# **College of the Bible Mission Statement**

The Mission of RB Community Church College of the Bible is to "equip believers for the work of ministry (Eph 4:12-14)" with RB Community Church. The goal is to effectively train believers in the Word so they can grow in their relationship with Christ and others and effectively minister in their community. RB Community Church College of the Bible is committed to the foundation of God's truth in the Scriptures, the clear presentation of those truths as they relate to each course, and the application of those truths to individual believers and their ministry in the world.

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# Course College & Bible Catalogue SPRING 2021



**COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE** 

**RB Community Church** 



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Christians who attended Sunday school or a similar program for at least seven years correctly answer an average of 9.0 of the 14 questions about Christianity and the Bible, while those who attended for three or fewer years get 7.3 questions right, on average.

– Pew Research July 23, 2019

# Our Ministry Opportunities

# Catch Classes on Zoom or YouTube



We are offering many courses this semester, through Zoom meetings or self-study by following weekly Premiering videos on our church YouTube channel. See the course listings in this catalogue. Also regularly check our social media pages, which include the church events and news page, Facebook page and weekly e-news.

# **Self-Study Online**



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The College of the Bible has an online platform with a growing list of classes that you can take independently anytime day or night. Grab your robe, bunny slippers, coffee, and head over to your computer. You will find it all at:

https://scs-university.teachable.com



# More Opportunities...

# **LifeGroups - A Small Group Ministry**



Find the perfect place to connect, build relationships, and be encouraged! Join a group of 4 – 12 people who want to get to know you and celebrate what God is doing in your life. Get started by sharing your interest at lifegroups@rbcpc.org.

The information in the classes is clear, understandable, and made me more secure in my belief in Jesus! – Ann Pelletier Wilensky

# **College of Marriage**



Imagine enhancing your marriage to be the best relationship you could ever have. Well, with the College of Marriage it is entirely possible, and you can begin right now! A complete marriage curriculum is ready for you at the touch of a button. The best part is it's all free. This college within a college offers a full

semester of positive and practical teachings, for any couple. Find it all here: https://scs-university.teachable.com Also, watch our social media for upcoming webinars, retreats, and other marriage enriching activities.

# Education and Discipleship Ministry

# Rev. John M. Scholte, Pastor of Education and Discipleship



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This past semester was one of the craziest times I have ever lived through. Starting with the Spring Semester, when we moved off campus to Zoom classes, and then this past Fall with classes first indoor and then only outdoor. However, God has been faithful and many wonderful things have come from these very trying circumstances. Our faithful

faculty were very willing to learn the ins and outs of Zoom. Our online class offerings, on the teachable platform, have grown and many students have signed on to take independent study courses. Praise God! By the end of this semester we may see change again, and a return to residential classes. We will have to see, but one thing for sure, we are certainly living out our protestant motto, "Always reformed and reforming!"

Staying connected with our faith family can be a challenge when we follow stay at home orders and practice social distancing. I am so thankful for our LifeGroup ministry, what a powerful impact this ministry has had over these months of quarantine. It has been one of the best ways to stay connected and in touch with each other.

We don't want anyone to feel alone, or to "fall through the cracks" during this time when normal activities have been suspended. A big "Thank you!" to the LifeGroup leaders that have worked hard to keep their groups together and focused. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord prepared RB Community Church for these particular circumstances? And it's not too late to join or start a group. So, I encourage you to check out the wonderful opportunities in this Course Catalogue.

Last semester we started an Alpha course and we were very happy to see that it resonated with many people. This "basics of the faith" course continues this semester, and would be the place to be for those who want to learn about the Christian faith, or brush up on some of the basic teachings.

Ken Sheets returns teaching a delightful course "The God you may not know." If you want to take a journey, from knowing about God to really knowing God, this is your class! Ken will lead you through a look at the attributes of God using some excellent material from Dr. David Jeremiah.

The Marriage Enrichment Team is once again offering some tremendous opportunities for our congregation and the community. Scott Wood, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will be leading a Lenten Devotional Series called "The Kindness Challenge." To take on this challenge see Scott's contact information in this catalogue.

Another success we had last semester was our Book Club lead by Ken Blanchard, and we are happy to have him return for a second Book Club. This will be a five-week course on his "Parenting Book." Learn more about it, when you see the Marriage Enrichment section, in this catalogue.

What a privilege and joy it is to minister with you as we begin a new semester of discipleship. I think you will appreciate all the courses offered in this catalogue. It is my prayer that you will grow in your relationship with one another and in the Lord.

In Gratitude.

Pastor John



# Zoom and YouTube Classes

# **CMBS 101 Ephesians**

Dates: Begins January 10, 2021

Video Study (Premieres at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning on

Church YouTube Channel)

Text: Bible

Instructor: Dr. Robert Lauer

Bob Lauer, continues his study on Ephesians which has been called the Queen of the epistles, the grandest work of St. Paul. The writing in Ephesians is often lyrical, always deeply spiritual, yet eminently practical. We will study the book line by line in this course. Enlightenment and growth are Paul's two foundations for exploring all aspects of the Christian faith and life. He discusses enlightened views of salvation, Christian leadership, the Church, and the Christian life. He offers a deeply moving prayer for growing into wholeness in Christ.

Bob Lauer rjlauer76@gmail.com

# CMBS 100 SEEKERS: STUDY THE BIBLE with PASTOR MOFID

Dates: Wednesdays 10:00 -11:00 am

Room: Courtyard

Text: Bible and Various Handouts

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef

This class focuses on the cohesiveness of the Old and New Testaments as God's continuous story. Or as Pastor Mofid says, "What is hidden in the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament."

This class meets on campus and follows COVID-19 protocol. You need to register online for each class session prior to coming to campus. Space is limited, strict controls will be in place to keep everybody safe. Your confirmed RSVP will include an email with safety instructions.

Mofid Wasef Mofid@rbcpc.org

# **CMCM 100 The Jesus You May Not Know**

Dates: Beginning January 12th Tuesday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Room: Courtyard

Text: Various Handouts and Bible

Instructor: Ken Sheets

Some say the greatest question in life is: Does God exist? I say the greatest question is: Do I know the God who DOES exist? Do I know about Him and do I know Him personally? I want you to know the God you don't know, as well as you should. The study of God, as He reveals Himself in Scripture, is the supreme study of a lifetime. It lifts our thoughts, steadies our nerves, purifies our motives, expands our confidence, and strengthens our influences. It's the greatest subject we could ever study, for God is the apex of all reality

You can know more about God than you do, and you can be closer to Him than you are.

Ken Sheets kensheetsasst@att.net

This class meets on campus and follows COVID-19 protocol. You need to register online for each class session prior to coming to campus. Space is limited, strict controls will be in place to keep everybody safe. Your confirmed RSVP will include an email with safety instructions.

# CMCM 100 Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

(A Serendipity Women's Bible Study)

Dates: Join us beginning Tuesday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m.

**Zoom Study** 

Text: Study guides are \$7.50

We will send you a link to join the group, and you can pick up your study guide on Linda's porch in early January.

Instructor: Linda Allen

The study by Eugene Peterson shows us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fear and anger. They show us how to respond to God in praise. Indeed, as Eugene Peterson, translator of The Message, writes, "We use the Psalms to present ourselves before God as honestly and thoroughly as we are able." The twelve studies will help us do just that. Contact Linda Allen to register and receive your Zoom invitation

Linda Allen lindainpoway@yahoo.com

# CMBS 100 Alpha

Dates: January 26 through April 6, 2021 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

**Zoom Study** 

Text: Alpha Workbook

Instructor: Catherine Godden

every once in a while in the Christian life, it's good to go over the basics of our faith and the building blocks to what we believe. This course will tune up your spiritual game. It goes over all the basics of the Christian faith in a fun and relaxed way. The class is being led by Catherine Godden who has been specifically trained for this course. It's all being done on Zoom! Contact Catherine for your link to the Zoom session.

### Catherine Godden



"The class has given us an opportunity to explore once more the fundamentals of the faith (always a good thing) and discuss those with other class members. The videos are engaging and inspirational."

# **CMCM 200 Topical Studies on the Christian Life**

Dates: Beginning in the Month of January Video Study (On Church YouTube Channel)

Text: Various Handout

Instructor: Rev. John M. Scholte

Rev. Scholte will continue his topical study of the Christian Life covering video essays on topics concerning Christian Ministry, Biblical Studies, Theology, Christian Leadership, Missions, Church Health and Growth, Spiritual Formation, Christian Education, Theology and the Arts, and Youth Ministry.

Rev. John M. Scholte john@rbcpc.org



# **RCBPC College and Career Class**

Dates: Spring Semester 2021

Zoom

Text: Why Do You Believe That? - Mary Jo Sharp

Facilitator: Rev. John M. Scholte

RB Community Church's College and Career Study Group. This group is designed for those that are in college, going into college, or looking to start their careers (ideal for adults ages 18-30). College and Career years are some of the most important in the Christian's journey. These are the years when you will sort through ideas, beliefs, and options that will shape the rest of your lives. Our goal is to help you establish a solid, biblical foundation as you seek to leap out into the world on your own. This group will center around the challenges of college and the workplace with discussions of how our Christian faith applies to college life and corporate culture. To join in and receive the Zoom link contact Pastor John.

Rev. John M. Scholte Text: 858-444-7666 john@rbcpc.org

# **Self-Study Online**

Join the College of the Bible on Teachable!

Sign on to any of these online class at:

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RB Community Church Vacation Bible School 2020



College of Marriage



Equipping Leadership



Comparative Religions



The Silent Years



Principles of Humanities



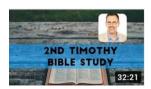
I Timothy Bible Study



Cooking with Kimberley



Titus, A Bible Study



II Timothy Bible Study



**Ephesians Bible Study** 



What are LifeGroups? The above logo illustrates the concept for our small group ministry called LifeGroups. The cluster of grapes represents a small group or LifeGroup. The many LifeGroups together are a part of the LifeGroup ministry.

While some of these groups of 4 – 12 people meet on the church campus most of them meet in homes which provides the perfect place to connect, build relationships, encourage each other and feel cared for. These groups provide a safe place to share our faith, doubts, and concerns. The topics of discussion vary with each group. Social gatherings around food or local mission projects provide time for fellowship and service that strengthens group interaction.

In addition to ongoing LifeGroups this Spring there are several opportunities to participating in a group with a defined time length. If you are new to the small group concept these groups are a great way to meet others without a long-term commitment, although it may develop into one. These groups are geared toward those with common interests.

Currently we are following local and state guidelines regarding gatherings and COVID-19. When possible, we meet on campus or in homes etc.



Kathy Wesley, LifeGroup Coordinator

"LifeGroups are a vital part of church connections, reaching out to members and keeping them in the loop, letting them know the church is still here to help."

For more info contact Kathy Wesley at lifegroup@rbcpc.org



Zooming

into

LifeGroups

# **Mini LifeGroups Opportunities**

# The Purpose Driven Life

Wednesdays/January 13 – February 17 /1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Zoom

Facilitator: Kathy Wesley

In this 6-week study Rick Warren explores God's amazing plan for your life. Knowing God's purpose for creating you can reduce stress, simplify decision making, provide focus and give meaning to your life. Weekly zoom meeting will include the video series by Rick Warren with discussion of the daily readings from the accompanying book.

For more information about the group and to receive the zoom link contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:lifegroups@rbcpc.org">lifegroups@rbcpc.org</a>

# **Book Club**

Ongoing, one Monday afternoon per month at 3 PM - check **Events** on the website for details Via Zoom in compliance with COVID-19 precautions

Facilitator: Amy Wazny 17.

# **Meditation on Scripture**

Thursdays/January 14 – February 25/1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Zoom

Facilitator: Kathy Wesley

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Gal. 5:23

Join us as we meditate on Scripture passages reflecting on the various characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit. Each week time is spent in quiet listening for God's message to us through His Word. This is a time of reflection and spiritual nourishment. For more information and zoom link contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:lifegroups@rbcpc.org">lifegroups@rbcpc.org</a>

**Did you know** that there are at least 25 LifeGroups currently meeting to keep members of our church family connect with each other in very creative ways in the midst of this Pandemic. While they can't meet in person, they meet regularly via Zoom, continuing with formats of social time and study. Monthly leadership meetings are energized with some of the ways they are sharing with each other, from crazy hat nights, to competitive board games, to book studies, to discussions of Bryan's sermons, to service projects. They are all alive with activity.



Marriage Enrichment is an important part of the Education & Discipleship ministries offered by RB Community Church to the community. RB Community Church strives to strengthen marriages so they not only survive but also thrive in the way God designed marriages to be!

This ministry is led by The Marriage Enrichment Team - a group of couples who have a vision for a church and community where marriages and couples flourish. They offer Date Nights, Retreats, Classes, and Special Events throughout the year.

The Marriage Enrichment Team also offers engaged and young married couples the opportunity to partner with trained, volunteer couples to disciple them in building the foundation for a solid marriage.

The Marriage Enrichment Team sponsor's the **College of Marriage** which is a full semester of classes available for free here:

# https://scs-university.teachable.com

This semester, along with the College of Marriage, they are also sponsoring two book club which are free for everyone.



# Book Club

Ken Blanchard long member of RBCPC and well-known co-

author of The One Minute Manager and Lead Your Family Like Jesus will be leading a five week class on his "Parenting Book "from 7:00-8:30 PM every Tuesday night from January 12th to February 9th on the powerful parenting principles from the creator of families.

Discover how your heart, head, hands and habits can work together as you serve your way to a Christ-centered family. Teenage children are welcome to participate with their parent(s).

If you want to join the class send your mailing address to ken.blanchard @kenblanchard.com and he will send you the book and other materials at no cost to you.WHAT WOULD JESUS DO... WITH YOUR KIDS?

# WWJD...WYK



# The Kindness Challenge – A Lenten Devotional Series

The marriage enrichment team is offering a series of online book club style meetings based upon *The Kindness Challenge: Thirty Days to Improve Any Relationship* by Shaunti Feldhahn.

The Kindness Challenge is an opportunity to work on improving any relationship in your life. The group will be facilitated by Scott Wood, licensed marriage and family therapist.

During the season of Lent, this is an opportunity to adopt kindness as a spiritual discipline. The group will meet online, on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 8:30pm from February 23, 2021 – March 23, 2021. For more information or to enroll, contact Scott Wood at scottwoodmft@gmail.com.

Adult Christian education is a very important task for the church to fulfil, due to the increase of the need to learn as people continue to grow (Downs, 1991). Barna (2001) pointed out that there has been an increased interest in spiritual matters among adults in America as one out of six adults participates in discipleship groups for spiritual growth.

- The Rationale Motive of Adult Christians' Participation in Education Programs among Episcopal Churches in Southern California, Alice Mambo, Sage Journel, December 19, 2018



You are invited to join the College of Marriage. A college within a college that offers a full semester of classes to enhance your marriage. Take classes at your convenience and build a positive marriage at your own pace.

As part of building disciples, we are offering in-depth study into Christian marriage. The college of marriage is designed to strengthen and enrich marriages. The curriculum is presented in 5 modules of 3 sessions each for a total of 15 sessions. The material combines a Biblical view of marriage with clinical and researched based skills to strengthen and enhance marriages. The curriculum is appropriate for satisfied couples seeking to enhance their relationship further, couples who have some areas of struggle, and engaged couples preparing for marriage. Participants may take individual sessions but are encouraged to complete the entire coursework.

Here are just some of the topics covered: Marriage 101, How to Love, Family Origin, Handling Conflict, Forgiveness, Sex, Affair Proofing, Protecting Your Marriage from External Pressures, Proactive Parenting, and many others...



Scott Wood, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist #81808.

"I am so excited about this series. Thanks for joining us!" - Carolyn



"As we go, we're going to

look at what the Bible has

to say about marriage..." -

Scott

Carolyn Klusmeier, Associate Marriage and Family Therapist #100568.

Find the College of Marriage at https://scs-university.teachable.com

# **College of the Bible**

**Study Track Information** 

The College of the Bible offers ten tracks which students can follow that will lead to a "major," and/or "minor."

To receive a Major Certificate, students must complete 60 credit hours of which 36 hours must be within the discipline of their track. The remaining 24 credit hours may be taken outside their track.

#### The Certificate Majors are:

#### 1. Christian Ministry (CMCM)

The Christian Ministry Major includes a concentration on a wide range of classes that support a student's spiritual growth and discipleship. The focus is on the Christian life in general and how to live a Christian life within a secular world. (Although this can be a declared track, those who do not declare a major or minor will automatically be enrolled in this track.)

## 2. Biblical Studies (CMBS)

The Biblical Studies major includes a concentration on the 66 books of the Bible. The student will be equipped to interpret the Bible for themselves and others. The focus will be on the understanding and application of the Bible through enhanced historical and contextual exploration of its various books.

The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. – Luke 2:40

# 3. Theology (CMTT)

The Theology major includes a concentration on the doctrines of the Reformed Faith. The focus will include Systematics, Biblical, Historical, Covenant, and Pastoral approaches to assist the student in deepening their understanding of how theology relates to ministry and the Christian life.

#### 4. Christian Leadership (CMCL)

The Christian Leadership major includes a concentration on principles which enhance and develop the student's leadership skills, and knowledge, to lead the church professionally and spiritually in its ministry. The focus will be on how to utilize the church's structure to provide transformational and servant leadership that contextualizes the churches ministry in the community.

## 5. Missions (CMMT)

The Missions major includes a concentration on preparing students for effective cross-cultural ministry as skillful workers and as clear communicators of the gospel. The focus will be ministering and working in an intercultural community which has become international and multinational, it will also include serving in a cross-cultural setting, either in the United States or abroad.

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..."

- II Peter 3:18

To receive a Minor Certificate, students must complete 36 credit hours of which 18 hours must be within the discipline of their track. The remaining 18 credit hours may be taken outside their track.

#### The Certificate Minors are:

# 1. Church Health and Growth (CNCH)

The Church Health and Growth minor includes a concentration on the signs, principles and practices of a healthy growing church along with cultural influences and reaching the unchurched. The focus will be on assisting the student to demonstrate an understanding of the biblical models of healthy churches and the missional nature behind growing churches in the context of the church's ministry in the community.

## 2. Spiritual Formation (CNSF)

The Spiritual Formation minor includes a concentration on promoting growth in the student's inner life of faith and prayer with God in the context of a shared community, while also developing the students' knowledge-base in the Word, spiritual formation and soul care. It focuses specifically on ways to deepen the students' knowledge and openness to God and his work, as well as understanding the self and others in order to grow toward conformity of character and inner life in the image of Christ. In turn, it trains students to assist others in their journey of growth in Christ and his body.

Give instruction to a wise person and they will be still wiser, teach a righteous person and they will increase in learning. – Proverb 9:9

#### 3. Teaching (CNTT)

The Teaching minor includes a concentration on training for the church educational programs and discipleship ministries. The focus will be on the student acquiring the tools to teach, lead and work in a variety of church education and discipleship positions including children, youth and adult ministries.

# 4. Arts and Theology (CNAT)

The Arts and Theology minor includes a concentration on preparing the student to be an effective interpreter of Christianity in contemporary culture. The focus will be on combining the study of music, art, or theater, with theology creating opportunities for students to prepare for ministry in a wide variety of fields where faith intersects with culture.

# 5. Youth Ministry (CNYM)

The Youth Ministry minor includes a concentration in a biblical philosophy of youth ministry, understanding contemporary youth culture, youth problems, and counseling of adolescents in different settings. It focuses on how to communicate biblical concepts effectively in a variety of teaching situations. It will also include an internship that gives the student real experience in the field.

You may take any class you would like, but if you declare a major or minor there will be a selection of courses you can take that will lead to the Certificate. If you don't declare a major or minor you will automatically be in the Christian Ministry track.

You can declare a Major or Minor by sending your declaration to Pastor John at john@rbcpc.org. This will assist in planning the courses for each semester and give you a change to move through a process of discipleship.

Each class will have an online evaluation at it's completion, these evaluations assist us in improving the College of the Bible experience. It also allows you to get credit for taking the class, which is applied toward the hours needed for the track you have declared.

If you have an idea for a course, or would like to teach in an up coming semester, please contact Pastor John at john@rbcpc.org.

Teaching is available in class, or online, and if you haven't taught before, training and couching support is provided.

