

DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY

— SPRING 2015 —



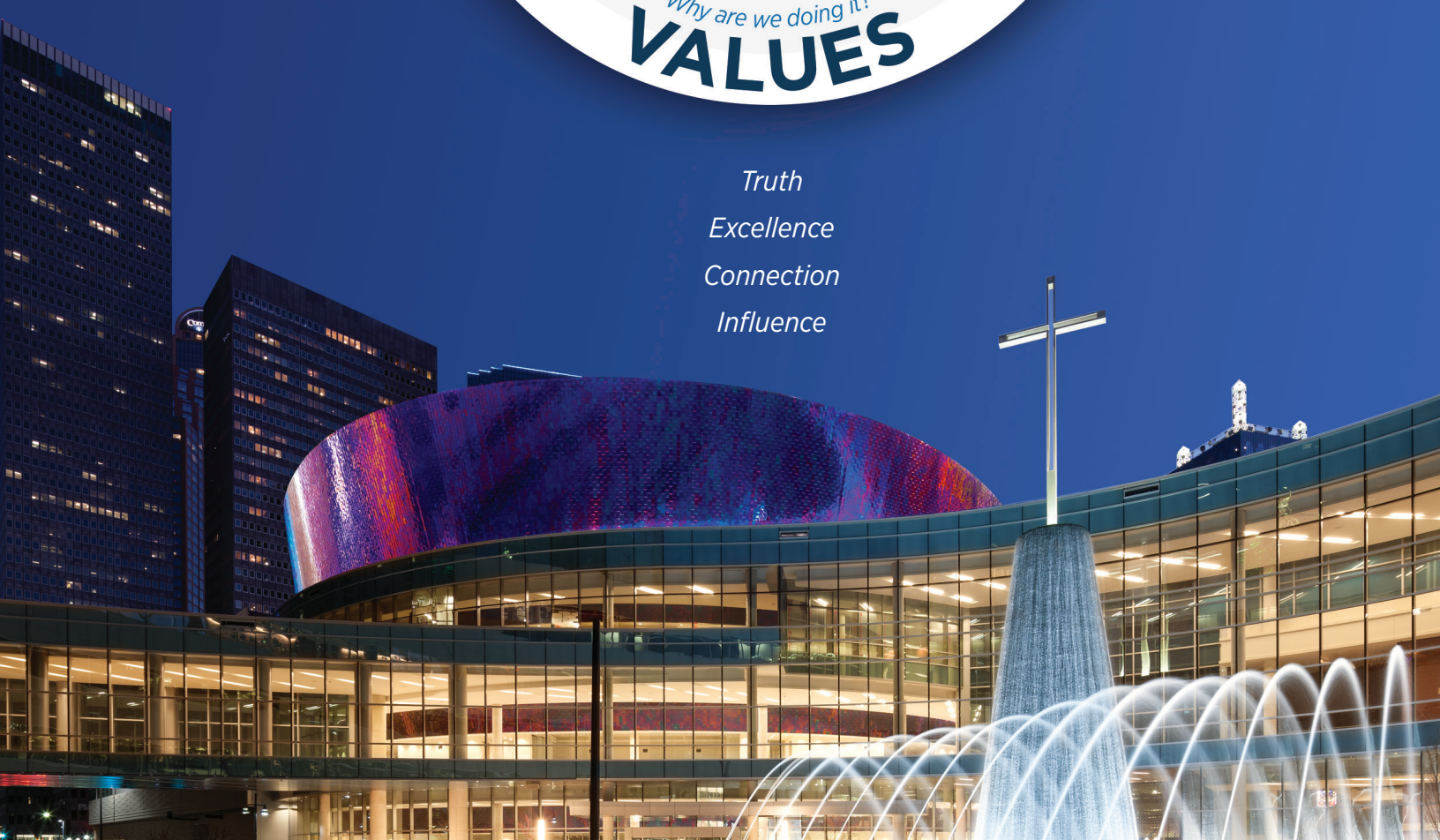
“TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD WITH GOD’S WORD...ONE LIFE AT A TIME.”



Active Involvement  
 Spiritual Growth  
 Generous Giving  
 Empowered Ministry  
 Contagious Evangelism

Worship  
 Equip  
 Serve  
 Influence

Truth  
 Excellence  
 Connection  
 Influence



We are pleased to present another great line-up of courses for the Spring 2015 semester of Discipleship University. As you look through this catalog you will notice discipleship opportunities for every age group and every member of your family. Our desire is to reach and develop each of our members to complete spiritual maturity. In doing so we will be able to continue to reach our ultimate goal of transforming our world with God’s Word...one life at a time.

Our Spring semester begins on January 11, 2015, and concludes on March 22, 2015. All Discipleship University classes begin each Sunday afternoon at 5:30pm and conclude at 7pm. The semester will have nine sessions with two weeks off. Classes will not meet on February 1 as we have our annual Super Bowl Fellowships for various age groups, and then we will take off the night of March 8 for Spring Break. Information about Super Bowl Fellowships will be promoted through all Sunday School classes.

We will once again have our famous Cookie Fellowships each week at 7pm in the Criswell Center Lobby. These fellowships offer a great opportunity to spend time together as a church family and to make our guests feel welcome, too. We will also enjoy entertainment provided periodically by our preschool and children’s choirs.

As you browse through this catalog you will notice some great new classes offered by some of the most gifted teachers in the state of Texas. We are blessed to have these leaders among us, and I know you will want to register for a class as soon as possible.

We will have one Open House on the morning Discipleship University begins, January 11. You will have the opportunity to meet all of the teachers, ask questions about the courses, and register your whole family for the course of your choice. You can also register online at [firstdallas.org/du](http://firstdallas.org/du) or by calling 214.969.2402. We look forward to seeing you at Discipleship University!

*OPEN HOUSE*

**Sunday Morning**  
**January 11**

10:20-10:50am  
 12:15-12:45pm

Concourse &  
 Skybridge outside  
 Worship Center

*KICK OFF*

**Sunday Evening**  
**January 11**

Ryland Whitehorn  
 Minister of Education

*REGISTER*

Register for classes online at [firstdallas.org/du](http://firstdallas.org/du) or call 214.969.2402.  
 (Materials can be purchased on the first day of class.)



## Getting A Grip On Your Emotions

June Hunt and Jill Prohaska – *Hope for the Heart*

Do you ever say to yourself, “I wish I didn’t feel this way!”? Getting a Grip on Your Emotions is a powerful course examining topics such as anger, fear, depression, guilt, grief, rejection, stress, envy and jealousy, worry, and self-worth. Based on Hope for the Heart’s popular *100-topic Biblical Counseling Library* and nearly three decades of ministry experience, this course is designed to help you—and to help you help others. Join June and Jill as they present biblical hope and practical help for handling your emotions God’s way.

June is Founder and CSO (Chief Servant Officer) of Hope for the Heart. She is an author, teacher, singer, and one of the world’s leading counselors. Her ministry offers biblical hope and practical help through biblical counsel, coaching, and context for contemporary concerns. Jill Prohaska has been a writer at Hope for the Heart for more than eight years, assisting June Hunt with books, *Biblical Counseling Keys*, and a variety of other writing projects.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC511/521

## The Chaos of the Cults

Dr. Jim Wicker – Teacher

Mormonism, Scientology, Christian Science, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Unification Church, Nation of Islam, and other cults are growing rapidly both in the U.S. and worldwide. How did these false faiths arise? What do they teach, and how does the Bible differ from their wrong doctrines? Dr. Wicker will explain common cult characteristics and deceptive practices to equip you to identify a cult. He will give detailed critiques of the most prominent cults in the U.S. so you can effectively share the Gospel with their members. In addition, he will demonstrate how the Muslim religion has many cult-like characteristics.

Dr. Wicker is the Director of Web-Based Education and Associate Professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a deacon in our church, and he teaches the Parents of Teens and Preteens Sunday School Class.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC504

## Making Your Home Work

Dr. Robert Jeffress – Pastor

In this series Dr. Jeffress will share the biblical principles about marriage, divorce, parenting, and finances that will ensure God’s blessing for you and your family.

Dr. Robert Jeffress’ greatest joy is being the Pastor of First Baptist Dallas. He serves as a Fox News Contributor, has made more than 1,500 guest appearances on various radio and television programs, and regularly appears on major mainstream media outlets, such as Fox News Channel’s “Fox and Friends,” “The O’Reilly Factor,” and many more. Dr. Jeffress hosts a daily radio program, Pathway to Victory, which is heard nationwide on over 764 stations in major markets. His weekly television program can be seen on 1,200 television stations and cable systems throughout the nation and in 28 countries around the world, including China. Dr. Jeffress is the author of 21 books including *When Forgiveness Doesn’t Make Sense* and his newest book, *Perfect Ending: Why Your Eternal Future Matters Today*.

Class Length	Cost	Location
6 Weeks	None (materials provided)	Truett Chapel

## How can the New Testament be made New?

*Problems and Issues in the Contemporary Culture*

Dr. Harvey Solganick – Teacher

Each book of the New Testament urges us in the New Covenant to take on the whole counsel of God’s inerrant Word. How can Christians obey the specific issues raised in the New Testament without the dangers of legalism, ritualism, and generational changes? We will select specific issues in the New Testament, confronting our postmodern, contemporary culture today as Christian responses to a compromising world, and discuss how to address those issues with apologetics, a defense of the faith.

Dr. Solganick is a gifted Professor of Humanities, Philosophy, Apologetics, and History of Ideas at The College at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He is also a faithful member of our church and teaches the Mission Minded Sunday School class.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC502/503

## Unlocking the Secrets of the Feasts

Mike Norten – Teacher

The prophecies in the Feasts of Leviticus – from Passover to the Feast of Tabernacles – have foretold of God’s plans for the world within in the customs of these festivals. Many of these things exposed in the feasts are so explicit about the events of the first and second coming of the Messiah, that they are quite shocking. God wanted His people to understand His plans through all their senses. Get ready to be stunned as you discover the intricate details of the prophecies illustrated in the observances of these feasts. You will definitely acquire greater insight into God’s plans for the ages.

Mike Norten received a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, and has been a Bible instructor, representing several similar-type ministries for over forty years. He was an associate pastor of Lewisville Bible Church and has additionally served as interim pastor and pulpit supply for a number of churches in North Texas. He authored the book on which this class is based.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC509/523

## Letters to the Front-Lines: A Study of 2 Timothy and Titus

Dr. Matthew McKellar – Teacher

Join us for an illuminating study of Paul’s inspired communication to two of his “front-line” soldiers. His instructions and encouragements to Timothy at Ephesus and Titus at Crete offer powerful and needed insights for the church today. Writing in the latter days of his ministry, Paul stresses the timeless significance of church order, sound doctrine, and holy living. Topics to be addressed include:

- The Ministry of Encouragement
- Why Doctrine Matters
- Soldiers, Athletes, and Farmers!
- Marks of a True Leader
- Putting First Things First
- Dealing with False Teachers
- The God-Breathed Word
- Adorning the Doctrine of God our Savior
- Timeless Truths for a Triumphant Church
- How to Finish Well

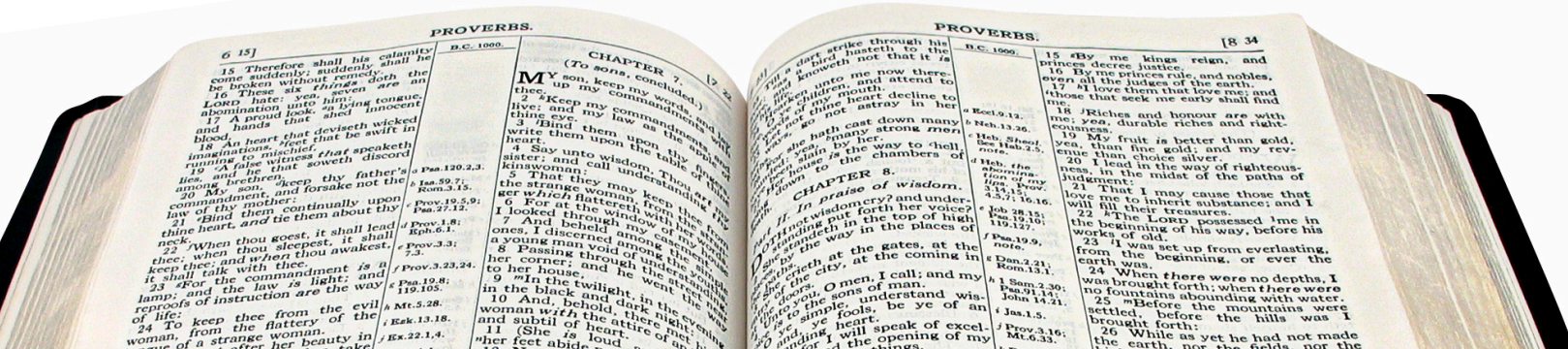
Dr. McKellar serves as Associate Professor of Preaching and Chair of the Preaching Department at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a member of our church and teacher of the SonBurst Sunday School class.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC512/513

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with  
Dr. Robert Jeffress



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP FOR ADULTS (cont.)

**Journey Through the Old Testament**

*An Introduction and Survey of the Books of the Old Testament*

**Dr. Henry Morris III – Teacher**

This class will conduct a survey of the Bible from Genesis through Esther, the major and minor prophets, and the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, and Song of Songs, including an introduction to the Old Testament’s historical, archaeological, and geographical backgrounds.

Dr. Henry Morris III holds four earned degrees, including a D.Min. from Luther Rice Seminary and the Presidents and Key Executives MBA from Pepperdine University. A former college professor, administrator, business executive, and senior pastor, Dr. Morris is an articulate and passionate speaker frequently invited to address church congregations, college assemblies, and national conferences. The eldest son of ICR’s founder, Dr. Morris has served for many years in conference and writing ministry. He has authored numerous articles and books.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC501

**Experiencing God**

**Karen Billman – Facilitator**

*Experiencing God*, developed by Henry Blackaby and Claude King, will direct a believer toward a true personal relationship with the Lord, for which we were created. He guides us into a growing relationship, understanding the need for obedience with the goal of knowing Him more intimately. We were made for relationship. He is drawing each of us to a point of experiencing Him on earth as He lives and works through us. How amazing that He wants to involve us in His plans – how tangible and obvious He can be to us, how He desires to give us a full and purposeful life – using us mightily in His work. We gain eternal life the moment we confess and accept Him as Lord, but what an incredible ride it can be as we take the steps listed in this study!

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$15 per book	CC514

**Financial Peace University**

**Facilitated by Scott and Cassandra Hatfield**

Financial Peace University is a biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God’s way. It’s fun and practical with Dave Ramsey teaching the class on DVD and with coordinator-led small group discussions that help encourage accountability and discipleship. It strengthens families, improves communication and marriages, and offers singles accountability. FPU teaches you to be financially responsible using Dave’s easy baby steps and how to eliminate debt using the Debt Snowball method. FPU can change your financial future.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$95 per person/couple	CC422/424

**What do Different Denominations Believe About...?**

**Everett Berry – Teacher**

Have you ever wondered what Christians in other denominations believe about the Bible or how they understand various subjects such as salvation, the church, or the return of Christ? Perhaps you are curious as to how certain groups such as Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Pentecostals, Anglicans, or Lutherans developed historically and how they differ from one another. Or at a more personal level, maybe you were raised in a particular denomination or have been part of several over the years and now you are confused about what makes them distinct as well as how they differ from Baptist churches. If any of these factors are true for you, then this course will be helpful.

Dr. Everett Berry serves as Professor of Theology at Criswell College and is the editor for the Criswell Theological Review. He and his wife, Tabitha, have been members of First Dallas for 10 years.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC508/510

**Archaeology and the Old Testament: Ten Significant Discoveries**

**Dr. Eugene Merrill – Teacher**

Etymologically, “archaeology” involves the “study of old things.” The dictionary definition is “the scientific study of material remains (as fossil relics, artifacts, monuments) of past human life and activities.” The adjectives “biblical” or “Old Testament” limit the field of endeavor to a search for antiquities in the world of the Bible that enlightens it and the times and circumstances of which it speaks. The intent of this course is to explore briefly the history, methods, objectives, and conclusions of Old Testament archaeology with special attention to how its findings may legitimately or illegitimately be used to clarify, support, correct, or otherwise address the biblical text.

Dr. Eugene Merrill is a retired distinguished Professor of Old Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. Among his many degrees, he holds a M.A. and Ph.D. from New York University and an M.Phil. from Columbia University. Dr. Merrill has been heavily involved in international Christian ministry in Europe, Asia, and the Near East.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC520

*JUST FOR WOMEN*

**Women in Leadership Training, Part 2**

**Lorraine Caldwell, Sue Groenteman, Dianne Warrington – Facilitators**

This is Part 2 of a comprehensive study course offered to women who desire a leadership role through the Women to Women Ministry of FBD. The course includes topics such as writing a devotional, conflict resolution workshop, and finding your “sweet spot” or Chazown. It will include guest speakers, homework, and required reading assignments. Class is limited to 20 women. Pre-requisite: Women in Leadership Training, Part 1

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	Books purchased in Training, Part 1	CC527

**Hannah and Rachel**

**Betsy Howard & Gloria Pfeiffer – Facilitators**

The goal of this class is to provide a safe and confidential haven for women struggling with infertility. We will purposely and carefully develop friendships and nurture the women in their time in the valley. Our goal in all our efforts will be to point women in their struggle to the cross and help them to see their circumstances and unique hurts in light of the cross through mentoring, sound biblical studies, and authentic relationships.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$12	CC526

*MARRIAGE & PARENTING*

**Nearly Wed Seminar**

**Barry Ford – Teacher**

The First Dallas Nearly Wed Seminar will equip you with training and resources to help you succeed and build a solid foundation as you move into a marriage relationship. You will travel this journey with gifted teachers, mentor couples, and other engaged couples just like you. We will cover topics such as...

- Roles in marriage
- Personality profiles
- Finances
- Healthy communication
- Dealing with the in-laws
- Discovering your love language

Graduating couples will receive tons of free resources, including a targeted couple’s assessment and a certificate good for \$65 off their State of Texas Marriage License.

Class Length	Cost	Location
7 Weeks	\$150/Couple	CC401
<i>Payment plans available.</i>		

**Children of the Day**

*An In-Depth Bible Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore*

**Jeanne Harrington – Facilitator**

Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but you can’t figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental, and God’s timing is impeccable. Join Beth Moore on the shores of Thessalonica as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. In this study you’ll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$16	CC522

**Her Story**

**Pam Brewer – Facilitator**

This course will equip women in sharing their story with others. Each week a member of First Baptist Dallas will share her journey of faith. Learn how to organize and take your story and use it for God’s glory. Come and discover the plan God is revealing through your life story.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC524

*PASTORAL CARE*

**GriefShare**

**Jo Anne Morgan – Teacher/Facilitator**

GriefShare is a seminar/support group designed to help individuals work through grief caused by the death of a loved one. Each session includes a video seminar, featuring top grief experts and group discussion.

Class Length	13 Week Cycle (January 11 - April 19)
Cost	\$15 for workbook
Location	CC506

## FOUR STEPS AT FIRST

### First Step – FBD Orientation

Walter Guillaume

First Step is an introduction and orientation to involvement and membership in First Baptist Dallas. Hosted by Executive Pastor Walter Guillaume, First Step familiarizes guests and members alike with the beliefs, ordinances, ministries, and staff.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

### Second Step – Discovering Spiritual Maturity

Todd Cienski, Kurt Mentzel, Jerry Stansbury

During two sessions we will discover the habits each of us as Christians need to learn to grow spiritually mature, including how to have a meaningful time of prayer and Bible devotion every day. We will also learn how to have enjoyable family devotions, how to study and understand your Bible, and much more. Discovering Spiritual Maturity will give you the tools you need to enjoy a lifetime of spiritual growth. You will receive a workbook that is a valuable tool.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

### Third Step – SERVE

John Bernard

Through SERVE you will discover opportunities that allow you to share the unique gifts and abilities God has given you in serving the needs of others – through the love of Christ. You will discover how serving others is a journey into a deeper level in your relationship with God. We will help you discover your spiritual gift, find where you might be best suited to serve, tour ministries, learn what they do behind the scenes, and help launch you into your service role.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

### Fourth Step – Influencing Others for Christ

Walter Guillaume

A practical, interactive, and simple training for sharing your faith that includes these benefits:

1. Developing personal confidence in sharing your faith.
2. Understanding the biblical basis and motivation for sharing your faith.
3. Learning to share your faith with your personal testimony and evangelistic tract.
4. Learning how to deal with the top five objections to trusting Christ.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

## BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

### Equipped for the Times

Sponsored by Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministry

Gary Bennett – Facilitator

Do you find yourself amazed at how quickly things are changing in our culture today? Do you often wonder what you, as a follower of Christ, can do to have a positive impact in your community? Ephesians 6:11-17 says to stand firm on our faith and put on the armor of God. Join us and find out what the armor of God looks like in our twenty-first century culture. Engage in spirited discussion on timely topics such as Israel, religious liberty, Islam, and sanctity of life. This is your opportunity to ask questions and learn how to put on the armor of God to have a positive impact in our world today. Special guests this semester include Justice David Evans and other nationally prominent speakers.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	Lovvorn Hall

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

### Body Balance

Brent McFadden – Teacher

This class will cover the basics of fitness and will offer an understanding in nutrition, diet, and fitness training. The class will use biblical principles to teach why it's necessary to take care of your body. We will take a look at what the Bible has to say about principles such as identity, mind, body, perseverance, nutrition, and looking at fitness as a stewardship issue.

Class Length	Cost	Location
6 Weeks	\$10	CC419

## SINGLES

### Who Am I? – Christian Identity in Cultural Chaos

Andrew Jennings – Facilitator

Who am I? How do I decide? Can I be anything I want to be? Does anyone else have the right to tell me what I should and shouldn't be? The millennial generation has answered the last question with a resounding, "No!" On issues ranging from religion and politics to those as fundamental as gender and sexuality, our culture has put everything up for grabs. In this class, we will look at how Christians should view personal identity through a biblical lens. Then we will discuss how to engage a culture that champions individual choice and denies biblical truths about who we are at our core.

Class Length	Cost	Location
8 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC421

## MUSIC

### Worship Arts for Kids

You & Me Music, Wiggle Worship, Kids Choir

Cheryl Bernard

We know that God has created each of us with unique personalities, talents, and interests. With that in mind, we have developed our Worship Arts for Kids Ministry. Through our You & Me Music for infants and their parent or adult caretaker, Wiggle Worship for preschoolers age three to five, and Kids Choir for grades kindergarten through sixth, we provide various experiences for all ages of our children in music, art, drama, dance, and production.

These incredible, inspiring classes will help your child discover their best way to respond to God through worship. Your child will thrive in this creative and fun environment. Each semester will include opportunities for public presentations.

Location
HFC Level 2 and 3, Large Group Rooms



### Student Missions Training

Sports Training | Ecuador Worship and Mission Tour

Ryan Sadler

Class Length	3 Weeks
Location	Wicker Gym

VBS/Bible Study Training | Ecuador Worship and Mission Tour

Andrew Hamilton & Kate Downing

Class Length	3 Weeks
Location	Ralph Baker Theater

### Student Choir – Grades 7-12

Nicholas Costello

The First Dallas Student Choir is known world-wide as one that shares the gospel of Christ through the power of music and service. The choir is open to all seventh-twelfth graders interested in serving and sharing God's love through music. We meet Sunday afternoons and take a worship and mission trip once a year in the spring where we practice being the hands and feet of Jesus.

This year the Student Choir is serving in Quito, Ecuador over Spring Break.

Location
Music & Worship Rehearsal Suite

### Student Orchestra – Grades 7-12

Staff

Location
Music & Worship Rehearsal Suite



## CHILDREN

### AWANA

Kelley Terrill – Commander

AWANA provides a solid foundation that our children need to grow and become adults who know, love, and serve the Lord. All classes are designed to minister to your child's developmental and spiritual needs.

Age	Check-in Registration Location
<b>Infant-23 months</b> <i>(Childcare provided with Bible learning activities)</i>	HFC Level 1
<b>Two-years of age-Second Grade</b> (Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks)	HFC Level 2
<b>Third-Sixth Grade</b> (Truth & Training)	HFC Level 3

## WOMEN

### Pray Worship Pray

Janna Lynch

Join with other First Baptist Dallas women for a time of prayer for our church, families, nation, and our spiritual walk.

Cost	Location
None	Criswell Prayer Tower

### Orar Adora Orar

#### (Pray Worship Pray – Spanish)

Manuela Segura

Le invitamos a unirse a un grupo de mujeres de First Baptist Dallas para un tiempo de oracion por nuestra iglesia, familias, nacion, y nuestro crecimiento espiritual.

Cost	Location
None	CC506

### Oasis – Refresh at Night and Renew at Night

Donna Sparkman

Join us for the study, “Magnify: His Holy Names” or a DVD-led study with one of the country's most influential women speakers. Learn more and register at [firstdallas.org/women](http://firstdallas.org/women).

Cost	Location
\$25	CC511/521

## MEN

### Men's Bible Study – The Measure of a Man

Rob D'Andrea – Facilitator

This 10-week DVD series by Gene Getz, using 20 biblical principals from 1 Timothy and Titus, focuses men on what it takes to be a man of God. Men will gain encouragement for what they can be in Christ – fathers, husbands, and mentors to other men.

Cost	Location
\$10 for Study Guide	CC501

## ALL AGES

### Celebrate Recovery

Gary Harris, Chris Kline

CR is a Christian 12-step program, based on Scripture, which is God's road to recovery and spiritual maturity.

<b>Class Length</b>	Wednesdays, 6:15pm – 52 weeks a year
<b>Cost</b>	None (Materials available for purchase are optional. Those who join a step study are asked to purchase workbooks at \$16 per set.)
<b>Location</b>	Lovvorn Hall, Worship Center Level 1

### Precept Course – Luke Part 2

#### The Savior of Sinners (Chapters 17-24)

Eleanor Briley – Discussion Leader

What happens when Jesus, knowing crucifixion awaits Him, prepares to enter Jerusalem? How does He spend those final days? Handle His adversaries? What does He teach in the temple? And just what happens when Jesus dies and rises from the dead? These are important facts we need to know for ourselves, precepts for life that will prepare us for what lies ahead, and equip us to fulfill His calling on our lives. These are truths and prophecies that seem ready to rise on the horizon of history.

Class Length	Cost	Location
8 Weeks	\$16	CC524

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday nights are a great time to refocus in the middle of the week and join with other believers to study the Word. Each week one of our gifted teachers will take you through an in-depth Bible study following a time of worship. Dinner is available for purchase in St. Paul Café, beginning at 4pm, and Bible study begins at 6pm.

Cost	Location
None	Truett Chapel

# Do you enjoy Discipleship University?

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**CELEBRATION WORSHIP**  
9:15 and 10:50am | Worship Center

**DAY ONE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
10:50am | Sanctuary

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