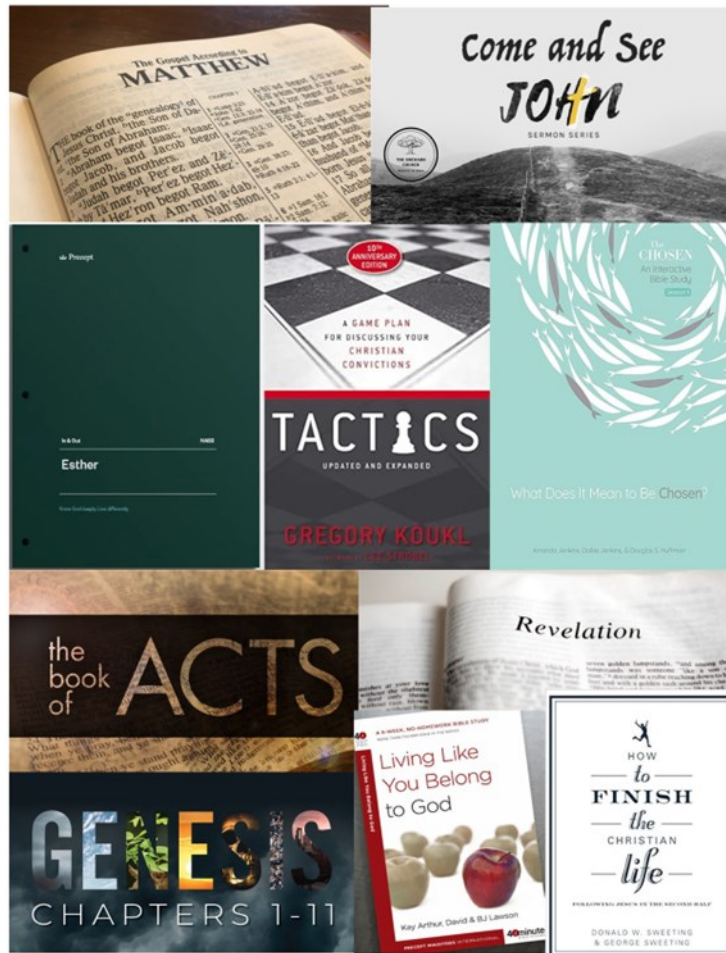


# Connections Groups

## Fall 2024

*Starting in September*



*Sign up on your Sunday Communication card*

## Connections Group Information

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Studying the book of Matthew**

**Meets on Sundays in Room 300 from 8:45-9:45am**

Walking through the book of Matthew verse by verse. No pre-work necessary other than to be reading Matthew and come ready to engage! *Starts back up on September 15. Leader: Craig Hippensteel.*

**CODE: SUN1**

**SERMON MESSAGE BREAK DOWN!**

**Meets on Sundays vis ZOOM from 6:30-8pm**

We do exactly what the title suggests; breaking down the sermon to further discuss it, how it can impact our lives. A great place to bring questions from Sunday and to dive deeper into the passage.

*Starts on September 15. Leader: Pastor Scott Swanson. CODE: SUN2*

**REAL Women's Ministry:**

**"Esther: Precepts In and Out Study"**

**Meets on Mondays at the church from 7-9pm**

"What is your purpose? God is always working in the affairs of His creation, even when we are unaware. This study shows us how Esther attained royalty to fulfill God's purpose in her life and the lives of His people. Can God use you 'for such a time as this'?" This group will have homework during the week.

*Starts on September 30. Leader: Krissy Shepherd. CODE: MON1*

**"TACTICS: A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVELY DISCUSS YOUR CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS" by Gregory Koukl**

**Meets on Tuesdays at the church from 6:30-8pm**

We all know we are to share Christ with others. But how well do we know how to? *Tactics* is a 9-week study-training to help start and engage in spiritual conversations with others that leads to fruitful discussion. Videos will be shown to go along with a study guide. Come and prepare yourself for this great adventure.

*Starts on September 17. Leader: Randy Quill. CODE: TUE1*

**WOMEN'S GROUP: Studying the book of Acts**

**Meets on Tuesdays in homes between Woodstock & McHenry from 7-9pm**

This study will go through the entire book of Acts from the Bible. Acts is the connecting link between Christ's life and the life of the church, between the Gospels and Paul's Letters. Key ideas from this book are the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the growth of the early church, the conversion of Paul, the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles, and the persecution faced by early Christians. Participants have no additional book purchase, just bring your Bible and come eager to learn and grow! 13 week study.

*Starts on September 17. Leader: Roxane Abbate. CODE: TUE2*

**THE CHOSEN: Discussion on this popular show**

**Meets on Wednesdays, the Hippensteel's home, 6-8pm**

This is a time to watch the popular show "The Chosen" and then discuss where and how it is biblically accurate, where it deviates and how it can motivate us in our walk. Space is limited.

*Starts on September 18. Leader: Craig Hippensteel. CODE: WED1*

**REAL Women's Ministry:**

**"Living Like You Belong: Precept 40 Minute Bible Study"**

**Meets on Thursdays at the church from 2-3:30pm**

"Can Others See That You Belong to God? God calls us to a life of joy, obedience, and trust. He calls us to be different from those around us. He calls us to be holy." No homework involved.

*Starts on September 26. Leader: Melissa Knoll. CODE: THU1*

**MEN'S GROUP: Studying the book of Revelation**

**Meets on Thursdays at the church from 6:30-8:30pm**

Come and join us as we explore this amazing book of the Bible. Bring your Bible and be prepared to interact. The discussion will be augmented by videos from Dr John Barnett.

*Leader: Randy Quill. CODE: THU2*

**VINTAGE SOULS: Seniors & Retirees**

**Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**

**"How to Finish the Christian Life" by Donald & George Sweeting**

Vintage Souls is a time for the senior saints to gather together to serve, fellowship, study God's Word, and pray.

On the second Wednesday of each month(VS2), we serve at Feed My Starving Children. The third Wednesday of each month(VS3), we meet at church at 10:30am till about 12pm, with lunch following the meeting.

*Leader is Mike Dressler. CODE: VS2 and VS3*

Our lives are to be characterized by soberness (a seriousness about making our lives count for the Lord Jesus). 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 8. We address this in a devotion/Bible study time. There is an important place for having times of refreshing and humor as well. Proverbs 17:22 We address this in our joke time. We also have a short business meeting and some prayer time. Our ultimate priority for this fellowship time is summed up in 1 Corinthians 10:31. Come and join us!!!!

**OYM (Orchard Youth Ministry): 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**Meets on Wednesdays at the church from 6:30-8:30pm**

Are you in Jr or Sr high? Here is the group for you! We will be diving into Genesis 1-11 to build a strong foundation of understanding who God is. We will also be tackling tough questions like "Is Christianity relevant to my life?" and "Why does God allow suffering?" We will have a *Fall Kickoff on September 4* and then start on *September 11*.

*Leaders: Pastor Jeremy Shepherd, Jeff Knoll, & Sara Swanson. CODE: OYM*

*Sign up today... don't delay.*

**"Connect and Grow"**