

GROUP NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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:

Service Time Change!

This is our first Sunday beginning worship at 8:45 am instead of 9 am. Please remember to remind your class as we get used to this new routine.

Building Closed Monday, September 2

Our building will be closed for Labor Day.

Transition to Planning Center

We are in the process of changing church databases. Look out for communications from Pastor Molly about this transition. And do not fear! Change is scary, but we are all in this together!

First Steps September 8

Our next First Steps class will take place next Sunday in the Parlor at noon. Please encourage any recent visitors to register. Contact Pastor Madison or the front office for more details.

Keep the Youth Fed

Sign up with a friend or your Sunday School class to bring snack supper to youth group on Sunday nights at 5. Sign up on the sign up genius - <https://tinyurl.com/supper25>.

Empty Mangers Interest Meeting September 4

On Wednesday, September 4 at 7 pm on Zoom, Pastor Madison will be leading a meeting for anyone interested in learning about or helping plan this year's Empty Mangers retreat for those impacted by infertility, pregnancy loss, and child loss.

Family Volleyball Night September 9

Join us for an evening of volleyball in the Great Hall! The cost is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family with two or more people. This is a great opportunity to connect with our Young Adults and welcome back those returning to town for the start of their fall semester. Let Pastor Madison know if you or your class would be interested in helping with hospitality.



Curriculum

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

Looking Ahead to Advent - It Will Be Here Before We Know It!

[On the Way to Bethlehem with Rob Fuquay](#)

Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.

[Keep Watch with Me with Michael McRay](#)

These short videos available on Amplify accompany a collection of daily Advent devotionals collected and edited by Michael McRay. He shares stories of hope and healing from people around the world who find themselves at the center of formidable conflict. This study may be of interest to those seeking to learn what it means for Christians to serve as peacemakers in a violent and troubled world.



Calendar

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

Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Wednesday, September 18 11 am - 2 pm

Join our group at the Aging Well Expo. Enjoy a grab-and-go lunch and free parking. The expo is free and offers valuable resources, interactions with health professionals and vendors, and aims to motivate adults to lead healthier lives. Registration is limited to 30 people.

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 in Room 100

8/22- 9/12

[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:

[Save the Date for Spaghetti Supper to Support our Youth on October 19!](#)