

One of our five biblical purposes in life is to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The Growth Institute enables you to choose from elective seminars and events to foster the purpose of discipleship. Seminars/events are scheduled on a quarterly basis. Most seminars are six weeks in duration, although some are offered for a single day.

### **G. I. FOUNDATIONAL SEMINARS (Single day classes)**

**4:00–7:30PM** **April 18**  
***Discovering Membership Seminar.*** Learn the meaning of membership and discover the vision of OPPC. After completing the membership class and agreeing to a membership covenant, new members are typically received the first Sunday of each month. To attend, register with the church office (264-0536). FREE childcare is available by reservation, and dinner is served to adults and children. Teacher: Pastor Tim Roberts (Fellowship Hall)

**4:00–8:00PM** **April 18**  
***Discovering Discipleship Seminar.*** Learn the habits of being a disciple - how to cultivate spiritual maturity, how to get a grip on your Bible, daily time with God, spiritual growth resources, the habit of prayer, stewardship, spiritual friendship and keeping good habits. To attend, register with the church office (264-0536). FREE childcare is available by reservation and dinner is served to adults and children. Teacher: Jody Griffith (Fellowship Hall)

**4:00–8:00PM** **April 18**  
***Discovering Spiritual Gifts Seminar.*** Discern your unique gifts for serving in a personal ministry through this class. Discover God's call by analyzing your S.H.A.P.E. for ministry: (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experience). Teacher: Cathy Sanders

**4:00-6:30PM** **April 18**  
***Discovering Worship Seminar.*** So just what is worship? Why do we do it? What does God require? As we unfold the "drama of worship" you will gain practical understanding and therefore greater participation in worship services. Best of all you will discover how to live the worship story every day,

throughout the day, in your specific context. Teacher: Greg Holton (Fellowship Hall)

### **G. I. ELECTIVE SEMINARS (Sunday series)**

**9:30AM** **April 4 – May 16**  
***The Prayers of Jesus.*** What can we learn from the prayers Jesus prayed? This in-depth study gives new insights into prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen our relationship with God. Teacher: Karen Kircher (Youth House)

**9:30AM** **May 30 – July 4**  
***When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box,*** by John Ortberg. Beginning with the right object – being rich toward God – bestselling author John Ortberg shows what it takes to really win at the game of life. This study will help you live with an eternal perspective, keeping your eye on the true prize – the one that unlocks the gate to the Kingdom of God. Teacher: Karen Kircher (Youth House)

**9:30AM** **April - May**  
Our focus is on the growing Christian community described in the gospels and the letters to the Colossians, Philemon and the letter of Jude. The early Christians were set afire by the Spirit of God to share the gospel message as they shared their lives. Teacher: Betsy Rinker (Fellowship Hall Library)

**9:30AM** **June**  
***Thessalonians & Philippians.*** We will examine the nature, foundation and marks of Christian commitment in today's world. Teacher: Betsy Rinker (Fellowship Hall Library)

**9:30AM** **April**  
***A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*** by W. Phillip Keller. First published in 1970, and with over 2 million copies sold, Phillip Keller's beloved contemporary classic spans the decades with its uplifting insights on Psalm 23. W. Phillip Keller, born in East Africa, always loved wildlife and the outdoors. Having spent many years in agriculture research, land management, and ranch development in British Columbia, he later pursued careers in conservation, wildlife photography and journalism. His experiences as a shepherd equipped him with the insights

that are the basis for *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. Facilitators: Doug Mercer and Jody Griffith (Fellowship Hall – Small Group Room)

**11:00AM**  
***Study of Ephesians.*** Join us as we walk through Paul's letter to the Ephesian church. This First Century epistle has much to say to the contemporary church as Paul affirms the Ephesians' identity in Christ and challenges them to a deeper level of discipleship. Teacher: Elder Greg Vincent (Fellowship Hall – Small Group Room)

**6:00 PM** **Wednesdays**  
***How To Be Rich*** **April 14 & 18, May 5 & 12**  
You can find plenty of advice on how to *get* rich, but where do you learn to *be* rich? And how do you define "rich" in the first place? In this four part video series by Andy Stanley we will explore moving beyond the "get rich" mentality and learn God's instructions for the vast majority of us who are already blessed with more than we need. Teacher: Pastor Tim Roberts (Fellowship Hall)

### **G. I. ONLINE SEMINARS**

<b>“Understanding Adolescents”</b>	<b>Chris Matthews</b>
<b>“The Good Fight – Parent’s Fight”</b>	<b>Reggie Joiner</b>
<b>“New Testament Survey”</b>	<b>Karen Shipman</b>
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<b>“Deeper Still Theology”</b>	<b>Tim Roberts</b>
Reformed Theology	
Atonement Theology	
Sacramental Theology	
Trinitarian Theology	

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instructions at the bottom of the page. Printable materials are also available.

## G. I. OPPORTUNITIES

### ***Personalized Spiritual Growth Planning* By Appointment**

Have you ever thought of making a workable plan for your spiritual growth? We make plans for how to study in school and work out at the gym, or how to gain a promotion at work and even where to take a family vacation, so why not for spiritual growth? To develop your own unique plan for spiritual growth contact Pastor Tim to make an appointment.

### ***"Dimensions of the Faith" Courses* Register Online**

Professors from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary are now offering FREE online self-study courses in Old and New Testament, Church History, Theology, Biblical Interpretation and World Missions. To register for a course go online to [www.gordonconwell.edu/dimensions](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/dimensions). or call Gordon-Conwell's Ockenga Institute at 1-800-294-2774.

## G. I. GROUPS

### **9:15-11:15AM** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

***Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy*** by Beth Moore. The second part of the study explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ. (Childcare available if needed, but advance reservations are required.) Facilitator: Melissa Webber (213-8769 or [mwebber72@hotmail.com](mailto:mwebber72@hotmail.com)) (Sanctuary Basement)

### **7:00AM** Wednesdays

Men's ***Shoulder-to-Shoulder*** breakfast. Join other men as we encourage one another to become faithful men of God. Facilitator: Len Lewis (at Pengree's restaurant)

### **WEEK DAYS** Weekly & Bi-Weekly

***Life Groups***: Groups of 10-14 people who meet in homes or in the Life Group room to fellowship, study and pray. Experience firsthand the joy, encouragement, acceptance, love, and support that comes from sharing life with your fellow brothers and sisters in our family of faith. Opportunities are

available to host or participate in a group. Contact Fran Higson at [fran@oppresby.com](mailto:fran@oppresby.com) or 910-2554 (cell).

## Adult Sunday Schools

**9:30AM** **Sundays**  
***Travelers' Class.*** Topical book and Bible studies. Teachers: Capt. Hardy & Karen Kircher (Youth House)

**9:30AM** **Sundays**  
***The John & Rena Adsit Choices Class.*** Theological and spiritual book studies. Teachers: Rotating leadership (Fellowship Hall, Small Group Room)

**9:30AM** **Sundays**  
***Present Word Class.*** Uses denominational curriculum by the same title for Bible study. Teacher: Betsy Rinker (Fellowship Hall Library)

**11:00AM** **Sundays**  
***Adult Forum Class.*** Bible study through use of various methods and resources. Teachers: Rotating leadership (Fellowship Hall)

# The Growth Institute

*Growing our roots in Christ*



*Grow deeper spiritual roots in Christ through Orange Park Presbyterian's Growth Institute. Experience the transformation of your heart, mind and soul as you study and encounter the living God.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER - 2010**