon, from creation and law to justice and wisdom.

## Related to Strategic Initiative - Telling Our Story

### [The Grandparenting Effect: Bridging Generations One Story at a Time](#)

This is not a how-to-do-it-right book as much as it is a book of stories—personal stories from the author, biblical stories, and stories of ordinary grandparents and grandchildren who have been willing to share their own stories with which you may be able to identify and be encouraged in your own adventures of grandparenting. This is a book for everyone that either has biological grandchildren or has the potential to influence the lives of non-biological youth and children in the role of grandparenting. This is also a book for churches to consider while planning for ministry to bring generations together in meaningful interactions, and in doing so, to create space for generations to share their stories and share in God’s overarching Story of reconciling the world . . . one story at a time.



## Calendar

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

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

Wednesday, August 28 at 11 am in Banquet Room  
Potluck then Presentation by Sam Emerson from our church’s Historical Committee

### 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:

[Register or Volunteer for First Friday 9/6](#)  
Contact Pastor Kay for more information!