

Class: Evangelism Training: It's Personal!

Teacher: Pastor David Simmerman | david@thefirstfamily.org

Location: AC 124-25

Class description: This course will discuss the personal nature of our salvation and how we can effectively articulate the truth of our faith to others in the context of relationship.

Class: Being a Disciple, Counting the Real Cost

Teacher: Diane Hildenbrandt | dhild4@yahoo.com

Location: Faith 184

*Class description: This is an abbreviated Precepts course with no homework. Jesus said, "Come, follow Me!" Will you? What will it take? Get past the fear of commitment and learn about the freedom of walking in Christ. Discover the marks and joys of the true follower of Jesus Christ. **This course will also be taught on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in Faith 184.***

Class: The History of the Biblical Canon

Teacher: Alan and Steve Trammell

Alan: alan1trammell@yahoo.com | Steve: setram@charter.net

Location: AC 130

Class description: This study will be a brief outline of how the Bible was introduced to mankind and how it has traversed through history until today. We will endeavor to give the student an appreciation of the various languages that make up the original manuscripts and how modern translations came to be. There will also be an introduction of the tremendous sacrifice that many gave so that the Word of God would be handed down through the centuries in as complete a form as we have it now.

*Some classes may require a small fee for books or materials, e-mail teacher to find out cost of your class of interest.

F.I.R.S.T. Session 2

October 20-December 1, 2010*

More details coming soon.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fill out the following and return to Information Central:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I would like to attend this F.I.R.S.T. Study Group:



**2010 F.I.R.S.T. Study Groups
begin Wed., Aug. 4**

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WELCOME TO F.I.R.S.T.

F.I.R.S.T. is an acronym for the **Family Institute of Readiness and Spiritual Training**. This 'institute' is made up of study groups designed to grow church members and attenders in their knowledge of God's Word and provide them with Christian life skills.

F.I.R.S.T. will build Kingdom leaders and equip believers to serve by engaging them in a way that moves them toward spiritual transformation through short-term, self-contained training in an atmosphere of accountability to God and to one another.

SMALL GROUPS and F.I.R.S.T.

While our church's small groups exist to reach people and put them into relationships, **F.I.R.S.T. study groups are designed to equip believers for Kingdom ministry**. Here's the difference:

SMALL GROUPS	FIRST STUDY GROUPS
☞ People centered	☞ Content centered
☞ Begin small and grow	☞ Begin large and finish with a smaller number
☞ Indefinite in length	☞ Last for a specific time period
☞ Built to teach, evangelize and assimilate	☞ Built to equip and mature leaders for ministry
☞ Reach unbelievers and believers	☞ Focus on believers

F.I.R.S.T. study groups will be incubators that begin with believers who are eager to learn how to put their faith into practice and share it with others. The focus of the F.I.R.S.T. study groups will be training, their context will be discipling, and their intent will be to move participants on to the next level of Christian experience and commitment. F.I.R.S.T. study groups will help make the transition from discipled to discipler.

Four Core Areas of Focus for F.I.R.S.T. Study Groups

- ☞ Foundations in the Word
- ☞ Foundations in the Home
- ☞ Foundations in Personal Life
- ☞ Foundations in the First Family

F.I.R.S.T. Session 1

August 4 – September 8, 2010

Wednesday nights from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
(Registration for Session 1 begins Sun., July 18)

Class: Mid-Week Pastor's Bible Study

Location: Worship Center

Class description: We're refreshing our current Mid-Week Worship format with this new Bible study time. Taught by Pastor Sid, this mid-week pastor's Bible study will focus on 1 Peter.

Class: Foundations

Teacher: Scotty Stanford | stanclan@bellsouth.net

Location: AC 126

Class description: The Foundations class is a basic review of the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. We will utilize the Baptist Faith and Message as a guide. Each week we will review and discuss some of these central beliefs. When complete, the students should have a grasp of the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith and be able to articulate them in a conversation.

Class: Marriage Mentor Development

Teacher: Gary Ruppel | gruppel1@hotmail.com

Location: AC 127

Class description: This class is designed to train experienced married couples that will purposely, with intention, invest time into another less experienced married couple, for the purpose of helping and encouraging them to learn a biblical married lifestyle. The text used for this class is "The Complete Guide to Marriage Mentoring" by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott.

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- **Scotty Stanford, F.I.R.S.T. Coordinator**



Class: How to Study Your Bible

Teacher: Sarah Willems | noandsawillems@yahoo.com

Location: AC 129

Class description: This is not a Bible study course. It is an introduction to and practice of personal Bible study skills and resources. The six-week course includes interactive practice exercises in class plus an opportunity for additional personal practice at home.