

The People's Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

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Bible Study Options

September 11 - December 4, 2018

10 Sessions

7:40 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Course Descriptions

Course – *Christian Ethics: Thinking Biblically While Relating to Today's Culture, Part II*

Deacon Alonzo Cockrell

This class continues the exploration of the postmodern era, when many people embrace pluralism in religious experiences and reject God's authority and moral absolutes. As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must be like the men of Issachar (I Chronicles 12:32) who understood the times, learned to think biblically about contemporary issues, and related to the culture from the perspective of eternal truth. This course will examine what the Bible says relative to social justice issues, American exceptionalism, drugs, abortion and pro-life agendas, homosexuality and same-sex marriage, pornography, divorce, the government and religion, and religious pluralism. Discover how adherence to Biblical principles and values leads to true freedom in a world of moral decay.

Course – *The Daniel Plan*

Dr. Nadia Goodwin-McMichael

Revolutionize your health ... once and for all! God designed our bodies to be healthy, providing everything we need to thrive and live abundantly. If you have realized it is time for change in your physical health, and would like some support in achieving your goals, this course is for you. Proverbs 3 lists the advantages of following God's plan for good health. Are you ready to approach and align your spiritual growth with your physical health goals? God's teachings of love, faithfulness, trust, submission, and authentic fear of God are just a few of the concepts that will encourage you to deepen your relationship with God. The result for you is gradual change that transforms your life – body, soul, and spirit – from the inside and out.

Course – *Power Principles for Christian Service*

Minister Harry Cook, Guest Instructor

Every Christian has a role to fulfill in advancing the Kingdom of God by serving others; and every one can improve the manner in which he or she serves. Even seasoned saints can grow in this area by following the ten principles for Christian service covered in this class. These principles work at all times and in all places, no matter when or where you are privileged to serve. They are simple, practical, and patterned after Jesus' example as the perfect Servant of God. As you master the principles, teach them to others who serve with you and who will follow you. Associate ministers, ministry leaders, and persons who lead or aspire to leadership in any sphere of activity will benefit from this class.

Course – *The Parables of Jesus*

Minister Joan McCarley

During Jesus' earthly ministry one of the primary ways in which He taught His disciples was through parables. Based on real life, the parables conveyed spiritual truth in simple, everyday language. People would come from far and wide to listen to what Jesus said about the kingdom of God. The most common way He described the kingdom's existence, agenda, citizenry, and growth was through parables. This course will explore the parables to uncover rich truths about the kingdom's operation and impact in our lives as 21st century representatives on the earth. Topics like hidden treasures, forgiveness, wise and foolish choices, and judgment are among those addressed by Jesus (Matt. 13:44-46; 18:21-35; 25:1-13; 25:31-46). You'll be encouraged and challenged by the modern cultural implications and applications of these amazing stories.

Course – *Ephesians: A Mountaintop Journey***Pastor Dotty Schmitt**

If you've ever seen majestic mountains in real life, or watched a movie with climbers celebrating their arrival on the summit of Mt. Everest, you know that there are experiences that only the most dedicated and daring persons ever realize. The Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians is written to the church 'then and now!' Every verse takes the reader higher and closer to the God Who is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or think (Eph. 3:20-21). Using as a backdrop the account of the church's birth in the book of Acts, this study will explain what present generations must know and master in order to fulfill the call to be world-changers. A unique study approach, utilizing a devotional design, is sure to result in an exciting, elevated, learning experience for all.

Course – *MasterLife Book 3: The Disciple's Victory* (for men only)**Bro. Reggie Brown**

MasterLife 3 promises to be a life-changing study for everyone who enrolls. This in-depth study of *The Disciple's Victory* explains the interdependence of the body, soul, and spirit and why we are vulnerable to forces that seek to undermine our efforts to live victoriously over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Participants will learn principles and practices for achieving and maintaining victory in areas where failure was all too familiar. The objective of this course is to transform lives by acquiring the knowledge and developing the skills essential to the Spirit-led life of faith.

Course – *MasterLife Book 4: The Disciple's Mission* (for women only)**Deaconess Ardell Bell**

MasterLife 4 completes the series of MasterLife studies. This study helps Christians understand how to be on mission with God and how to help others develop growing relationships with Christ. Topics include righting wrong relationships, witnessing through relationships, nurturing new Christians, maturing as a disciple, making disciples, and developing co-laborers with a kingdom perspective. Participants will realize how being on mission with Christ is a lifestyle, no matter what vocation they pursue or which spiritual gifts they possess, or how old or young they are.

Course – *Heaven***Minister Charles Russell, Guest Lecturer**

This course is intended to provide a picture of what heaven is really going to look like, namely, the way Scripture describes it—as a bright, vibrant, and physical new earth free from sin, suffering, death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it. Bring your questions about heaven and be prepared to let go of myths and misconceptions accumulated over the years from the popular culture or perhaps even the church. Discover what Jesus meant when he said in John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you." Then when someone says, "We can't imagine what heaven will look like, you'll be able to say, 'I can.'"

Course – *Counterfeit Gods: A Study of Ecclesiastes***Bro. DeLunte Lewis**

Ecclesiastes is an important part of the kingdom model for making disciples. Surprisingly, this ancient book underscores so clearly and practically the need for Christians to operate from a biblically-based position and perspective in regard to all of life, and the consequences that we encounter when we fail to do so. Learn the differences between living "under the sun" (motivated, by money, sex, and power) and "over the sun" (thinking God's thoughts after Him).

Course – *No Excuses Accepted***Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert**

Join the journey of this amazing story of grace and triumph through the eyes of a son as he views his father's life of perseverance. "*No Excuses Accepted*" challenges every believer and student of the gospel to reflect on his or her journey toward personal fulfillment, and whether we are allowing excuses to hinder us. God has a plan for all believers. Learn how to overcome struggle and discouragement, and leave a testimony of faith.

Thursday Course Descriptions

These classes begin on September 13th.

Course – *The Gospel According to Matthew: Behold the King*
(This class meets at noon.)

Minister Gladys Freeman
Minister Geraldine Tompkins

As believers in Christ, we must be conscious in all we do that we are Kingdom People. The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as KING, sets forth the principles that govern His Kingdom, and shares the attitudes and values that characterize its citizens. This study is much needed in our post-Christian, postmodern culture that rejects absolutes, shuns authority, and encourages independence and enthronement of “self” as king. Participants in this study will explore how the Kingdom of God should influence how we live and think and why we should be radically different from the world, especially postmodern America. Matthew provides clear instructions on how we can regain lost ground and move forward with a Kingdom worldview and agenda in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Course – *Authentic Manhood: A Man and His Design*
(This study for men only is scheduled for 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Minister Doug McDaniels

This study is part of a series designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. It's biblically-based, but contemporary in content and begins with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood, which will help men navigate through some realities that have created cultural confusion. It follows by unfolding God's mandates for all men and offers a clear definition of authentic manhood that will help men on their journey. Each participant will learn the four "faces" of manhood and how to anticipate and transition through the specific seasons of life. This man-to-man study offers a special space for men to explore and grow in all the dimensions of manhood as they encourage one another.

Children's Bible Study

Children ages three through 11 years (or from preschool through the 5th grade) will have lots of fun studying God's Word in classes tailored to their needs, level of understanding, and learning styles. Please register your children on-line when you sign up for a course.

Youth Bible Study

Youth in middle and high school will continue their study of God's Word on topics and issues that affect their daily actions, decisions, and feelings. God's knows how to handle bullying, peer pressure, falsehoods on Facebook, and every other challenge. He knows that youth face circumstances that can generate worry and fear, and He tells them what to do when these circumstances arise. Youth will grow in the Word and in their love for God and others as they study together under the direction of Spirit-filled teachers. Please register your youth on-line to help Youth Connections staff prepare for their arrival.

Register online at www.tpcbc.org by clicking on the link in the Bible study announcement.