



The Branch

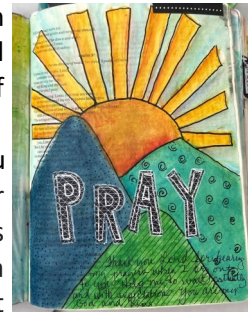
at Forrest Burdette
Branch out. Dig deep. Grow Together

Beginning September 16, 2026!

Wednesday Evening Classes, 6:30 p.m.:

Julie Conley — Bible Art Journaling (Bring your own blank 5x7 sketchbook, or Julie will have small sketchbooks for sale during class) The location of this class is to be determined.

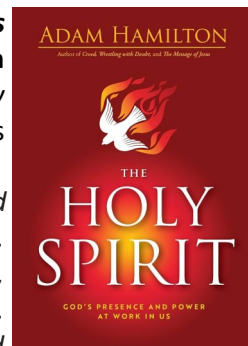
Would you like to find ways to help you remember scripture and visually express your faith in God's Word? Julie Conley will lead a class in Bible Art Journaling, entailing a devotional on a Bible passage, an introduction to a different art material each week, and a time of prayer and reflection. **No artistic skills needed.** Materials will be provided, but you may also bring your own favorite art media.



Debby Cunningham — The Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work in Us by Adam Hamilton (\$16 study book; please talk to Debby or the church office if cost is prohibitive) This class will meet in Room 111, on the main level.

The Holy Spirit is God's active presence and power at work in the world and in our lives. Through the Spirit, we are transformed, led, empowered, and guided in our faith journey. Jesus promised his followers that the Spirit would come alongside them as comforter and counselor, empowering them to transform the world.

In The Holy Spirit, Adam Hamilton explores what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit—from the Hebrew Bible through Jesus' promises in the Gospels, the powerful Pentecost experience in Acts, and the rich teachings found in the New Testament letters. This accessible study helps believers understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in their daily walk with Christ.



Pastor Jake Steele — Love Goes First: Reaching Others in an Age of Anxiety and Division by Andrew Forrest (\$9 study book; please talk to Pastor Jake or the church office if cost is prohibitive) Meet in Room 225B, upstairs.

Today, the cultural climate in the West is characterized by increasing amounts of mistrust and even hatred for others. We are fearful of other people, particularly those whose views and votes don't correspond with our own. This won't change any time soon, and the divides won't



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be bridged easily, but loving our neighbors isn't an option for the Church—it's a command of Jesus. So how do we do this in our chilly spiritual climate? How should the American church move forward from a weakening cultural position?

Rev. Andrew Forrest unfolds a simple framework that applies to every single relationship in our lives. Readers will be inspired and prepared to risk and reach out to others, even or especially when they are afraid of those who are different or when they risk being misunderstood. They will learn how—if they choose—to transform those relationships into friendships of mutual respect. More than that, Love Goes First provides profound insights into the love of God, and readers will have a new awe and appreciation for the steps God is taking to redeem the world he has made.

Midweek Daytime Class:

Pastor Jake Steele – The Gospel of Mark

(Room 213, upstairs) Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. to noon (*No study book to purchase; please bring your Bible*)

A bible study that continues to canvas the Gospel of Mark — verse by verse, passage by passage. We are halfway through Mark, but new members will be able to jump right in! This class is ongoing and doesn't always follow the Wednesday evening schedule.

Additional Information:

Dates and Time: The midweek daytime study will resume on September 16, at 10:45 a.m. Both evening classes will begin meeting at 6:30 p.m., on September 16, and will conclude near the end of November/beginning of December. Classes will not meet on November 25th, the day before Thanksgiving.

Registration: Register for classes at the Connection Center in the Narthex, through the church office, or just show up! Study books will be available at the Connection Center. You may pay for your book in the church office or with your teacher. If payment for a class book is a problem, please speak with your teacher or the church office.

Dinner: Fellowship dinners are catered by Shonet's Country Café of Milton and begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost of each dinner is \$14. We ask that you sign up at the Connection Center or call the church office by Tuesday morning to RSVP. *You do not have to attend a class to join us for dinner!* Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday. There will not be a fellowship meal on November 25th.

Cancellation Policy: All Wednesday evening programs will be canceled when Putnam Co. Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather or issue an early release due to inclement weather. Evening events will continue as scheduled if there is a two-hour weather delay. Wednesday morning Bible Study will be cancelled if there is a two-hour weather delay or school is cancelled for weather unless otherwise announced.

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