

## Children's Chautauqua

June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
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### Technology and the Church

**David Sturgill and Pat Hynan - June 3, 10, 17 and 24**

David Sturgill & Pat Hynan will lead this four week session. Come see how we can use technology in the Church to tell stories and to express our faith.

July 1	July 8
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### Good Eats!

**Lorie Crowder - July 1, 8**

Lorie Crowder will help kids cook up something tasty in the kitchen. You'll leave with a full stomach and a recipe to make it at home!

July 15	July 22	July 29	August 5	August 12
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### Once Upon a Time...

**July 15, 22, 29, August 5 and 12**

How do you tell a story? Each session we'll look at different ways to tell a story-through writing our own book, scrapbooking a parable, or maybe even acting it out!

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## CHAUTAUQUA 2007

“What is *Chautauqua*?” you ask. Chautauqua began in upstate New York in the 1870’s as a vacation school for Sunday school teachers. Very shortly it became a national forum to open discussion of the latest thinking in politics, economics, international relations, literature, science and religion.

Each summer we bring this type of diverse discussion among our own members and guests to Seventh & James. Diversity is an important attribute of Seventh & James Baptist Church—diversity among the members of the unified body of Christ, diversity of gifts, diversity of theological thought, and diverse opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Summer Chautauqua provides an opportunity for you to probe the Scriptures in some unique ways and ask questions both old and new about the ways God intends us to live as God’s children, relating to one another as well as to God. We hope you will be enriched spiritually for having participated in Chautauqua, Seventh & James style.

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH  
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 SUNDAY MORNINGS  
 9:30 - 10:40 A.M.  
 JUNE 3 - AUGUST 12, 2007

# Seventh & James Summer Chautauqua 2007

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## Adult Chautauqua

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literature and Faith</b> Carol Lowe - June 3, 10, 17 and 24</p> <p>When poets write about religious faith, they write, not as theologians or biblical scholars, but from the perspective of ordinary lay people, a viewpoint we share. This class will examine works by Blake, Wordsworth, Tennyson, and Browning in search of words of faith applicable to our lives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Violence Versus Nonviolence in the Modern World</b> Doris Stevens - July 1, 8, 15 and 22</p> <p>The discussions will use literature, movies and the scriptures as references. Session one will concentrate on "Violence/Nonviolence in the Family"; Session two will concentrate on "Violence/Nonviolence In the Community (church, school, business, neighborhood)" and Session three will focus on "Violence/Nonviolence in the World (Terrorism, War, Peace)." We'll spend the fourth week wrapping up our discussions together.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>History and Reminiscence: Sharing and Preserving Your Family's Story</b> Elinor Mazé - July 29, August 5 and 12</p> <p>In this three-week series, we will explore the benefits of stimulating and sharing personal and family memories. We will learn about techniques for eliciting reminiscences and for recording and preserving oral histories of your family.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christian Peacemaking in Today's World</b> Barbara Hills and Barry Harvey - June 3, 10, 17 and 24</p> <p>Four sessions for youth and adults focused from the Christian tradition perspective on peace and war discussing topics that include images of war in popular culture, and the biblical and theological basis for pacifism, "just war" and Christians in military service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Revelation According to Hollywood: A look at film dystopias and the question of Christian influence on the future</b> Carl Hoover - July 1, 8, 15 and 22</p> <p>Have you ever watched a film set in the future and noticed the Church and Christianity missing from society? "The Revelation According to Hollywood" samples several film dystopias - futures gone wrong rather than right - and raises questions on what a Christian response to those future world might be. The four Sundays will address: A Future of Violence; A Future of Diminishing Resources; A Future of Less Freedom; and A Future of Limited Souls. Movies will include: <i>Children of Men</i>, <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>, <i>Minority Report</i>, <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> and more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Darwin, Dawkins, and Doubt</b> Gayland Sims - July 29, August 5 and 12</p> <p>Since 9/11, some atheists, led by Richard Dawkins, have become quite aggressive against all religious faith. We'll try to review some of their arguments in the hopes of understanding our own faith better.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Who On Earth Are You?": Supporting actors in the Old Testament Story</b> Rosalie Beck - June 3, 10, 17 and 24</p> <p>For the next four weeks we will look at women and men who played small roles in important Old Testament stories. Some of them have names, some are anonymous but their lives are enshrined in the text of scripture. We will learn about their contributions to the narrative and find out what they help us understand about the Hebrews, God, and ourselves.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Figure of Judas</b> Derek Dodson - July 1, 8, 15 and 22</p> <p>As the "betrayor" of Jesus, Judas Iscariot is one of the most infamous villains of history. The issues surrounding Judas, however, are much more complex and suggest that there is more to the story. This study explores the various, developing portraits of Judas Iscariot in both canonical and non-canonical sources, including the recently "discovered" and published Gospel of Judas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Book of Revelation</b> Jim Kennedy - July 29, August 5 and 12</p> <p>A study of the book of Revelation in the historical context of the late first century A.D. In summary, Revelation warns against Christian accommodation to the interests of the Roman Empire and offers comfort to Christian churches who have remained loyal to "the kingdom of our God and of his Christ."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Evangelicals and Modern American Political Culture</b> Ashley Cruseturner - June 3, 10, 17 and 24</p> <p>Swirling social and religious currents in post-World War II America brought great changes in national politics, culture and our sense of propriety during the second half of the twentieth century. This study seeks to consider ways in which various strains of evangelicalism played significant roles in the reshaping of American life during that period.</p>		

### The Men's Class

David Pennington - June 3- August 12

This men's Bible study class is led by David Pennington using Smyth & Helwys literature which follows the Lectionary.

## Youth Chautauqua

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christian Peacemaking in Today's World</b> Barbara Hills and Barry Harvey - June 3, 10, 17 and 24</p> <p>Four sessions for youth and adults focused from the Christian tradition perspective on peace and war discussing topics that include images of war in popular culture, and the biblical and theological basis for pacifism, "just war" and Christians in military service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>So What's the Deal with the Book of Revelation?</b> July 1, 8, 15 and 22</p> <p>You have asked this question more than once this year in youth Bible study. Now is our chance to explore this confusing and often controversial text. We will read sections of this book and discuss possible the different interpretation and applications for what is said.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hey, I Like This Song. Turn it Up!</b> July 29, August 5 and 12</p> <p>This time you get to provide the study material. We will listen to your favorite music and discuss how it relates to faith and life.</p>
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