

Seventh & James Summer Chautauqua 2010

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Adult Chautauqua

<p style="text-align: center;">Alpha & Omega: From <u>Armageddon</u> to <u>Oslo Accords</u>: A Christian Introduction to the Modern Middle East Conflict Lynn Tatum</p> <p>At the core of the current Middle East conflict is a dispute between Jews and primarily Muslim Palestinians over a small piece of land. Yet this issue generates intense debate among Christians. Some Christians advocate an unquestioned support for Israel, the “heirs of Abraham;” other Christians are just as intense in their support for the justice of the Palestinian cause. We will focus particularly on the history of the conflict and the character of the main players. We will spend our time looking over the ancient roots of this conflict; the modern history of the struggle; an examination of the major parties in the fight; and what are the key issues raised for Christians and Christianity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apocryphal Gospels Derek Dodson</p> <p>This class will survey several Christian texts that never received canonical status, and yet they provide evidence of a vibrant, diverse literary and theological environment of early Christianity. The texts that will be studied are the Gospel of Peter (July 4), Infancy Gospel of Thomas (July 11) , Gospel of Thomas (July 18), and Secret Gospel of Mark (July 25).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Title: TBA) Bill Pitts</p> <p>Description: TBA</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Why Don't We Like Denominations? Rosalie Beck</p> <p>During the month of June, we will explore why denominations came into existence, what forces have pulled them apart, the rise of community or non-denominational churches, and the emerging church movement. Want to learn something about the contemporary Christian scene in America? Join us.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Christian Perspective on the Economic Crisis Mike Kamperman</p> <p>This will be a discussion-based class about the impact the economic crisis is having on people. The class will focus on ethical and social justice issues related to the causes, fallout, and current responses to the crisis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I Will Sing the Wondrous Story: Baptist Contributions to the Song of the Church David Music</p> <p>These sessions will explore the contributions Baptists have made to the stream of Christian song from the seventeenth century to the present.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">What Makes Relationship Conflict Good? Keith Sanford</p> <p>This class will explore research findings and theory on conflict resolution in married couples, and it will consider ways in which well-managed conflict can be healthy for relationships. The class will parallel Keith's website, the Couple Conflict Consultant, and consider 14 different aspects of conflict interaction. Class participants will be given an opportunity, if interested, to use the website at home to assess their own approach toward conflict resolution.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aging and End-of-Life Issues Various Speakers</p> <p>This class will cover issues of aging, death and dying. Each leader will speak for one week. July 4: TBA July 11: Van Jones—Issues of Aging July 18: Daryle Echols—The Legal Aspects of Death and Dying July 25: Jim Moshinskie—What You Need to Know About Funeral Planning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Katie Cook</p> <p>We will spend three weeks looking at different contemplative prayer methods: praying with scripture, praying in a labyrinth, and praying with icons.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Beads Sally Askins and Barbara Hills</p> <p>Week 1: Introduction to Anglican Prayer Beads Week 2: Making your own prayer beads Week 3: How to use your prayer beads (Participants are asked to contact Sally or Barbara if you plan to attend in order to have adequate supplies.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Enneagram Wes Eades</p> <p>The Enneagram is a personality system that describes nine distinct and fundamentally different patterns of thinking, feeling and acting. Over three weeks, Wes Eades will guide participants through their personal Enneagrams and discuss what it means for each participant. A free Enneagram is available at: http://similar minds.com/advtest.html.</p>	

The Wammack and 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

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The Amazing Race: Bible Trivia Edition

We'll race through the Bible, complete challenges and perform various tasks. It's sure to be a fast-paced adventure!

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Dirt! Caring for God's Creation

We'll focus on ways we care for God's creation at home, at church, in our community and in our world.

August 1	August 8	August 15
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Won't You Be My Neighbor?

We'll learn about agencies in town and around the world who are helping to build community.

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CHAUTAUQUA 2010

“What is *Chautauqua*?” you ask. Chautauqua began in upstate New York in the 1870’s as a vacation school for Sunday school teachers. It soon 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. Our regular Sunday school classes disband for the summer months and we offer a variety of short-term classes. Each month we offer 3-4 classes for you to choose from. You may find one class you would like to participate in for the duration of the class or you might decide to visit a different class each week. Whatever you choose we hope that the discussions will be enriching and meaningful.

At Seventh & James we believe that diversity is important—diversity among the members of the body of Christ, diversity of gifts, diversity of theological thought, and diverse opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. 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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SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:30 - 10:40 A.M.
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 15, 2010