

Seventh & James Summer Chautauqua 2009

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Adult Chautauqua

<p style="text-align: center;">Bible in Context: Land, Archaeology, and History Lynn Tatum</p> <p>The events of the Bible took place at real places in real time. Our Chautauqua time together will be spent looking at the geographical, archaeological, and historical context of the Bible. We will begin at looking at the geography of the Holy Land and how it impacts upon Hebrew thought and theology. We will then spend time looking at the archaeology of Palestine and how it illuminates our understanding of scripture.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Moral Lives of Famous Dead People John Wood</p> <p>John Wood will show slides of gravesites of famous people and comment on their personal and social morals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What Does It Mean to Subdue & Have Dominion Over the Earth? Reading Genesis 1:28 as an Asian-American Woman Lai Ling Ngan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Habakkuk Jim Kennedy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing Women Out of the Bible: The Diminishing Role of Women in Early Christianity and New Testament Manuscripts Derek Dodson</p> <p>Most of us are aware that as early Christianity began to attain more of a public character in the Roman Empire, the leadership roles of women in the church became more limited. What is surprising – and often unknown – is that this ecclesiastical trend is actually reflected in the early transmission and production of New Testament manuscripts. Come explore the various aspects of this process.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptist History Jonathan Lindsey</p> <p>A hop, skip, and jump through 4 centuries of Baptist history, with an emphasis on Baptists in the United States, ending with a prediction of what the next quarter-century will possibly produce.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Communion of Saints: Meditations through Medieval and Renaissance Sacred Music Elinor Mazé</p> <p>In this series of four sessions, we will listen to ancient sacred music, and with pictures, historical narrative, Bible reading, and prayer, we will share the spiritual experience of Christians long ago.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Baptist Distinctives Rosalie Beck</p> <p>Baptists have always been a “peculiar people.” For three weeks we will study the historical Baptist positions on baptism, religious liberty and local church autonomy. Join us as we try to understand the “peculiar people” of whom we are a part.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Poetry and Faith Ann McGlashan</p> <p>How do we live in this material world while figuring out our right relationship to the spiritual? In this four-week series, we will read together poems by poets who have asked themselves this question, and we will explore their understanding of the conundrum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Forum on Health Care Reform Gayland Sims</p> <p>I will try to provide a very basic framework of what the issues are in regard to healthcare reform. We all have some experience, and attitudes influenced by our politics, personal points of view, and our faith. Healthcare has changed greatly in the 30-plus years I've been a practicing physician, and may well change more in the next 5 years than it has in the last 30. Each Sunday I'll present some of the issues; our various experiences and perspectives should give rise to great discussions.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Creating Abundance in the Midst of Want Katie Cook</p> <p>The nation and the world are experiencing the most significant food crisis we have seen in decades. We will spend three weeks looking at new ways people are responding to the food crisis.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Spiritual Life of (our) Children Mark Osler</p> <p>The children of Seventh & James are bold, intellectually curious, and articulate. While we may assume they have questions, surprisingly often what they have are answers — ideas about God, Jesus, and the church that are well-defined. In these sessions we will discuss with some of the children their ideas about these issues, and then in a more general way consider the best ways to understand and guide them as they grow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An Open Discussion on Children's Emotional Needs Robert Ward</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Literature: The Best and Children's Favorites Pat Sharp</p> <p>These sessions focus on choosing outstanding books for children. A variety of books at many levels of childhood reading and listening will be discussed, and some examples will be included on video. Come share your favorites with us: religious books, humorous books, character-development books, and just fun reads.</p>		

The Men's Class David Pennington

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

Children's Chautauqua

June 7

June 14

June 21

Helping Hands

If you look closely, you will always see people who are helping other people. During these three weeks we will look at the ways various agencies in town are helping people. We'll also learn how we can be helpers, too.

June 28

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July 19

Family Feud: Bible Trivia Edition

We'll challenge the youth group and other members of our church in Bible Trivia, Family Feud Style!

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

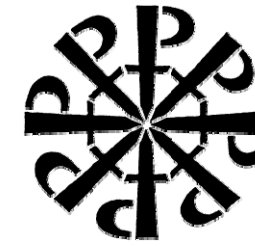
Responding to Scripture Through Art

Watercolors, paints, crayons, canvas are just a few of the mediums we will use as we respond to various Scripture passages through art.

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CHAUTAUQUA 2009

“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.

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CHAUTAUQUA
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:30 - 10:40 A.M.
JUNE 7 - AUGUST 16, 2009