



Birchwood Baptist Church

Equipping individuals to be effective disciples of Jesus Christ

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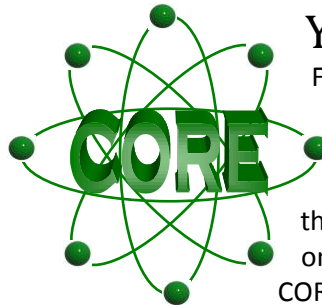
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Your Invited to CORE Group

For whatever reason there are a number of people in our congregation who are not involved in a CORE Group class.

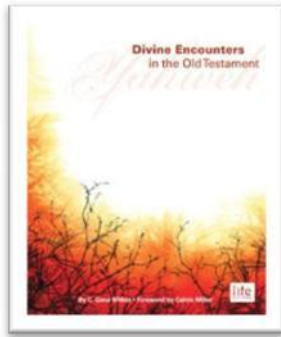
We believe it is vital to be a part of a CORE group class if we are truly going to “grow in the grace and knowledge of the LORD” (1 Pt 3:8) and to fulfill the commandment to “love one another even as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

CORE is an acronym for Christ, Others, Relationships, and Evangelism. Each CORE class should be studying the scriptures which point to Jesus **Christ** who is the center of the biblical storyline. This study of the scriptures should not only help point you to **Christ** with your needs but to hear and learn about how **Christ** is working in **Others** and their needs. The beauty of small groups is that there is an opportunity to get to know **Others** in your group at a deeper and more intimate level through building and maintaining **Relationships**. The natural by-product of studying **Christ**, being involved in the lives of **Others**, through deep, and intimate **Relationships** is that you desire **Others** to experience the same thing resulting in **Evangelism**. So we would like to personally invite you to come and be a part of the CORE Group Hour. Here is a list of classes for you and for your children if you have them.

Class	Teacher/Leader	Study	Age
Nursery	Rotation		Newborn – 2
2 & 3 yr olds	Shari & Jennifer Neubert	My Great Big God	2-3 year olds
Children’s 1	Robin Haralson	Basic Christian Doctrines	4-7 year olds
Children’s 2	Laura Beth	Basic Christian Doctrines	8-12 year olds
Youth	Jonathan Kyle	Known	13-18 year olds
Middle Adults	Eddie Rawlston	1 & 2 Kings (Dec. 5- Feb 27)	Open
Sr. Women’s Class	Phyllis Rawlston	Roads Less Traveled (Jan. 2 – Jan. 30)	Open
Sr. Men’s Class	Charles Murray & Keith Millard	1 & 2 Kings (Dec. 5-Feb.27)	Open
Open Class	David Delmotte	Yahweh: Divine Encounters in the Old Testament	Open

Another great way that you can “grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord” and

also grow in loving others would be to serve as a teacher or helper in any in of the children's class. Please contact Jonathan if you are interested in helping serve in the children's area or nursery.



Yahweh: *Divine Encounters in the Old Testament*

This is a special invitation to those of you who have dropped out of a CORE Group, tried a CORE Group but did not feel welcome, or just don't know where to start.

This coming Sunday, January 9, 2011 we will be starting a new class that will take us on a journey through the Old Testament. Over this year this study will introduce or remind you of several divine encounters people experienced throughout the Old Testament. Pastor David will be teaching and leading this CORE Group.

Are We There Yet?

Over the month of December we highlighted unreached and unengaged people groups in our sermons series **Are We There Yet?**

We have experience a good deal of response in reference to this series and we want to encourage you to be praying for the Lord to lead us to one of these unreached or unengaged people groups during 2011.

There is reason for celebration because we believe that we are very close or have met our goal of \$11,500 for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If you still have not given and were planning to, we encourage you to give so that "all the peoples may praise Him" (Psalm 67).



Reading Through the Old Testament in 2011

In 2011 we have been encourage to read through the Old Testament. There are schedules at the church or click on the link [2011 Reading Guide](#). Basically, it amounts to 2 or 3 chapters per day. At the most it may take a half an hour to read, but don't just read, take additional time to think, study, and meditate upon what you have read. The problem is not that "you can't" the problem is that "you won't." If you have never read through the Old Testament this is a great opportunity to learn and experience God in a fresh and new way.