



“Disciple I Bible Study”-- Anne Ahl’s orientation session will be this **Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 in upstairs classroom** (if navigating steps is an issue, let Anne know so we can change the venue). (34-week session begins **Wednesday, January 27 from 7:00 to 9:00**—no babysitting)

“Making Love Last a Lifetime” – repeat of very popular 10-week session on marriage enrichment led by Chris and Barbara Phillips beginning **Thursday, January 28 from 7:00 to 8:30** (babysitting provided). Whether you are about to be married, newly married, think you’ve “got it,” or married over 25 years, this is a great Adam Hamilton study that has made new friends and offered new support systems while teaching how to make even a great relationship better! It will be followed by an additional course on marriage enrichment, open to all who have taken this course, or none at all, in May.

“Good Sense” – Rev. Dr. Jim Mentzer, Director of The Methodist Foundation, will lead this 6-week excellent course on all aspects of personal finances: budgeting, planning for the future, debt relief, God’s portion, etc. You will not want to miss this important study! The class will be held on 6 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning in April after the completion of the above study. Babysitting will be provided.

Couponing – Register now for a **one-time seminar** on how to make the most of coupons! Lisa Keeter, member of Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church, student of two of the great gurus in saving money through use of coupons, and owner of a small business that shares her awesome knowledge with others, will present a two-hour workshop at our church on **Saturday, March 20 from 1:00 to 3:00**. Babysitting will be provided if needed, **but reservations must be made in advance**. Lisa’s study is a Biblical approach to making the most of our dollars so we can honor God with our finances. There are a limited number of scholarships available for anyone who would like to request free entrance to the workshop. For confidential requests, contact Ellen Rose at 608-2821 or ellenrose01@att.net. If you want to come and listen but not participate in the handouts, the cost will be \$5. Ideally participants will prepay \$15 and receive a workbook, hands-on experience in tackling the Sunday newspaper coupons, and outlines of everything discussed. **Pre-registration is a must!** Contact Ellen Rose for more information or send **checks made out to First United Methodist Church Fuquay-Varina; on the “for” line write “coupon workshop.”** The workshop is sponsored by United Methodist Women but open to all.

Improving Your Prayer Life – Karen Davis is developing a series of short-term studies on several aspects of prayer, the titles to be announced soon. Studies will be held on Thursday nights running concurrently with the marriage and financial studies. Look for more information coming soon. Babysitting will be provided.

Revelation – Final arrangements are being made now to offer a 12-week study on Revelation. The study will be held in daytime and/or evening, depending on the needs of those who register first. Babysitting may or may not be available; please make your needs/wishes known! The basis of our study will be Bruce Metzger’s **“Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation.”** Dr. Metzger is New Testament Professor Emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary and was chair of the NRSV translation committee and author of a number of books. Sign up now and make your preferences for time/babysitting known.

In the Works – Based on responses to questionnaires distributed to the congregation, we will offer additional courses/studies upon completion of those mentioned above. Topics will include **parenting and basic studies on our faith** for those new to the Christian way of life. Please let Ellen Rose know of other studies you would like to participate in so we can continue our journey of providing transforming spiritual growth to all who respond to God’s call to develop a closer relationship with our Creator.

Questions/comments/concerns:

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