

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Adult Christian Education - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 6 – March 31, 2019

History of the Protestant Reformation (Part 2)
Taught by Bob Macey
The Fellowship Hall

This class will continue its engrossing historical survey of the Reformation from the mid-16th century to the mid-18th century by examining the people, places and events of this watershed period in human history. History has purpose and direction because God is its author. Throughout tumultuous times, often amidst severe persecution, God is providentially building his Church and bringing honor to his name. You will find it challenging and stimulating to be introduced to men and women who loved and served the same Lord and Savior as yourself. We will examine the English Reformation and the heroic martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer, Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer. You will discover the roots of the Scottish Reformation and the impactful ministry of the diligent and persistent John Knox. The Catholic Reformation and the Council of Trent will also inform our understanding of this pivotal time in Church history. Next in our survey is the Dutch Reformation which evinced the courage and persistence of the Dutch people in establishing the Dutch Reformed Church. Finally, you will study the Puritans from England to New England with an emphasis on such notable figures as John & Charles Wesley, George Whitefield and Johnathan Edwards all of whom played a significant role in the First Great Awakening. Interwoven throughout this course is an examination of significant church councils, formative creeds, catechisms and confessions that were generated in this revival rich age.

The Book of Acts (Part 2)
Taught by Jim Valenti
The Bride's Room

The book of Acts captures the ongoing work of the risen Lord Jesus in the life of the early church. The promises that Jesus made to His disciples after His resurrection from the dead begin to see their fulfillment in the book of Acts. What is the ongoing relevance of this book for the Christian today? Many churches seek to mimic the original followers of Christ. What then was the early church like in its worship and work? The class will explore these and other themes through a verse by verse study of the book of Acts. This course is a continuation of part 1 from Jan – March 2018.

Departing in Peace
Taught by Jeff McDonald
The Chapel

Drawing heavily from Bill Davis's wonderfully pastoral book, *Departing in Peace: Biblical Decision-Making at the End of Life*, our hope is to help alleviate the anxiety for end of life decisions that we or our loved ones might face. K. Scott Oliphint writes, "With such rapid advances in medical technology, together with a 'culture of death' that predominates in the West, life-and-death decisions are becoming increasingly complex." How does Scripture guide us in these complex matters that we may face? What should the Christian think about euthanasia and life-sustaining technologies? How should we prepare wisely and conscientiously to help alleviate the sorrow that our loved ones will endure when we depart this earthly life? How should we think of cremation vs. burial? Regardless of our age or stage of life, what are some practical things we can be doing now to prepare for the inevitability of death should our Savior not return in our lifetime? What sorts of biblical principles can guide us in making such ethical decisions to the glory of God?

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