

First Baptist Church of Merritt Island exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, love people and go into the world for the sake of the Gospel. Our mission is to make disciples. Scripture teaches us that a disciple is a person immersed in the life of Jesus. Their lives and their world are radically transformed by the person of Jesus. In Acts 2:42-47, we find the first description of people whose lives were completely immersed in Jesus. And we see from that text that these believers lived together in biblical community, which is the best environment for disciple-making.

It's my prayer that this catalog of Fall adult small group Bible studies will help you connect to a group where you grow as a disciple. Imagine if every member of our church was wholeheartedly engaged in the kind of biblical community that fosters disciple-making! So please take some time to browse this listing of groups and contact our Discipleship Pastor, Mark Lewis, if you have any questions. You can reach him by email at mlewis@fbcmi.com or by phone at 321.453.2144.

Titus Green
Senior Pastor

For Parents Attending Bible Studies On Campus

Programming is available for babies through Kindergarten while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday Mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Children's Building (Bldg. B)
- ...Sunday Mornings during worship, your children will stay in their same room
- ...Sunday Nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Wee Praisers, Children's Building (Bldg. B)
- ...Wednesday Nights, 6:00-7:45 pm, Children's Building (Bldg. B)

Programming is available for 1st - 6th graders while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Children's Building (Bldg. B)
- ...Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Kids Coffee House Children's Choir, Worship Center, room 201
- ...Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:45 pm, Gymnasium

Programming is available for Junior High and Senior High School students while parents attend Bible studies on campus:

- ...Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:15 am, Firehouse
- ...Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00 pm, Jubilation (7th-12th graders), choir suite
- ...Sunday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm, Firehouse Upstairs (college age)
- ...Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:00 pm, Jr. High students, Firehouse
- ...Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:45 pm, Sr. High students, Firehouse

Please visit www.fbcmi.com for more information about our ministries to children and students. Or call the church office at 321-453-2144 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Sunday School Class Information

We believe small group fellowship is an essential part of the Christian journey. Therefore, we offer opportunities for you to gather with a small group on Sunday morning.

We believe our church must grow larger and smaller at the same time. Come join us on this exciting journey of faith!

YOUNG ADULTS (25-34 yrs.)

Young Single Adults

Room E5 *Led by Tim and Holly Kennedy*

This class will engage young single adults in biblical community around the study of God's Word each week.

Young Married Adults

Gym *Led by Pastor Fayez Ayoub*

Sound biblical teaching for developing Christ-honoring young married adults.

MIDDLE ADULTS (35-60 yrs.)

***Family Matters**

Room A201 *Led by Phillip Meade/John Kelleher*

Interactive, relational, application-driven class connecting the Bible to every area of family life.

Pastor Brian's Sunday School Class

Room C207 *Led by Brian and Ellen Adams*

Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

Message Based Bible Study

Room C112 *Led by Roy and Denise Harrell*

Length of Study: 13 weeks

Start Date: September 13

This short-term Sunday morning Bible study will meet during the Fall semester. It's open to men and women who are not currently connected to another class. Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

Dioko: Pressing On - Phil. 3:13-14

Room C209 *Led by David Ivey*

A diverse couples class applying faith in practical ways.

GraceLand Room E4 *Led by Buddy Vickers

Fun, eclectic class with much discussion and a focus on ministry.

Sharpeners (Proverbs 27:17)

Room C219 *Led by Alan Bell*

Highly interactive class studying God's Word with emphasis on application, accountability & fellowship.

Sojourners

Room E3 *Led by Rocky VanHoose*

Mixed class studying books of Scripture or books for Christian study.

Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

Room A115 *Led by Larry & Karen Zimmerman*

This Sunday School class is for parents whose grown children have recently flown the nest!

B.A.S.S. (Fishers of Men)

Room E10 *Led by Bobby Adams*

Bobby Adams Sunday School: Multi-generational class.

Ladies Only

Room C107 *Led by Angie Kolsch*

In-depth Bible study and friendship for ladies of all ages. Class supports local/overseas missions.

Orchestra Class

Bldg. A, Orchestra Room *Led by Tim Cottrell & Rick Nelson*

Bible study class that fits schedule for those serving in Music and Worship ministry.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Men

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Bill Eldred, Bobby Trull & Steve Young*

Discipleship class for individuals involved in the House of Hope Ministry.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Ladies Only

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Vicki Cawby*

This ladies only Sunday School class is for women at the House of Hope but is open to all women.

***Followers of the Way**

Room C206 *Led by Steven Mitchell*

Great fellowship, fun, & good Bible learning sessions.

***The Facts of Life**

Room C115 *Led by Cal Burch, Terry Graham & Rob Robinson*
Couples class: fun, involved, & sharing life.

Growing Pains

Room C115 *Led by Eric Harms*
Keeping the spark alive by studying God's Word.

SENIOR ADULTS (60 + yrs.)

***Prime Timers**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Bill Gates*
Couples/singles studying the Bible verse-by-verse with wide-ranging application.

***Victorious Christian Living**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Don Craig*
Applying God's Word to daily life.

***Son Seekers**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by George Kessel*
Putting Jesus first and obeying His Word.

***Sonshine Ladies Class**

Bldg. A, Island Room West *Led by Mary Jo Sloan*
Ladies 65+ ministering inside & outside our class.

***Faithful Followers**

Room E11 *Led by Al Cload*
A family pursuing Christ & actively volunteering.

***Lydia Ladies Class**

Room C111 *Led by Carolyn Tudor*
Growing through prayer, teaching & serving

***Barnabas Men's Class**

Bldg. C, Library Annex #1 *Led by Bob Beers*
Men of all ages are welcome.

***Higher Ground**

Room A114 *Led by Bruce Franta*
Mixed class of seniors age 70+, loving God's Word and each other.

***Verse by Verse**

Room A111 *Led by Bill Verhagen*
Mixed class with open discussion, prayer, and in-depth Bible study.

***Early Risers**

Room C104 *Led by Bob Rowell*

Mixed class focusing on senior adults with in-depth teaching. Frequent social activities.

Encouragers

Room A113 *Led by Elly Weber*

Verse-by-verse study of Scripture for insight and application.

Salt & Light Single Adults

Bldg. C, Library Annex #2 *Led by Warren McBee*

Single/single again uniting in the love of Christ.

*Indicates those classes using the Explore the Bible series, which systematically walks through the entire Bible.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS (18+ YRS)

Discovering Membership

Leader: Mark Lewis

Day/Time: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on selected dates
No cost

Dates: Classes are offered every month on these dates:

Wed., September 2 & 9; Sun., October 4 & 11; Wed. November 4 & 11; and
Sun., December 6 & 13.

Length: 2 weeks

Location: Bowling Alley on Sundays; Mark's office on Wednesdays

Discovering Membership introduces prospective members to the discipleship process at FBCMI. The class also helps prospective members connect to a group, find a place of service and understand the overall mission of the church to make disciples who make disciples. Completion of this class is required for membership at FBCMI. Please see a decision counselor following the worship service for more information or to enroll in one of these classes. You may also call Pastor Mark Lewis at 453-2144 for more information.

Sunday Nights

Beginning in September...

Activities for preschoolers and children are available on campus during each class session. Here are the course descriptions for the studies:

The Life of Paul

Leader: David Ivey

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Start Date: September 13

Location: Crossroad Bldg., Room E10

Length of Study: 10 weeks

Cost: \$5.00

You will learn about the birth, life and death of one of the most influential figures in the New Testament, the apostle Paul. You will understand and appreciate the impact his life and writings had on the early church. This study is a mix of history, in-depth literary analysis, word studies and how his writings are relevant today. Stimulating Powerpoint slides, pertinent pictures, informative maps and revealing artifacts will be used to make the study relevant and interesting.

GriefShare

Leader: Denise Wegerif

Day/Time: Sundays, 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Start Date: September 13

Cost: \$16

Location: Worship Center, A111, Conference Room

GriefShare is for people of all ages who have lost a family member or friend. This friendly, caring group of people will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. You may join at any time during this 13 week support group.

Wednesday Nights

DivorceCare

Leader: Patti Simms

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Start Date: August 19

Cost: \$16

Location: Worship Center, Room 111, Conference Room

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. (For ladies only)

The Promised One

For Moms whose children still live at home

Leader: Paola Bush

Day/Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.

Start Date: Introductory Session is on Wednesday, September 2

Cost: \$17

Location: Worship Center, Room A201

Length of Study: 10 sessions

The Promised One provides a fresh look at the book of Genesis, leading women in discovering how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ. Over ten sessions of study, participants will see Christ as the agent of creation, the offspring who will crush the head of the serpent, the ark of salvation, the source of the righteousness credited to Abraham, the substitutionary sacrifice provided by God, the Savior to whom the whole world must come for life, and much more. This video companion to the book features ten 40-minute teaching sessions with Nancy Guthrie. This integrated Bible study is perfect for studying the Old Testament.

Prayer and Share

Led by Pastor Titus and Rocky VanHoose

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Start Date: Ongoing

No cost

Location: Bldg. C, Chapel

Prayer and Share is a Wednesday night prayer service open to all adults that engages men and women in a time of singing hymns, prayer and Bible study. Prayer and Share meets year round.

Men's Bible Study

Led by Mark Wodka and Steve Martin

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Start Date: Ongoing

No Cost

Location: Crossroads Bldg, Room 10

The Men's Wednesday Night Bible study meets every Wednesday night in the Crossroads building to enjoy fellowship around the study of God's Word. Guys engage in a passage by passage study of the Bible and also take time to pray for one another. Men who attend this Bible study are also invited to participate in a weekly fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant each Saturday morning . All men, single and married, are welcome to participate in both the Wednesday night Bible study and the Saturday morning fellowship breakfasts.

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Leader: Mark Lewis

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Other Studies During the Week

Bible Study Fellowship Satellite Group for Women 18 yrs and older

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Start Date: September 15

Cost: None

Length: 30 weeks

Location: Bldg. C, Chapel

Bible Study Fellowship is an in-depth, interdenominational Bible class for people of all ages and backgrounds. God is using BSF to help people discover joy, freedom and satisfaction in their lives as they encounter God in the Bible. Whether you're a beginner or more advanced Bible student, you'll find the rewards of the study will match your personal commitment. Investing in your relationship with God is one thing you'll never regret at any stage of your life. We will be doing a study on Revelation.

Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit by Henri Nouwen

Leader: Angie Kolsch

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Start Date: September 9

Cost: \$13

Location: Bldg. A, Island Room East

This study is the second in a trilogy of books by Henri Nouwen. In this study about living the Christian life we will explore the practices of the heart...the movements from things that enslave and destroy to liberation and life. We will also journey chapter by chapter in meditative prayer through the books of 1 and 2 Peter.

First class will require advance reading. You must pre-register soon to reserve a preordered book by contacting Darwyn at (321) 453-2146, ext 522. Class will be open to new participants only through week 2. Homework is required but consists of light reading and devotional scriptural meditative prayer.

Chase: Chasing After the Heart of God by Jennie Allen

Leader: Carolyn Tudor

Day/Time: **Tuesday** evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Start Date: September 8

Day/Time: **Wednesday** mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Start Date: September 9

Cost: \$11

Length: 8 weeks

Location: Crossroad Bldg., Room E10

God is invisible. Yet He is the only thing we can chase that won't leave us feeling empty. God has carved out a space in each of us that only He can fill. So whether you are running from God or working your tail off to please Him, David's journey will challenge your view of God. Chase explores the events that defined David's life and the Psalms that flowed out of those experiences. Through David's example we'll discover what God really wants from us. The lessons in this study are simple yet deep and very interactive, offering Bible study, stories, and projects to dig into Scripture and deeply engage the minds and hearts of participants.

Titus 2 Women's Bible Study

Leader: Carolyn Tudor

Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Start Date: August 27

No Cost

Location: Crossroads Bldg, Room E10

Titus 2 gives women the opportunity to connect to biblical community with other women. The format for sessions includes a time for music, prayer and topical Bible study. Women of all ages are welcome to attend, and there's no need to pre-register.

Singular Faith

Leader: Daniel Snyder

Day/Time: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Start Date: Ongoing

No cost

Location: Crossroads Bldg., Room E11

Singular Faith is a coed Bible study fellowship for all single adults that meets each Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. The format includes a meal, followed by a time of Bible study and fellowship. Bible study topics varies from a book of the Bible to topical book studies. No need to pre-register. This is an open group so single adult men and women are welcome to visit anytime.

English as a Second Language

Leader: Kathy Robertson

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Start Date: August 25

Location: Crossroads Bldg.

No Cost

Classes to help those who are learning to speak English., from beginner thru advanced classes. For more info, contact Kathy at eslbcmi@gmail.com.

Courtenay Pkwy. (SR 3)

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Handicapped Parking

Preschool Annex

B Preschool & Children's Building

A  first baptist church
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Worship Center

F Firehouse

H HOH Bike Repair

J House of Prayer

Magnolia Avenue

C  Chapel/Atrium/Gym

D Crossroads

E

G House of Hope

