

## New Adult Classes

### II Corinthians: Gary Burke

The apostle Paul's relationship with the church in Corinth was probably more complex than with any other church. Over the course of only six or seven years in the 50s, he visited the church at least three times and wrote no fewer than four letters to it. Yet, when it comes to our knowledge of that church, for most of us it comes almost entirely from I Corinthians, his second letter. We would be hard pressed to identify more than one or two of the key teachings of II Corinthians, his fourth letter. Our congregation has never studied this oft neglected but rich letter, an oversight that we will rectify in the adult class during the fall-winter quarter.

### Christian Spirituality: Sam Garner and Mike Gilliland

Our relationship with God is a journey which can create a sense of uncertainty; we are not sure of his whereabouts within our life. However, God is involved actively within our existence, yet we tend to either misinterpret his presence or even fail to seek him. Further, we are not alone in this search for God. Through such fundamental sources as scripture and prayer, we can maintain access to God. In this class we will examine "Christian Spirituality" including the basic practices of our faith and reflect upon God's active presence in our lives. Since we are all novices in this area, everyone is welcomed to join as we attempt to discern our relationship to God.

**Wednesday Meal!**  
**Sara Buck**

Contribution for November 1, 2009: \$2,081  
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Missions - Mike & Pennie Gilliland  
Outreach - Julie Georges  
Small Groups - Mike Gilliland  
Worship - Sam Garner

#### Sunday Morning:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages  
10:45 am - Worship

#### Wednesday Evening:

6:00 pm - Meal  
7:00 pm - Bible Classes for all ages



# The Voice

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*November 15, 2009*

### Worship Today

Sermon	Christ Education
Coordinator	Steve Webb
Scripture	Galatians 3:15-25 Henry Bonet
Communion	Ken Erman
Prayer	Mike Rizzo
Wintonbury	Garrett Cogswell
Nursery	Jeri Erman
Cleaning	Webb, Buck

### Current Sermon Series: Freedom in Christ

Unlike other letters where he is optimistic about churches' futures, when Paul crafts the letter to the Galatians, he is concerned about their formation. The church is in disarray. Some opposition has arisen against Paul's earlier teachings, and these opponents have created a divisive environment for the believers. Simply stated, love does not exist. Paul rebukes this way of life, specifically calling out those who would enforce boundary markers other than Jesus Christ. Within this combative letter we discover Paul's instincts on the freedom that the gospel offers. Decrying the way the world attempts to enslave us to a chaotic, self-serving existence, Paul calls the church back to the way of Christ. The letter to the Galatians reminds us of the necessity of the gospel, or the good news, for without it we are defenseless against the empty promises of being slaves to the world. Paul invites us to freedom that only resides in Christ.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus is Lord Authority of Scripture Importance of Baptism Spirit of Unity

# What's Happening

- **November 15th: Meal: Italian**
- **November 15th: LTC Class 1:30-3:30pm**
- **November 15th: Youth Group 6pm at Sallstroms**
- November 22nd: Small Groups
- November 25th: No Meal or classes; 7pm Devotional
- December 6th: Honoring Golden Girls of Faith : Meal: Southern
- **December 6th: Ministry Leaders Meeting**
- December 6th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 6th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 11: Veggie Tales Saint Nicholas Movie at 6:30pm
- December 13th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 20th: LTC Class 1-3pm
- December 20th: Youth Group 6pm
- December 23rd: No Meal or classes; 7pm Devotional

Ministry Group Leaders Meeting December 6th

We have an attended nursery for birth to 3 years during worship service.

Remember to turn in necessary Sunday announcements to the office by Thursday each week.

December 6th will be a day dedicated to our Golden Girls of Faith.

Please write a message for each woman. A small booklet of encouragement will be put together for each lady. Please describe or state what you admire about their faith or life. Give these to Cari Merrick as soon as possible.

Our December meal will take place this day instead of the third Sunday, and the theme is Southern since all of these ladies are from the south.

This past week Leena informed the elders and Sam of her decision to exit the Church Administrator position. Next week will be her final week. If you are interested in the position, please contact one of the elders. They will discuss the position with you, and they can provide you with a copy of the job description. If you have specific questions about the nature of the job, you can contact Sam. Due to the importance of this position, we will conduct this search as quickly as possible. Therefore, all those considering the position need to contact an elder **by Sunday, November 22**. The elders will consider those who express interest in the position and make a decision based on who they believe is the best fit for this important role in the church. Please keep this process in your prayers, and be sure to thank Leena for her invaluable service over the past year.

## Pantry Needs

Juice/Juice Boxes  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Dish Soap  
Condiments

No bread or  
perishable items.

The following items are still  
needed for Wintonbury.

Full size Lotion  
Full size Deodorant  
Full size Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Lip Balm/Chap stick  
(NO Razors, please)

Please place these items in the  
plastic bin marked Wintonbury.

Thank you for all the items we  
have received.

Dempsey will be moving into an  
apartment soon and will need a  
couch and chair. See Jeri if you  
have these available to donate  
to him.