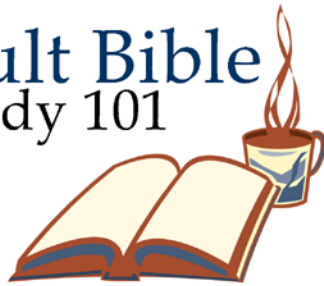


Adult Bible Study 101



2011-2012

Bible 101 will be led by Jonathan Catherwood, under the tutelage of The Rev. Rob Banse. It will be conducted for 10 weeks with gaps for holidays. The sessions will be held in the living room of Peard House 9:30-10:15 am on Sundays, beginning Nov. 6, 2011.

The following are the general topics for each of the sessions:

1. Overview: The Canon of Scripture - Why are there 66 Books? Who got to decide? Is there any controversy surrounding what we have or do not have?
2. Land before time - What should we take from the first 10 chapters of Genesis? For whom were they written?
3. God's Peoples, God's Promise, God's Timing
4. The First Social Contract - Deliverance and the Law (Exodus-Deuteronomy)
5. Oh to be like other Nations! - Nature Gods vs. Omnipotent Gods, One God vs. Transactional Gods, Kings vs. Priests
6. Corruption and Decay
7. Rise of the Prophets - Speaking Truth to Power
8. Breaking the Cycle: "And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" - Why did God send His Son? Why was it necessary for Him to perform miracles? Why did He have to die? Why did He have to rise from the dead? Why was any of this controversial to the leaders who knew Isaiah by heart?
9. The Gentiles? Seriously? - Explaining the new covenant, by faith, to a people who had lost an empire by not following The Law. The following are three examples of the promulgation of this new and very difficult message: a. Resolving the big issues within the leadership overspreading the Gospel to the Gentiles and Law-focused Jewish brothers and sisters - Dietary laws and circumcision; b. What do we do about sin? (Romans); c. How can faith justify? (Hebrews)
10. Conclusion - What can the Bible be for us? What is it for others? Is it a billy club to be used against nonbelievers? Or is it one Gospel (John) and 65 other Books that do not much matter anymore?