

FALL 2008

October 12, 19
November 2, 9, 16 & 23
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF LAWRENCEVILLE

Institute for Christian Living

An exciting six-week educational event
for all ages!

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The **Institute for Christian Living** is an opportunity for all ages to join together in the study of God's word through three different course offerings for adults and youth and a lively program of drama, art and music for children. These six weeks are being set aside as an intentional time for the community of faith to focus on the educational ministry of the church.

All adults are encouraged to choose one of the following **adult course** offerings:

1. The Spiritual Growth of Children & Youth
2. Rediscovering Paul: Understanding the Controversial Apostle
3. What Should a Christian Do? An Exploration of Critical Contemporary Issues

Children (Kindergarten – Grade 5) will be part of the **MAD** program, which will explore Bible stories through **Music, Art** and **Drama**.

Childcare will be available for infants – 5 years of age.

REGISTRATION INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Name _____

Email address _____

I would like to register for:

_____ 1. The Spiritual Growth of Children & Youth

_____ 2. Rediscovering Paul: Understanding the Controversial Apostle

_____ 3. What Should a Christian Do? An Exploration of Critical Contemporary Issues

I would like to register my child for MAD and/or childcare.

Name _____ Age _____

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THE MAD GROUP: DISCOVERING GOD'S WORD THROUGH MUSIC, ART & DRAMA

During this six-week course, children will be exploring Bible stories through music, art and drama.

Each class will begin with a short snack time and then on to the fun. Some of the adventures will be:

- + Creating a peacemaker mobile to understand The Beatitudes
- + A prayer pinwheel to remember a special prayer or to thank God
- + Connecting hymns, such as, "Jesus Loves Me", "Spirit of the Living God" and "Amen, Amen" to the biblical story through fun activities
- + Exploring the Creation story through art, puppetry and drama

Don't miss out on this exciting and fun time!

Our seminary interns will facilitate this course.

THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summer Mission and Montreat Report – October 12 & 19

The youth of the church will report on their summer mission trip to Broad Street Ministries and the youth conference at Montreat. Both of these trips provide our high school youth with opportunities for service and spiritual growth. This presentation will give parents and other congregants an opportunity to understand the dynamics of the work and ministry of our youth.

Bibles and Books – November 2

(The Reverend Mary Alice Lyman)

Have you ever wanted to buy a "religious" book for one of the children or youth in your life and had trouble deciding on a book? During this session, we will explore all kinds of Bibles and books (religious & secular) that will cover all kinds of themes for children and youth.

Beliefs and Money – November 9 (Brett Danko)

This seminar focuses on helping people understand prevalent money beliefs and the significant influence of these beliefs on their daily lives. This seminar seeks to modify how you think about and view wealth and money.

Raising Financially Aware Children and Grandchildren – November 16 (Brett Danko)

This seminar focuses on how communication and education can help children and young adults have a responsible and health attitude about money, spending, saving and planning for the future. This seminar will present real-life teaching opportunities for parents and discuss the importance of cash flow and the magic of compounding interest.

What's My Child Doing on the Internet? – November 23

(The Reverend Mary Alice Lyman)

This class will inform parents of the variety of Internet communication methods used by tweens and teens and to consider the risks involved and how to minimize these risks and be an advocate for their child in regard to the Internet.

REDISCOVERING PAUL: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTROVERSIAL APOSTLE

The apostle Paul was probably the most influential leader and writer of the early Christian movement. Thirteen letters (epistles) in the New Testament have been traditionally attributed to Paul. Materials for this course will be provided on our website at www.pclawrenceville.org/ICL08.html

- + Just who was Paul, and how should we think of him?
- + Were some of his letters more important than others?
- + Which churches did he found?
- + How do we understand some of his apparently contradictory statements?
- + Was he in favor, or not, of women's leadership in the early church?

The Reverend Jeffrey A. Vamos will facilitate.

WHAT SHOULD A CHRISTIAN DO? AN EXPLORATION OF CRITICAL CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Brought to you by the Peacemaking Committee

Join us for a lively and thoughtful discussion on various topics, using the acclaimed Thoughtful Christian curriculum, led by a corps of skilled facilitators. Materials for this course will be provided on our website at www.pclawrenceville.org/ICL08.html

Medical Ethics 101 – October 12 (Dr. Brandt McCabe)

This session will review the four basic ethical principles that have emerged as particularly helpful in understanding the tough moral questions arising in contemporary medicine and healthcare.

Hezbollah, Israel, Lebanon. Why Should Christians Care? – October 19 (Ellen Heath)

Should the United States support calls for a cease-fire and a political solution to the current conflict between Lebanon's Hezbollah faction and the nation of Israel?

Is Torture Ever Justified? – November 2 (Dave Berge)

There are two primary questions under discussion in the current debate about torture: First, does the U.S. government employ torture? Second, should the U.S. government employ torture?

Pro-Life, Pro-Choice: Is There Any Common Ground? – November 9 (Nancy Allen)

This session aims to assist pro-choice and pro-life advocates in curbing the tendency to caricature one another's positions and to assist them in fostering the ability to listen to one another respectfully.

Rethinking the War in Iraq – November 16 (Alec Dun)

Can we learn anything now that we could not have known earlier, and can anything be done to stop the psychological and financial toll that the war in Iraq is costing?

Gun Control? Is There a Christian Response? – November 23 (Dave Berge)

Participants are taken through arguments for and against gun control.