



Huntsville Christian Church

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DESCRIPTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COURSES

❖ GOSPELS/EARLY CHURCH

- Gospel of Matthew – the study of the collection of Jesus’ actions and teachings grouped topically in five main discourses including Sermon on the Mount, parables on the Kingdom, His words on the church as a community, His words on hypocrisy and predictions for the future. Matthew’s main purpose in writing the gospel was to prove to his Jewish readers (and us) that Jesus was the Messiah and this is accomplished primarily by showing how Jesus in His life and ministry fulfilled OT Scriptures. This class will expose new and mature Christians to the basic teachings of Jesus and His commands to love and serve.
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2017

- Gospel of John – the study of John’s gospel is different from the other gospels in that John focuses on the meaning of Jesus’ teachings and events and how the Word became flesh in the person of Jesus. As John states in 20:30-31, Jesus performed many miracles in the presence of His disciples, some are recorded in his book and some are not. But the ones written down was so the reader may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2016

- Gospel of Luke – the narrative of Luke generally follows the chronology of Christ’s life and death. This book is the most detailed account of His birth. It is written with a general theme that the gospel is for all, both Jew and Gentile, and that Jesus is the promised Messiah. “For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10, NIV)
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2016

- Acts I – a study of the early church. What did the church do and why did they do it. The book of Acts offers a selective history of the early church following the resurrection of Christ. Luke offers in the introduction that he is writing the book (letter) so that an orderly account of things could be given.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2017.

- Acts II – continuation of the study of the book of Acts, the missionary journeys of Paul and his instructions to the early churches.
 - Offered Summer quarter of 2017.

❖ EPISTLES

- I Corinthians – a study in love and Christian living
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2016

- II Corinthians – continuation of study in love and Christian living.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2016

- Timothy & Titus – Subtitle might be “Toward a description of the work of the preacher based on the letters of Timothy and Titus.” This study takes an in-depth look at the roles of those in the Church.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2017

- Romans I – an in-depth study in how the new covenant applies to both Jew and Gentile.
 - Offered Summer quarter of 2017

- Romans II- continuation of the study of the new covenant.
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2017

- Revelation I – what does John see in his visions regarding the end times? A book of prophecy and encouragement to stand fast – Satan is defeated!
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2017

- Revelation II – continuation of the study of the end times.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2018

- Hebrews – a study reflecting that Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant institution. Therefore, Hebrew Christians were urged to hold on to their faith in Christ. The book of Hebrews explains how Jesus was fully God and fully man.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2018

❖ OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

- Genesis – foundational to the understanding of the rest of the Bible. Learn how it all began and study the ten “accounts of” the heavens and the earth, Adam’s line, Noah, Shem and Ham and Japheth, Terah and Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Esau, and Jacob. The genealogy continues through the rest of the Bible to the coming of the Messiah. The book clearly teaches that the one true God is sovereign over all that exists. The book also shows how God initiates and makes covenants with his chosen people.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2017

- Exodus – this study lays a foundational theology in which God reveals his name, his attributes, his redemption, his law and how he is to be worshiped. The enslavement, rescue and deliverance, of the Israelites by God is a foreshadowing of how Christ rescues and delivers us.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2018

- Nehemiah – An account of Nehemiah’s efforts to return from captivity in Babylon to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. This book is often cited as an outstanding example of leadership and shared responsibility.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2017

❖ PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY/HISTORY

- Parenting – study based on the video and book by Kevin Leman, *Becoming the Parent God Wants You to be*.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2016

- Marriage – two separate studies of six weeks each. First, *The Art of Marriage*, a LifeWay presentation that helps couples understand God’s plan for relationships. The study weaves together biblically-centered teaching, real-life stories, and human vignettes to portray both the challenges and beauty of God’s design. Secondly, *Fireproof Your Marriage*, a presentation of Outreach Ministries and founded on Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages. *Fireproof Your Marriage* will challenge you to love better, to love first, and to love for a lifetime.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2017

- Lessons in Christian Doctrine – 13 lessons providing a foundational resource for understanding and living, designed for new and growing Christians. Topics include the most basic truths about God, Jesus, the Church, Baptism, Communion, etc. Based on *13 Lessons in Christian Doctrine*, Denver Sizemore, College Press.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2017

- Basic Beliefs, Christian Life and Service – based on a six lesson study by Bob Russell, The Living Word Ministry of Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY, and a seven lesson study developed by HCC from material originally developed by Rick Warren. It is intended to be taught to new members, but has value for all and its goal is to help all Christians strive toward a life of maturity and service.
 - Offered Summer quarter of 2017

- The Restoration Movement – a study of the Restoration Movement, how and why we are what we are as an independent Christian church. Based on *Introduction to the Restoration Ideal*, Marshall Leggett, Standard Publishing.
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2016

- Biblical Eldership – Biblical Eldership, by Alexander Strauch, Lewis and Roth Publishers, is a study regarding the five major features that are essential to biblical church leadership: pastoral eldership, shared eldership, male leadership, qualified eldership, and servant leadership. Along with these features are a biblical defense of eldership and an in-depth exposition of the biblical texts on church leadership. While geared to those seeking leadership, this course will benefit any church member desiring to learn about biblical eldership and is open to all members.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2016

- Biblical Deaconship – The New Testament Deacon, by Alexander Strauch, Lewis and Roth Publishers, is a study regarding the biblical duties of the office of Deacon. Strauch stresses the need in the modern church for deacons to get out of the boardroom and into a people-serving ministry. This study looks at the division of ministry in the church, qualifications and duties of deacons, and biblical texts regarding deacons. While geared to those seeking leadership/servanthood, this

course will benefit any church member desiring to learn about biblical deacons and is open to all members.

- Offered Fall quarter of 2017

- Discipleship – Have you ever wondered what’s the big deal about Discipleship? In this 12 week Sunday school class we will talk about the Biblical foundations of Discipleship. We will look into the Origins of Discipleship, and the Story of Discipleship. In doing so, we will discover the marks of a Disciple, as well as the environment and the various stages of Discipleship. We will see how the Christian should grow spiritually through the process of Discipleship and we will discuss the Personal Approach to Disciple making. We will discuss the role of small groups in the Discipleship process and the role of the Congregation/ Elders and Pastors. Finally we will close out our study looking into the Responsibility to Reproduce Disciples for generations to come and what the future looks like when we live life Jesus’ way.
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2016

- Apologetics – The word "apologetics" is derived from the Greek word, "apologia," which means to make a defense. It has come to mean defense of the faith. Apologetics covers many areas: who Jesus is, the reliability of the Bible, refuting cults, Biblical evidences in the history and archeology, answering objections, etc. In short, it deals with giving reasons for Christianity being the true religion. We are called by God to give an apologia, a defense: "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence," (1 Pet. 3:15). (Copied from Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry website)
 - Offered Summer quarter of 2017

- Bible History – based on book by Dr. James E. Smith, Bible History Made Simple. This study depicts the flow of biblical history from the creation in Genesis to the new creation in Revelation. Dr. Smith has identified 17 periods of biblical history and presents a special emphasis of God’s message for each period.
 - Offered Fall quarter of 2017

- Comparative Religions/Cults – A look at 20 worldviews, faiths and religions and how they compare to Christianity. Based on the book So What’s the Difference? by Fritz Ridenour.
 - Offered Winter quarter of 2017

- Women of the Bible – a study of the women and their influence on Bible history.
 - Offered Spring quarter of 2018