

Grow, learn something new in 2015



Instructors (from left) Linda Larson, Dr. Bill Crowell, Carol and Dave Grimm and Darlene Tegeler look over curriculum for their new classes beginning soon. All are welcome!

Several exciting classes are starting soon at Boston Avenue - beginning with the new Embark Class this Sunday. Choose the one or more that interests you and learn something new in 2015! :

1) Embark - A class for new members, prospective members, or any other members who want to discover where they are going on their spiritual journey, and to explore in greater depth how we think deeply, grow spiritually, and love generously as disciples. Meet in Aldersgate Room. Light lunch provided. No cost. Led by Dr. Bill Crowell and others. Child care available.

Sundays, January 11, 18 & 25; February 1, 8, & 15; March 8, 15, & 22; or May 10, 17, & 31.

2) Knowing God - Discover tools to deepen your understanding of God and the scriptures. Learn more about who God is and who God wants you to be. Everything takes place in class - no homework - but each participant needs a book; cost \$8.50. Led by Karen Ramsey. This 6-week class is designed to follow the Embrace class and is open to all.

Class meets for 6 weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., starting February 25.

3) Loving God - Explore the depths of God's great love for humankind as revealed in scripture, and experience spiritual practices that will help you love God and others better. Everything takes

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Class meets for 6 weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., starting April 15.

4) TAGS - What Talents, Abilities, Gifts & Skills did God Give to You? - Come discern and discover your own talents, abilities, gifts, and skills in this fun, active, and participatory workshop. God has given each of us our own special aptitudes to serve His Kingdom, but we aren't always sure where we fit. Explore how your unique capabilities could both fulfill you and bless Boston Avenue Church! Meet with church staff members at the follow-up session to get more specific information on how you can serve. Light lunch provided for Sunday.

This class is just one session, plus a follow up. It will be held on Saturday, March 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with follow-up on Sunday, March 15, at 12:15 p.m. - or - Sunday, April 19, from 12:15-4:30 p.m. with follow-up on Sunday, April 26, at 12:15 p.m.

5) From Wild Man to Wise Man: A Men's Study - Based on the book by Richard Rohr which begins by defining God as "wild" in that God does not operate under human rules. No matter what men do, God is "always the initiator, always good, always available." Men whose lives are based on performance

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and exercise of control are powerless before such wildness. Good discussion and good coffee/treats! Books are \$14. Led by Dr. Bill Crowell

Class will meet 8-10 weeks on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Aldersgate Room, beginning January 29.

6) Invitation to the New Testament - In this short term study from the Disciple Bible series, learn how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives. Study afresh this story of Jesus to learn about our calling to discipleship and community. Daily reading assignments and book required, \$14. Led by Carol and Dave Grim.

Class will meet for 8 weeks. Day and time to be announced.

7) The God We Can Know - Explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the *Gospel of John*. With DVD segments filmed in the Holy Land, this series will help you form an answer to the most essential question of the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" No cost. Led by Linda Larson.

This class will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., February 11 - April 1 (no class February 18)

8) The Lord is Our Salvation: A Lenten Study - Using Bible readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, you are invited to find a deeper understanding of the salvation Christ offers by exploring the various ways God restores us and our world to wholeness. Required book is \$7. Led by Darlene Tegeler.

This class will meet on Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. for seven weeks starting February 17.

9) Small groups - Six couples have agreed to facilitate a small group in their homes. Groups will be formed based on participants' locations, then each group will decide what they want to do - book club, Bible study, covenant disciple, etc.

Plans are also being made for the more intensive, 24-week course, *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* to begin this fall. Watch for further details to come!

For more information on any of these classes, please contact Dr. Bill Crowell, 918-699-0127 or billcrowell@bostonavenue.org.

To enroll in a class, contact Melanie Linsky, 918-699-0147 or melanielinsky@bostonavenue.org.

Join the Medical Mission Team

Villa Sinai, Bolivia * June 13-21, 2015

Needed: Dentist and Optometrist - Team will consist of 12 members total.

What We Will Do: Work at one of five area medical clinics to minister to clients/patients. We will work with the Bolivian people to provide medical, dental and eye care. Our goal is to be present to them and experience the country through their eyes as we learn more about each other.

Where: Villa Sinai, a village about a 3-hour bus ride from the Santa Cruz airport.

Cost: Approximately \$1500.00. This will cover airfare, food and lodging at the clinic, plus two nights lodging in a hotel and a day of "cultural immersion."

Additional Expenses: Passport and current/recommended vaccinations needed prior to departure. Cell coverage will probably not be available at the clinic. If you need to communicate in the larger cities you will need to purchase international coverage for phone calls and texting. Souvenir purchases are an extra cost as well.

Expectations: Monthly team meetings are required starting in January. Possible subcommittee meetings. We will need to take medications, dental supplies and glasses.

This mission is being prayerfully planned to keep Christ at the center and to share his love in ways that make a Christian difference to those we serve.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN TABLES INTERFAITH POTLUCK DINNER

This evening at 5:30 p.m.

DISCOVER BOSTON AVENUE

Sunday, January 18 from 12:15 until 1:45 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INTERFAITH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Sunday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE

Monday, January 19 at 11 a.m.

(meet in south parking lot at 9:15 a.m. to participate)

"ANOTHER HELPING" SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 21 at noon

TEEN TRIALOGUE SERIES

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice

Wednesdays, January 21, 28, February 4, & 11 from 6:30-8 p.m.

TULSA DISTRICT WINTER RETREAT FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

Friday-Saturday, January 23-24 at Camp Egan

HOLY LAND "LIVING STONES" PRESENTATION WITH WARREN & LYNETTE BENNETT DANSKIN AND PAUL STAAT

Sunday, January 25 at noon in Community Hall