

Sundays—Common Hour, 10:05-11:05 am

This fall we are changing our schedule to include the “Common Hour” between worship services when we focus together on fellowship, discipleship, and apostleship. While adult education opportunities will continue to take place during this time, we are expanding our vision for what formation and learning can look like:

- A time to connect with those who worship at a different service.
- A time to deepen our discipleship as a church body, leading to a common language and a common understanding of our faith and our mission.
- A time to consider what it means to be formed into the gospel-shaped community God has called us to be.
- A time to dream together about some new ways that “going to church” on Sundays might help us to be the church when we are apart.
- A time to participate in a class or a group to learn together.
- A time for celebrating God’s work in our midst.
- A time for genuine fellowship and the sharing of our stories.

One exciting aspect of the common hour is the opportunity to gather the whole congregation together about once a month, for an “All-together” Sunday experience. These experiences may include potluck meals, times of sharing and prayer, special announcements, focused forums on important topics, and new opportunities for missional equipping. Important yearly events like the annual meeting and stewardship campaign will take place in this venue.

We also hope that the common hour will become a meeting space and “launching pad” for small groups, mid-sized groups, and new folks: space to connect, space to learn, space to become together what God is calling us to become.

Adult Formation—Fall 2011

“Life Together”—Small Groups

“Biblical community is the life of Christ on earth today. When the church is fully functioning, it exudes the presence, power, and purpose of Jesus Christ.”

- Randy Frazee

It is our hope that the presence, power, and purpose of Jesus Christ will be exuded through our life together in small groups, as we seek to be the kind of community God created us to be. This will be a year of exploring what biblical community can look like at its best in our midst. We are going to focus on a common conversation around the 4 key ingredients we’ve chosen to define who we are at FPC: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Apostleship.

You’ll have 5-10 Small Group meetings this fall depending on whether your group meets every week or every other week. Small Group Guides will be available online at

[www.spokane-fpc.org/Small Groups](http://www.spokane-fpc.org/Small%20Groups). We’ll publish one guide per month:

Worship in September, Discipleship in October, Fellowship in November and Apostleship in December. These guides will help your group explore these topics through scripture, discussion, prayer and action. We also have a list of book suggestions if your group wants to dig into one of these topics more thoroughly. Contact Brenda at brendan@spokane-fpc.org or 747-1058 x220.

Want to Join a Group?
Sign up for an open group on September 11 or January 8. Contact Brenda at 747-1058 x220 to express your interest. In the meantime, join one of our Sunday morning or TNL options.

September 11 All-Together **Fall Kickoff Brunch . . .** Join us as we gather the church “all-together” for a time of food, fellowship and a look at what’s coming in the months ahead. Kids, adults, seniors... everyone’s invited!

September 18—October 16 (5 weeks)

What is Worship?

Jerry Sittser, Ben Brody, & Jeremy Sanderson, Fireside

Join us as we explore the Biblical roots and daily practice of worship, both as a corporate act and as a lifestyle.

The Bible in Context

Bruce Gore, Gym

Join Bruce as he surveys the full sweep of God’s redeeming work in history; helping us understand how the Bible fits together and how it lines up with world history.

2040, W. Balcony Room

Conversation, food and fellowship for those in their 20’s, 30’s, 40’s and beyond.

September focus: “Worship: Surrendering Your Life for God’s Pleasure” discussion series.

Life Together Discipleship:

Sacred Roads

Brenda Norton, Room 213

We’ll explore how methods of discipleship have changed over time and consider how we can best journey together today as Christ-followers.

Connection Point

Sundays: Oct 9, 16, 30 & Nov 6 Room 210

If you are new to FPC or have been around awhile and want to get better connected this is the place to start.

Additional half-day retreat on **November 5th** for those seeking to join the church.

Contact: Jeremy at 747-1058 x225

Thursday Night Live

Dinner, 6:00pm

\$5 at the door (Kids eat free)

Classes & Activities, 6:45pm

A shared meal, fellowship, learning, scripture, prayer and sharing life stories are all a vital part of our life together. Thursday Night Live offers all of this in a mid-week gathering. Whether you are unsure about Jesus or have committed to being a follower of Christ this is a place seeking to be a community full of truth and grace. It’s lively and its loving. We’d be happy to have you come be a part of what takes shape. **Please let us know you’ll be joining us by calling the church at 747-1058.**

October 23 All-Together **Stewardship . . .** Adults, come celebrate what God is doing in our midst with an openness to the Spirit renewing your commitment as a member of the body of Christ. Children in their classes downstairs, Nursery care for birth-2yrs.

October 30—November 13 (3 weeks)

Life Together:

Biblical Insights for True Community

Jerry Sittser, Fireside Room

Join Jerry he helps us understand and put into practice the New Testament’s radical vision of life together.

Bible History

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Bruce Gore, Gym

See text above

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Everything Counts!

Randy Brothers & Jubilee Team, Rm 213

Turn your belief into action. How you spend your money can make a difference. Learn about the power to change lives globally through Fair Trade.

The Worshipping Life

September 15—29

Jeremy Sanderson, Fireside

We’ll explore the Biblical roots and daily practice of worship, both as a corporate act and as a lifestyle.

Biblical Sexuality, October 6—27

Jeremy Sanderson & John Sowers, Fireside Room

Explore scripture, pray, engage in conversation.

Life Together Discipleship: Sacred Roads

October 20—November 17

Brenda Norton, Room 210

We’ll explore discipleship methods and consider how we can best journey together today as Christians.

November 20 All-Together **Global Fellowship . . .** Come hear Rev. Dr. Sirirat Pusurinkham, Thailand’s Woman of the Year and an FPC Mission Partner, tell her incredible story. Explore ways to partner in global mission and outreach, and celebrate what God is doing through FPC mission partners around the world. Children in their classes downstairs. Nursery care for birth-2yrs.

Teach Me Your Ways

September 15—November 17

Angie Trent, W. Balcony Room

A Precepts Bible Study that will begin with Genesis this fall and continue with Exodus in the Winter/Spring.

Cost: \$8 for book and materials

Pre-register with Angie at 489-1121 or trentangela@hotmail.com

Women’s Bible Study, Room 209

September 15—November 17

1st & 2nd Thessalonians: Living the Gospel to the End

An evening version of our morning women’s group.

November 27—December 11 (3 weeks)

Missio Dei

Jeremy Sanderson & Team, Fireside

Explore the mission of the God who is sent and who sends.

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The Art of Advent

Meredith Shimizu, Rm 210

Join Dr. Shimizu, professor of Art History at Whitworth, as she unpacks great works of art that help us reflect on the meaning of Advent and the miracle of the Incarnation.

Divorce Recovery, Room 213

September 29—May 10

You are welcome to join this safe community to begin healing at anytime. Contact Hazel Newkirk at 235-5895

Other Great Options:

Book Club, 2nd Thursdays, Contact Jan Arkills at 482-8389

Choir Rehearsal, Contact Garth at 747-1058 x300

Men’s Basketball, Contact Travis Trent at 489-1121

December 18 All-Together **CoffeeHouse . . .** Relax with a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa and a snack while you enjoy fellowship and seasonal music performed by some of our own. Children included. Nursery care for birth-2yrs.

Stephen Minister Training

will begin in January

An interview & acceptance into the program required.

Contact Cynthia Johnson at 327-7291

TNL for Kids

Birth—5yrs: Childcare in the Nursery

Kindergarten—6th grade: Music, Art, Games and more

in the Lower Level KidZone

December 25 All-Together **Christmas Pancake Breakfast**
Worship at 10am, pancakes & fellowship following. Bring the kids in their PJs (no childcare).