

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 **February 27**
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 **February 27**
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)

4:00-6:30PM **February 27**
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 **January**
Book of Acts: We will start with small group (6-8 people) discussions of a paragraph by paragraph reading of this Book. We will all be learners and teachers. Please bring your own Bible, pencil or pen, and notepad. Please be prepared to share what you see from the reading with your group. There will be weekly home assignments. Books are \$8.00. Teacher: Gene Madeira (Youth House)

9:30AM **January**
In the Grip of Grace: This book was written by Max Lucado and is based on the Book of Romans. Teacher: Cathy Sanders

9:30AM **January**
Isaiah. We are continuing our study of promise of hope and reassurance found in the prophet Isaiah. Teacher: Betsy Rinker (Fellowship Hall Library)

9:30AM **January**
Gospel of John. The Gospel of John presents many important lessons for living life on earth and determining our eternal destiny after we die. Facilitator: Rev. John Muilenburg (Fellowship Hall – Small Group Room)

11:00AM **January**
The Screwtape Letters. We will use an amazing and often humorous audio adaptation of C. S. Lewis’ classic book to discuss many aspects of Christian life and faith and the spiritual battles that we all face. Come join us for this intriguing study. Teacher: Elder Greg Vincent (Fellowship Hall – Small Group Room)

G. I. EVENTS

“New Testament Personalities”
9:30 AM-12:30 PM **Saturday, February 5**
Bring your Bibles to look deeper into the lives of several New Testament personalities, Peter, Paul, Mary (Magdalene), Judas Iscariot, Martha and Mary to see how their lives were transformed by knowing Jesus. Teacher: Karen Shipman (Fellowship Hall).

Griefshare

6:45 -8:45 PM **Mondays beginning February 7**
Each session includes a video featuring interviews with top experts on grief recovery – leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors – and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses. Intimate small group discussions will follow each video seminar, addressing a different topic each week. Anyone seeking help with grief recovery is invited to attend any of these video-based sessions and discussions. No reservation necessary. (Fellowship Hall)

G. I. ONLINE SEMINARS

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

There are two ways to use our online learning center. Go to www.oppresby.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on “more info” under *Seminars Online*. In the body of the paragraph, click on the word “online” underlined and in blue, then select the course you want. You have the options of listening online or downloading it to your computer. There are 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, or call Gordon-Conwell's Ockenga Institute at 1-800-294-2774.

G. I. GROUPS

6:30PM **Thursdays beginning February 3**
Crown Financial Ministries. During this 10-week class we will look at finances from a Biblical perspective and discover God's way of handling money that will set you free in ways you cannot imagine! Discover the God who owns it all and learn to handle your resources effectively from decision-making to budgeting. Leader: Steve Halter

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 or 910-2554 (cell).

The Hole In Our Gospel

6:00 PM **Beginning January 16**
This 6-week video series shows us how we are meant to be the carriers of the gospel - the good news that was meant to change the world. Belief, worship and personal morality are not enough. When we commit ourselves to following Christ, we also commit to living our lives in such a way that a watching world would catch a glimpse of God's character—His love, justice and mercy—through our words, actions and behavior. You may sign up for a Small Group on the Connect

Card, email to fran@oppresby.com, or at the sign up table outside after each service.

Adult Sunday Schools

9:30AM **Sundays**
Travelers' Class. Topical book and Bible studies. Teachers: Rotating Leadership (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.

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