

2022 SPRING DISCIPLESHIP

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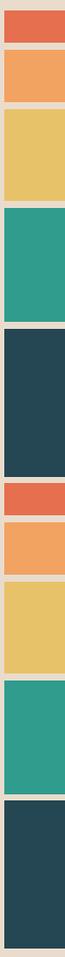
WEEKLY CLASSES



Hello FW Family,

We are so excited to share with you the direction that we are going with our discipleship pathways in the coming months. You may have read some of the updates that we are making, but we want to share with each of you what our Discipleship Team has been working on for the last few months. Ultimately, we want to be more intentional in what we offer in our Discipleship Classes so that we are not trying to piece things together randomly. So what does that look like you may want to ask? We have come up with an approach that will prioritize three pathways: bible, belief, and behavior. We will begin to present these three options as our main focus for Discipleship Groups in the future. On the next couple of pages, you will find a description of what we are planning that will be implemented in the fall semester. So we would like to invite you to pray with us that God would deepen the faith foundations of our church family as we focus our discipleship ministry around these pathways. We pray that you will join us this coming Spring in one of our classes as we seek to plant our roots deeper in the Word of God.

Blessings,
Ronny Higgins



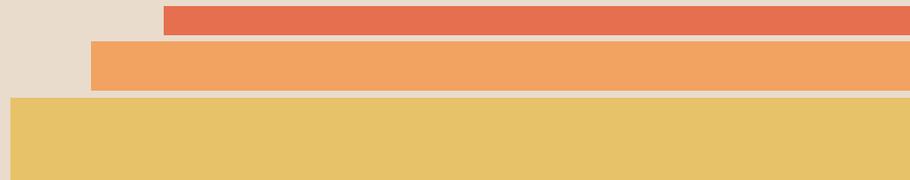


01 BIBLE

First Woodway's area of strength in discipleship has traditionally been in offering studies that increase our Biblical literacy. We will continue to focus on classes that help you know how to read the Bible for yourself and understand the overarching story of scripture, as well as know its individual stories.

02 BELIEF

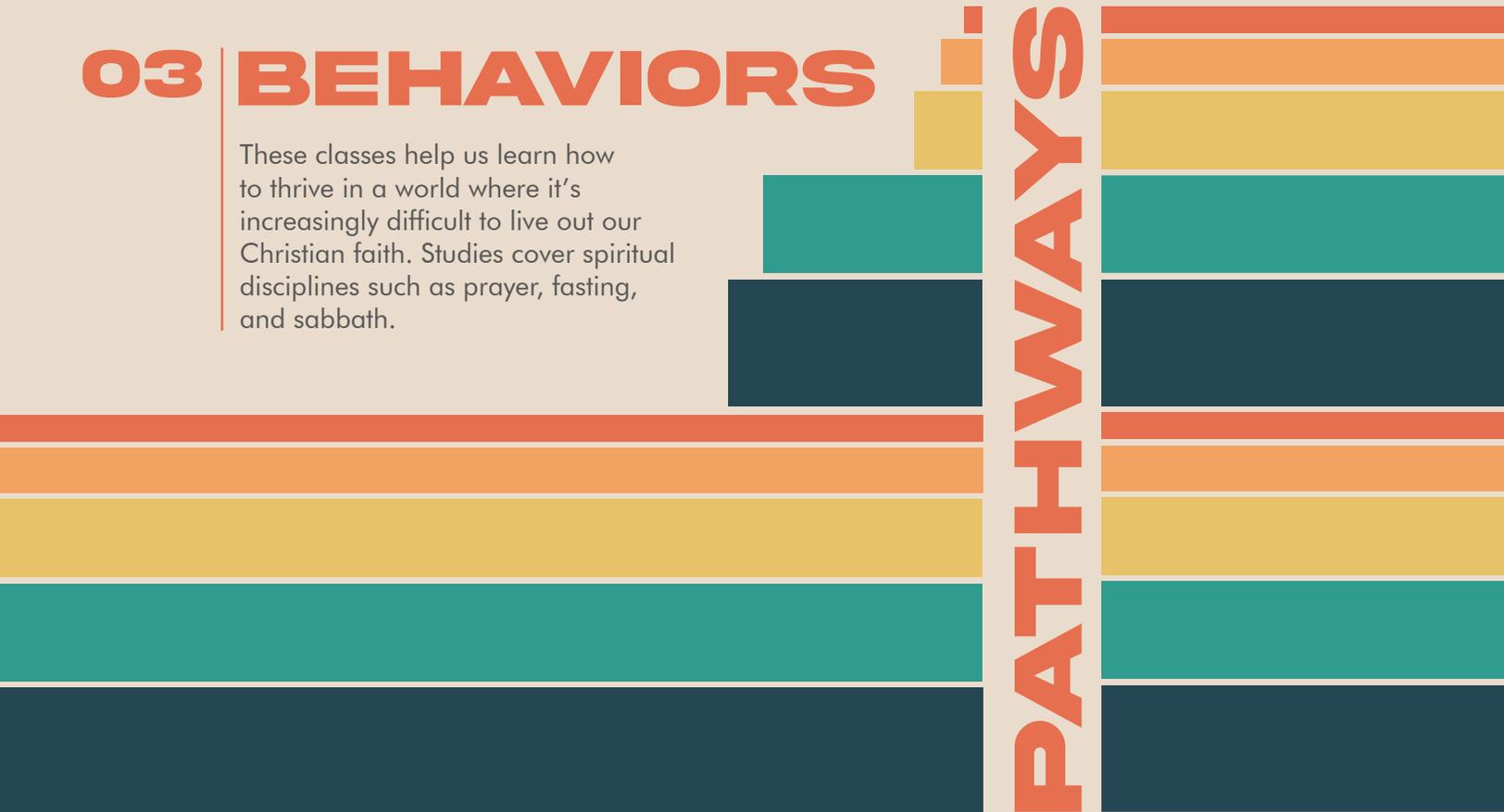
Having a strong grasp of core Christian beliefs is essential to our faith and growth. Classes in this category include apologetics (defense of your faith) and help answer questions such as: Who is God? Who is Jesus? What is the Trinity?



03 BEHAVIORS

These classes help us learn how to thrive in a world where it's increasingly difficult to live out our Christian faith. Studies cover spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, and sabbath.

PATHWAYS



FAITH FOUNDATIONS 1 + 2

Led by: Will Bowden

For: Growing Believers

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 9 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: \$5 includes the book

We are excited to offer this 9-week class that will go through topics that are foundational to our faith. This class is for people who are curious about what faith in Jesus means, new believers who are looking to understand more about their walk with Christ, or anyone who would like to refresh their understanding of foundational concepts of faith. If you are looking to get a better understanding of what following Christ looks like, this class is for you. Sign up [here](#).

RE | ENGAGE

Led by: Ronny Higgins

For: Married Couples

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm; 16 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: \$40 per couple

Re|Engage is a marriage ministry that focuses on reconnecting, reigniting, and even resurrecting marriages. COVID-19 wasn't easy for anyone, and marriages were put under new strain. Maybe now is the time to refresh & rejuvenate your relationship with your spouse! 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. Childcare will be provided for those who sign up. We will have limited spaces, so sign-up soon. We are looking forward to a great semester of investing in marriages. Email questions to Ronny Higgins at rhiggins@firstwoodway.org. Sign up [here](#).

CHURCH – WIDE PRAYER MEETING + STUDY

Led by: Jeremy Webb

For: Open to all

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 14 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: No Cost

This semester we will be digging into the Word of God each week through a verse by verse study through the Letter to the Hebrews. Each week, we will begin by praying together for the needs in the church family, and then turn to a time of in-depth study geared toward growing your faith and drawing you closer to God. Invite a friend, and join us each week for this incredible time of prayer and study. Sign up [here](#).

GOD'S HEART FOR THE NATIONS

Led by: Justin + Sherrie Anderson

For: Open to all

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 8 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: \$9 includes the book

God's Heart for the Nations takes you from Genesis to Revelation in order to see the connection between two critically important themes that are woven together throughout scripture - God's blessing and God's global purpose. In this eight-week study, you'll be challenged to consider your role in God's plan of redemption, a plan that involves making disciples among all nations for the glory of God. Sign up [here](#).

PSALM 23

Led by: Melodie Robison

For: Women Only

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 12 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: \$16 includes the book

Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into women who are weary and unsure of their next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life. In this study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. Sign up [here](#).

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE

Led by: René Maciel

For: Open to all

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 7 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: No Cost

This class will examine seven spiritual disciplines and how they can bring a person closer to God. The disciplines that we will learn are meditation, prayer, study, fasting, simplicity, service, and worship. These disciplines are a gift from God to enhance and bless our lives and those around us. The true faith journey begins when we put into action what we will learn as we celebrate discipline. Come join us for this seven-week class. Sign up [here](#).

LOVING YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND

Led by: Will McKerall

For: Open to all

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 10 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: No Cost

This study is about the defense of our faith (apologetics), an examination of the things we can know that support our most reasonable conclusion that God's existence is true, and He is very involved in our world. Christians are often accused of being anti-intellectual and regressive in their thinking and understanding of the world. Some of this reputation is well-earned; however, the truth is that the clearest interpretation of what we know points to God's existence and His unfathomable love for the creation (especially us).

Join us as we investigate some of the great ideas that prove God's existence and help us respond to skeptics and seekers we encounter. Learn how to be bold in engaging discussions on issues that often confuse and cause doubt. Logic and Reason, Science and Faith, Evidence and Belief, Jesus – Myth or History, Creation and Evolution, and Artificial Intelligence. We'll also cover some of the significant proofs for God such as the Cosmological Argument, Moral Argument, Cumulative Evidence Argument, and more. Sign up [here](#).

FINANCIAL PEACE

Led by: Loren Kendig

For: Open to All

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 9 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: \$60

Is it time to have some financial peace in your life?

This semester our church is offering Financial Peace University, Dave Ramsey's #1 proven program that will show you how to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. Join the millions of people who have used this course to take control of their money. The \$60 includes the Financial Peace course, as well as a one-year subscription to Ramsey+, which consists of other online classes and resources including: Know Yourself, Know Your Money; Smart Money Smart Kids; Legacy Journey, and more. Sign up [here](#).

CHRISTIAN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Led by: Reita Hawthorne

For: Open to all

When: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 10 weeks

Start Date: 1/19

Cost: No Cost

If you are interested in writing, but don't know where to start, or you're a master wordsmith, Christian Writers' Workshop is for you. This class will meet for ten sessions, where you'll write on a given topic, hear others' work, and work together to perfect your skills. Join us and learn how to tell YOUR story. We will be celebrating our 10-year anniversary on Saturday, January 29 at 9:00 am in The Venue. Come join us for a special appearance from David Barton and our very own Chris Wommack. Sign up [here](#).

THE DWELLING

Led by: Vicki Lassiter

For: Moms Only

When: Mondays, 9:00 - 11:00 am; 16 weeks

Start Date: 1/10

Cost: No Cost

During the spring semester, the theme for The Dwelling is "Dialoguing with the Divine." We will be looking at various encounters between God and men/women and specifically discussing the actual conversations that were not only allowed by God, but actually encouraged. Too often we think of prayer as a list of needs being presented to God along with confession and praise. What if we really wrapped our minds around the fact that Almighty God invites us into a conversation with Him? Through the examples provided to us in God's Word, we will seek to understand our relationship with God even more and to fully recognize the privilege we have of "Dialoguing with the Divine." Sign up [here](#). You can sign up for childcare [here](#).

TAKE COURAGE

Led by: Jan Gilbert

For: Women Only

When: Mondays, 9:00 - 11:30 am; 7 weeks

Start Date: 1/24

Cost: No Cost

In this class we will be diving deep into the book of Haggai. We'll study what it means to walk confidently in your calling; stay motivated when opposition and obstacles make you want to quit; defeat discouragement through God's presence, His people, and His Word; and courageously invest your life today in God's purposes, trusting Him for results you may never see. Sign up [here](#).

JUST MOVED

Led by: Nancy Jackson

For: Women Only

When: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am; 12 weeks

Start Date: 1/18

Cost: \$11 includes the book + binder

Recognizing that moving a family presents a huge set of challenges and lots of hard work, we are pleased to offer a Christ-centered study entitled, "After the Boxes Are Unpacked: Moving On After Moving In." This is a powerful, hands-on class using biblical principles and practical how-to's. This will be a great opportunity to make new friends and get acquainted with other women also new to the area just like you. Sign up [here](#).

WAYWARD MEN

Led by: René Maciel

For: Men Only

When: Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 am; Year-Round

Start Date: 1/6

Cost: No Cost

Wayward, by definition, is a turning away from what is right or proper, turning or changing irregularly. Wayward Men is a group for men who are choosing to turn away from the world and turning and changing to becoming radical men in Christ. From men who were once distant in following Christ, to men who have a passion for His way in their life. Come join us for coffee, pastries, and a time in His Word. Sign up [here](#).

PORCH LIGHT

Led by: Brad + Lisa Hyde

For: Open to All

When: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm; Ongoing

Start Date: 1/10

Cost: No Cost

Porch Light is a ministry for the loved ones of those who struggle with addictions - whether it's a child, spouse, sibling, or parent – and is for anyone who is suffering alongside their loved one. For more information and to sign up, contact Brad Hyde at w5bk@live.com.

DIVORCE CARE

Led by: Leon + Jo Williams

For: Open to All

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm; 13 Weeks

Start Date: 1/4

Cost: No Cost

Divorce Care is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. During this 13-week, video-based support program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage emotional and practical tools for decision-making. Sign up through divorcecare.org.

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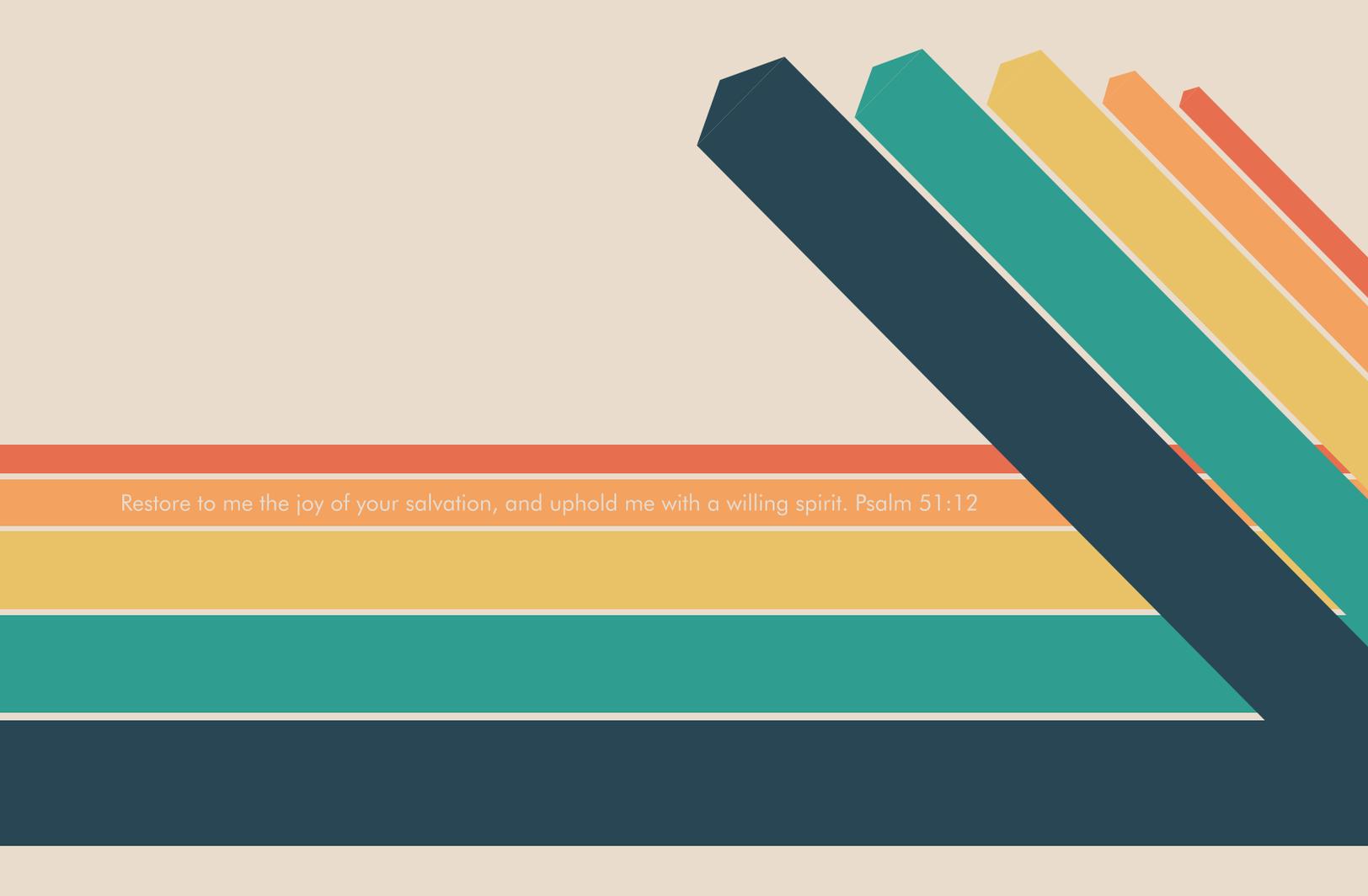
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Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:12

FOR CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ONE DIED FOR ALL, AND THEREFORE ALL DIED. AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE SHOULD NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO DIED FOR THEM AND WAS RAISED AGAIN. SO FROM NOW ON WE REGARD NO ONE FROM A WORLDLY POINT OF VIEW. THOUGH WE ONCE REGARDED CHRIST IN THIS WAY, NO LONGER. THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

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