

FALL 2011:

DAVE RAMSEY'S: FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goal by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1,000,000 families have attended FPU with amazing results. Please join us for this 13 week study, taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. FPU is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages. On average, participants pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days.

When will it be offered?

- Come to a **Free Class Preview** on Wed. 8/24 or Wed. 8/31 @ 6:00pm in Room 302!
- Contact Ken at church office (474-1500) or Renee Atkins at 855-2441.
- Classes begin September 7th and continue through November 30th, with a break for Thanksgiving.

What SLS Participants Are Saying About FPU:

- FPU helped us to make a budget, stick to our budget, and properly prepare for our retirement!
- Because of Financial Peace University, we are now DEBT FREE!
- FPU saved our marriage. We have paid off 4 credit cards and are working towards being debt free by 2013.
- FPU helped me to see where my money was really going.
- After FPU, 'm more secure about where our financial future is.

THE APPRENTICE SERIES

What is Apprentice?

- A three part series of 9 to 12 weeks each.
- A small-group experience involving discussion, sharing, and encouragement during weekly 90-minute gatherings.
- A practical process for bringing healthy change to our lives.
- A closer look at the God Jesus revealed.
- A chance to learn more about the stories, or narratives, that guide our actions.
- An opportunity to practice soul-training exercises such as sleeping enough, slowing down, memorizing Scripture, and observing a Sabbath.
- A gracious experience that will draw you closer to God and others.

When will it be offered?

- The first book in the series, The Good and Beautiful God, is being offered this fall between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
- There is an Orientation Meeting on Saturday, September 10th to see if this is something for you.
- Small Groups begin the week of September 18th (meeting days and times will vary depending on the choice of the group) and run through the week of November 13th.

What SLS Participants Are Saying About Apprentice:

- Every chapter of the Apprentice series seemed to have an "aha" moment for me. The author has the ability to explain some very basic Christian concepts in a fresh way.

- One of my favorite aspects of the Apprentice Series was the "Soul Training" exercises at the end of each chapter. The exercises were enjoyable, relaxing and thought provoking. They were completely different from other Bible study homework I have done.
- Apprentice helped me to face the worldly things in my life and learn to replace them with spiritual habits
- Through Apprentice, I learned to not over commit my time with commitments (both spiritual and worldly) so that I have more time to grow with my family spiritually.
- One of the big epiphanies I had was how I look at sin in my life. I've learned to live to be more like God and with less guilt.

SLS CONNECTIONS COURSE

A four week course is designed to connect visitors and new members to the life and ministries of St. Luke-Simpson. We will talk about who we are and what we do, but most importantly, we'll talk about YOUR place at SLS!

- 4 Sunday mornings during Sunday School
- October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2011
- Also included in this course is "Dessert with the Pastors" on Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00.

ON-GOING GROUPS:

United Methodist Women (UMW) GENERAL MEETING – 1ST Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 304 (*Contact Frances Hennigan for more information (475-9134)*)

Julia Paxton Circle – 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. See bulletin for location.

Dee Cline Circle- 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. See bulletin for location.

Open Hearts Circle – 2nd Monday of every other month at 6:00pm in the Church Parlor.

Faith & Friends Circle – 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor.

Craft Circle – Meets every Tuesday from 9:00-1:00 to make crafts for the UMW's Craft Fair Booth.

United Methodist Men (UMM) - 1ST Monday of each month at 6:30 in Room 304. (*Contact: Steven Breaux -477-8204*)

S.A.L.T. LUNCHEON

(*Senior Adults Laughing Together*)

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:00-12:30. Games begin at 10:30, so some early! Lunch is at 11:30 with program following . Donation for lunch is \$3.
Contact Frances Hennigan for more information (475-9134)

CROPPING PARTIES

One Saturday per quarter from 9am-9pm in Room 302. *Contact Sarah Hyde (smghyde@yahoo.com)*

Also see our Sunday School Brochure!