



COME & FIND REST

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”
Mark 6:31



Discipleship Classes

ReEngage – Marriage Ministry

Led by Ronny Higgins | Married Couples | Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 pm (In Person)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
\$40 per couple

ReEngage is an amazing ministry that focuses on reconnecting, reigniting, and even resurrecting marriages. It doesn't matter how long you've been married, we can always use the encouragement and reminders of how to care for and love our spouses well. The cost for the semester will be \$40/couple, and we will meet in person on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church. Childcare will be provided for those who sign up. We will have limited spaces, but we are looking forward to a great semester of investing in marriages. Email questions to Ronny at rhiggins@firstwoodway.org. Sign up [here](#).

To Alter Your World

Led by René Maciel | Open to all | Wednesdays, 6 pm | 8 weeks (Zoom Only)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
No Cost

The redemptive plan of God cannot be divorced from the fruitfulness of the church. As the world is redeemed, the church flourishes; and as the church flourishes, the world is redeemed. So, the church is both commissioned and equipped to repair the fabric of society, and to serve as envoys of love, dignity, commitment, communion and grace. Join us as we go through this missional book by Michael Frost/Christiana Rice. Make plans to be a part of this class as we learn and apply ways to partner with God in his world-altering mission. This study is Zoom only; however, we will have missional opportunities outside of the class. Sign up [here](#).

The Dwelling

Led by Vicki Lassiter | Women Only | Mondays, 9-11 am (Hybrid)
Start Date: January 25, 2021
No Cost

The Dwelling is a Bible study just for moms and is specifically designed to be a source of spiritual encouragement; a safe place for sharing; and a community of like-minded believers in similar life stages. All younger moms are grouped together with a more seasoned mentor mom who serves as a guiding board, discussion facilitator, and overall cheerleader! While topics specifically related to the challenges and joys of being a parent are addressed, God's Word is given the central spotlight as we delve deeply into what God has to say to us, not only as moms but also as disciples of Jesus. Sign up [here](#). Click [here](#) for childcare.



Christian Writers Workshop

Led by Reita Hawthorne | Open to all (Zoom Only)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
No Cost

Christian Writers Workshop will not be meeting in person for Wednesday evening classes this spring; however, we will have monthly at-home writing assignments which will contribute to a published booklet in the fall. The assignments will be announced via the CWW newsletter. Anyone who wants to participate may be added to our mailing list by sending his/her email address to mhamilton122@yahoo.com. *Please know that CWW does hope to meet in person as soon as health precautions allow. Sign up [here](#).

Elijah (Two Class Options)

1) Led by Jan Gilbert | Women Only | Mondays, 9-11 am | 7 weeks (Zoom/Break Out Sessions)
Start Date: January 25, 2021
Cost of book: \$17

2) Led by Melodie Robison | Women Only | Wednesdays, 6-7 pm | 7 weeks (In Person)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
Cost of book: \$17

Books can be purchased online or picked up in the office (limited number). Join Priscilla Shirer for this 7-session study through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. Come to know how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. Sign up [here](#).

Thursday Morning Men

Led by René Maciel | Men Only | Thursdays, 6:30-8 am (Hybrid)
Start Date: Ongoing
No Cost

Thursday Morning Men is a group of men who are purposefully following Jesus together. Through the Word of God we are turning and changing to become new men in Christ – from men who were once distant in following Christ to men who have a passion for His way in their lives. Sign up [here](#).

The Chosen Bible Study

Led by Kim Scott | Open to All | Wednesdays, 6 pm | 8 weeks (Hybrid)
Start Date: March 3, 2021
No Cost

What does it mean to be chosen? This is an interactive, eight-week Bible study designed to bring both the Old and New Testaments to life. This study was written in conjunction with and is based on *The Chosen* series in season one. You will see Jesus and His disciples from a whole new perspective with daily interactions among the groups that let you know Jesus is fully human and fully divine. You can be new to the series or may have gone through the first round of Bible study in the fall. This study will explore the link between the Old and New Testaments and help us understand what it means to be chosen and called.

*The *Chosen* Bible study is a hybrid option. However, if the great majority of attenders opt for Zoom, we will move to the Zoom-only format. Sign up [here](#).

Apologetics for Parents and Grandparents

Led by Will McKerall | Open to All | Wednesdays, 6 – 7 pm | 6 weeks (Zoom Only)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
No Cost

Book: *Keeping Your Kids On God's Side* by Natasha Crane. This book can be purchased online. This course is targeted to equip parents and grandparents to engage their kids in the "counter-Christian" onslaught of today's world! Over 70% of youth raised in the church leave their faith when they depart home. The basis for this is almost always emotional or grounded in faulty reasoning that was not recognized or not addressed. Given the challenge of discipling children in our fast-paced, tech driven, socially constructed culture, it is essential that parents prepare themselves to help their kids navigate the tough faith battles they'll encounter. Sign up [here](#).

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Hope for the Hopeless

Led by Terry Graham | Open to all (Hybrid)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
No Cost

In this day and time that we live in, there are many uncertainties, confusions, and fears that we face nationally, personally, and spiritually. As a result, we can find ourselves anxious, depressed, and harboring feelings of hopelessness. In this class, we will take a look into scripture to find the true hope that can be the "lifter of our heads", and the anchor to our souls. Sign up [here](#).



Care Corner

(New!) Regeneration Men's Group

Led by Eric Upton | Men Only | Sundays, 5:30 – 7 pm | 10 months (In Person)
Start Date: January 24, 2021
MAC Parlor | \$10

We all experience brokenness in life. At re-generation, we believe that anyone can experience new life and freedom by working through steps of healing given to us by God through the Bible. All who are tired, broken or hurting are invited to come find recovery in Jesus Christ.

Re-generation is 12-step discipleship through recovery. By working through these biblical steps within an authentic community, people have found freedom from substance abuse, codependency, pornography, eating disorders, depression, fear, control, emotional/physical abuse, same sex attraction, anger, obsessive thoughts and many other personal struggles.

We know that not everyone who comes to re-generation will enter understanding the Bible or believing in the God of the Bible. Re-generation is a safe place for anyone to honestly process questions and doubts. Our prayer is that you will find the same peace that we have found. God loves you. He wants to heal you and provide for you. All are welcome. Sign up [here](#).

DivorceCare

Led by Leon and Jo Williams | Mondays, 6 – 7:30 pm | 13 weeks (In Person)
Start Date: January 25, 2021
Glass Room | No cost

Did you know that among all adults who have been married, one-third of them have experienced a divorce? And currently in the United States, half of all children will witness the ending of a parent's marriage? This is the unfortunate reality of the world in which we live. If you are dealing with the pain of separation or divorce, we want to invite you to join us. Through this class, you will find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil as well as practical tools for decision-making. For more information, please contact Lisa Smyers at lsmyers@firstwoodway.org. Sign up [here](#).



GriefShare

Led by Bob Harr, DMin | Wednesdays, 6-7 pm | 13 Weeks (Zoom Only)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
Cost: \$15 covers the cost of the workbook

You are not alone in your grief. Please join us for a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. For more details or to register for this class, please register on the GriefShare website by clicking [here](#). You will need to either purchase a workbook online on the GriefShare webpage or stop by the church office and purchase one.

GriefShare – Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Led by Bob Harr, DMin | Sunday, 3 – 5 pm (Zoom Only)
January 17, 2021
No cost

If you have experienced the death of a spouse, your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can at times seem too hard to bear. Please consider joining us here at First Woodway for help and support. This seminar will be on Zoom only on Sunday, January 17 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm with Bob Harr facilitating. Click [here](#) to pre-register and get the Zoom link.

Thrive

Led by Joe Padilla, co-founder and CEO of Grace Alliance | Wednesdays, 6 – 7 pm | 7 weeks (Zoom Only)
Start Date: January 20, 2021
Cost: \$5

This class is designed to help you thrive mentally and emotionally. It integrates overhelming stress to help you become mentally and emotionally more resilient. If you've experienced overwhelming stress, depression and anxiety (even diagnosed), this class is designed to give you both the insights and tools to help you to thrive in life. Sign up [here](#).

Adoption Support

Dates/Time/Location: Varies
Moms' Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 9:30-10:30 am at Common Grounds Woodway. Family events are publicized via the email list.

The Adoption Support Group exists to bring community and fellowship to families who have experienced adoption or are interested in pursuing adoption. The members of the group gather throughout the year to fellowship with one another, learn from one another and support one another in their stories of adoption. This group is a joint effort of First Woodway and Methodist Children's Home Family Outreach. Contact Marissa Smith LCSW, MDiv, at msmith@mchc.org or 817.874.3928 for interest and more information.

Dementia Support

Led by Natalie Oliver, LCSW, MSG | 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 pm
Class Room | No cost

This group is for the caregiver whose family member has a form of dementia. Topics covered include self-care, dementia-specific issues, grief/loss, etc... Sponsored in part by the Heart of Texas Area Agency on Aging.

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