



HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FALL MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. -Ephesians 3:20-21

## Sunday Ministries this Fall

### **NEW! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

*beginning Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 am*

*"Suppose a man is a true believer, and yet finds in himself a powerful indwelling sin. This sin makes him captive to its power and consumes his heart with trouble. It perplexes his thoughts, weakens his soul in communion with God, takes away his peace, defiles his conscience, and exposes him to hardening, through the deceitfulness of sin. What shall he do? What course shall he take to mortify [kill] this sin, lust, or corruption?" -John Owen, *Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers* (1656, modern English version)*

John Owen, the eminent Puritan theologian and pastor, thus asks a question fundamental to all Christians: how shall we attack the indwelling sin that remains in us after we become believers? Is it possible to gain victory over it in any measure, even if it is a long-continued and besetting sin? Am I going about it wrongly now? These are important questions, because, as Owen is quick to point out, killing our sin is our Scriptural duty. Indeed, there is no peace of conscience, no sweet communion with the Lord, and no advance in sanctification in the Christian life unless we do.

We aim for this class to be a continuation of the strong encouragement in our faith we received during the Puritans class that recently ended. For ten weeks, beginning September 18th, we will be studying Owen's short book *Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers*, using a faithful modernized English edition. In it, Owen sets forth, in his own careful and detailed manner, a fully biblical explanation of how the Lord intends for us to glorify and obey him by killing our sin. You won't want to miss this class, especially if you are struggling and losing ground in your own battles with sin.

### **SUNDAY NIGHT SCIENCE EXPLORATION**

*beginning Sunday, September 11th at 5:30 pm*

"In the beginning, God..." The importance of starting and ending with the Triune God in whatever subject under consideration for the Christian, simply cannot be overstated. The disastrous effects of the church's willingness to relegate science to an allegedly secular or neutral realm are everywhere for the church. Join us as we consider what it means to think about science as a God-centered enterprise, which of course means a Christ-centered enterprise even as Christ came into his world to forgive us for our man-centered thinking about the creation. We will gather four consecutive Sunday evenings beginning September 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm as we explore Geology, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics together, all of which reflect the precision and design of our Creator. We will conclude our time each week in the Courtyard with a time of "Creation Celebration" show and tell in the courtyard to share with one another different facets of God's creation - this is our Father's world!

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# Opportunities for Spiritual Growth this Fall

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## **MEN'S BOOK STUDY**

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm at HTPC

*The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment by Jeremiah Burroughs*

Near the close of his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul relates to the church: Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13) Paul has learned contentment as, Jeremiah Burroughs tells us, a "scholar in the school of Christ." Join us for this ten-week study of Biblical contentment using Burroughs' majestic treatment on the subject that we too may enter Christ's school as scholars and learn contentment as we are guided through the Scriptures to behold our Redeemer.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY**

Tuesdays, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm at HTPC  
(Childcare provided)

*Studying 1 & 2 Peter*

The psalmist cries out the song of the exiles, How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? (Psalm 137:4) That exilic cry—a cry taken up by the likes of the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel—shapes the message of Peter's two epistles written to "elect exiles" in Christ, and facing the trials and sufferings of a people longing for their heavenly home. Peter writes to the Church—a chosen people and royal priesthood in Christ whom he urges as sojourners and exiles to abstain from fleshly passions as we await the coming day of the Lord in glory. Join us for this ten-week study of these two epistles that we might learn to grow together, living stone upon living stone into a spiritual house to the glory of God.

## **YOUNG ADULT MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

Fridays, 6:30 am

The young adult men continue to gather weekly at Wink Hall's home for Scripture memory, a study of the Westminster Standards, and fellowship. The address 3614 W. Jetton Ave. Tampa, FL 33629. Please join us.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH DINNER**

Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 pm

Join us for any amount of time on Thursday nights as we cook a meal and get to know the homeless men and women in our community as the Word is preached.

# Children's & Family Ministries

## **After School Arts Program**

beginning Tuesday, September 13th  
3:30-5:30 pm

During the school year, we offer a program on Tuesday afternoons for children K-5th grade in which we teach the arts (and other facets of God's world!) from a biblical perspective. We begin with a chapel service at 3:30 pm led by our pastor and pastoral interns. We are looking forward to another year studying the preeminence of Christ over all things as we learn about art and music from around the world

Tuition for the class is \$80 per child with a maximum cost of \$160 per family. Scholarships are available upon request. We would love for you to join us! Contact Sarah Fisher with questions ([sfisher@htpctampa.org](mailto:sfisher@htpctampa.org)).

## **Youth Ministry**

The middle and high school students will also study John Owen's *Mortification of Sin* during Sunday School this semester. We are also starting several mid-week Bible studies and a Communicants Class for 7th and 8th graders. Please contact Leslie Hall for details ([lhalle@htpctampa.org](mailto:lhalle@htpctampa.org)).

## **Small Groups**

Our small groups will continue to meet throughout the Fall for fellowship around God's Word in various homes. These are wonderful opportunities to get to know others in the church as we deepen our roots in the Scriptures together and spend time in prayer for one another. In addition to the four Elder-led small groups, we also have a Young Adult group that meets twice each month. If you are not currently in a group and would like to join one, please contact Leslie Hall ([lhalle@htpctampa.org](mailto:lhalle@htpctampa.org)).