



NDBC Summer Church School Series 2022

Presentations

- **June 12, 19 and 26**

Rev. Dr. Angela N. Parker

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek

McAfee School of Theology

Colorblind No More! Reading with Eyes of the Other

This three-part series will help us see the New Testament in a different way. Thinking through 2 Timothy, we will discuss the ideas of authority versus authoritarianism. Reading through post-crucifixion narratives, we will ponder together where we see privilege in the text, specifically in Mark 14 and 15. And the culmination of our series will end with interrogating the underside of Pauline communities. Who are the others in Galatians? Who are the others in today's contemporary context? What does walking with one another entail as we live into our Christian identities?

- **July 10**

Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace

Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life

Oxford College of Emory University

Mindful Christianity

The poet Mary Oliver says that our work is to love the world. Doing that requires of us deep intention and attention. In this morning's class, The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace, Chaplain at Oxford College of Emory University, will lead us in a conversation about Mindful Christianity. We'll talk about the importance of mindfulness in relationship to our Christian life and even get the chance to try out a few practices together.

- **July 17 and 24**

Jordan Clark

The Führermuseum: Hitler's Final Obsession, Parts 1 and 2

From his childhood, Adolf Hitler was fascinated with the visual arts. As he would later say, "Art will always remain the expression and the reflection of the longings and the realities of an era." To celebrate the Third Reich and the mastery of the Aryan race, Hitler began in the 1930's to accumulate the grandest paintings and sculpture in Europe. He intended to house these in a museum—The Führermuseum—to be built in his hometown of Linz on the Danube. Under Hitler's direction, the Nazis became the most prolific art thieves in history. Much, but not all, of the stolen work has been reclaimed. For the next few Sundays, July 17 & 24 and August 7 & 14, we will look at the art Hitler coveted and stole and the efforts put forth by the Allies to preserve and recover these monuments of western culture.

- **July 31**

Dr. Jim Mahaffey

Secrets Revealed: A Brief Introduction to New Findings

from the Dead Sea Scrolls

After 75 years of painstaking reconstruction, interpretation, and translation, the Dead Sea Scrolls are now considered to be the most important archeological discoveries ever made. There may be new insights into Judeo-Christianity and its origin from these 918 ancient documents together with artifacts discovered in Israel since 1997. We do not have any words written by Jesus of Nazareth, and we don't have any words written about him until the Jewish presence in Jerusalem was wiped out by the Roman Army. We do have the next best thing: By a fortunate fluke of nature, we have the literature, the religious writings, the rule books, and the opinion pieces to which he was exposed growing up in Judea.

August 7 and 14

Jordan Clark

The Führermuseum: Hitler's Final Obsession, Parts 3 and 4

- **August 21**

Dr. Craig Hovey

Professor of Religion

Ashland University

War in the Bible

How should Christians today think about the wars in the Old Testament? Critics of Christianity often highlight the indiscriminate nature of these wars and how the texts portray God's support for the annihilation of entire populations. This presentation and discussion will consider how to respond to these moral objections in addition to the theological difficulties these present for people who worship the Prince of Peace. We will look at how important questions about war in the Bible have been answered differently throughout history, various ways that the Old Testament itself regards such wars, and some challenging matters of translation and interpretation for Christians in our own time.

- **August 28**

Rev. Leigh Jackson

Chaplain and Spiritual Care Manager

Ascension Medical Center, Austin, Texas

An Enneagram Appetizer

The Enneagram is a system for learning about human personalities and how individuals approach the world, using a framework of nine different personality types. Learning which segment of the Enneagram most matches your personality can be a key to discovering your own gifts and for learning how to interact most effectively with other people. Leigh Jackson will give an introduction to the Enneagram that will help you understand it and may pique your curiosity to know more.