

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER 2011 SCHEDULE

Classes and programs for all ages! Visitors always welcome!

Adult Sunday Morning Summer Series

Sunday mornings — 9:40–10:40 — Harlan Room (unless otherwise noted)

For more information contact Gayle Walker, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 46, gwalker@idlewildchurch.org.

Changing Images of Jesus in American Culture

SUNDAY, MAY 29 — *Dr. Lucie Bridgforth taught for 25 years at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.*

Stephen Prothero writes in *American Jesus: How the Son of God became a National Icon*, that Jesus has been interpreted, construed and misconstrued in the messy midrash of American culture. This presentation includes images from books, paintings, photographs, movies, along with Jesus bobble-heads and hot-air balloons.

What Are the Possibilities of a Consolidated School System?

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 (In Room 303W) — *A panel discussion with Victoria Van Cleef, Vice President of Staffing Initiative for the New Teacher Project, a national non-profit dedicated to closing the achievement gap by ensuring that high-need students have outstanding teachers; Kenya Bradshaw, Director of the Memphis Chapter of Stand for Children, a national non-profit which brings together people from all walks of life—parents, grandparents, people who work with children, and others—in order to make children a top political priority; Scott Moore, MCS White Station High School teacher of the “Honors Program in World History,” “Facing History in Ourselves” and sponsor of the model UN program; and Jessica Scott, member of FUSE (Friends United for School Equality) and the Memphis chapter of Stand for Children.*

Now that the referendum has passed and consolidation of Memphis City and Shelby County Schools is inevitable (whether through the Norris-Todd bill or the County Commission’s plan), what are our plans for the future of all school children in our community? Our panelists will discuss current trends, best practices and research-based initiatives that can better serve all students of Shelby County and can build a consolidated system on the cutting-edge of urban education.

A Christian Response to the Mayors’ Action Plan to End Homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 — *Dr. Peter Gathje, Professor of Christian Ethics, Memphis Theological Seminary.*

This will be a discussion that will summarize the plan and to engage in analysis based upon faith convictions in relationship to poverty and justice. What are the strengths of the plan? What are the weaknesses? What is the responsibility and role of Christians and the Church in relationship to this plan?

Memphis: Faith Matters

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 — *David Waters, the Faith in Memphis columnist for The Commercial Appeal.*

Through his column, David Waters helps us see that faith is integral to the Memphis community and to realize that faith embodies a much wider community than many of us have imagined. David gives voice to all, so each can be better understood. Come and explore faith in Memphis.

Restorative Leadership: Doing With vs. Doing To

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 — *Jean Handley, international facilitator, trainer and mediator. Jean is founder and director of Turning Point Partners, a nonprofit organization that envisions a safe and peaceful society through the interconnection of powerful individuals, healthy families and communities that are co-existing in an equitable, diverse and just society.*

This session will consider different styles of leadership: neglectful, permissive, authoritarian and authoritative (restorative). A discussion will follow to determine how the restorative model can be applied in life issues.

Passages We Love to Hate: Romans 13

SUNDAY, JULY 3 — *Pastor Steve Montgomery*

Is the Christian under obligation to support whatever policies the governing authorities may deem necessary, whether those policies are for the good of the people or simply for the purpose of keeping those governing authorities in power? Does every government, however established and however maintained, have equal claim to the divine sanction these verses confer on governing authorities? Come discuss these and other important questions about the passage that will be the sermon text at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Passages We Love to Hate: 2 Samuel 13: 1–22

SUNDAY, JULY 10 — *Anne H.K. Apple, Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Life*

Anna Carter Florence, Preaching Professor at Columbia Seminary, worked with the text of 2 Samuel 13 at our church officers' retreat in January. Feminist biblical scholar Phyllis Trible dedicates a chapter in her book *Texts of Terror* to the rape of Tamar, which she calls "The Royal Rape of Wisdom." Feminist pastoral care scholar Pamela Cooper White claims that this text has a direct message to the church in response to women who have been victims of violence. Join in a discussion through a feminist lens of this difficult passage, which will be the sermon text for 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

Health Care You Can Live With

SUNDAY, JULY 17 — *Dr. Scott Morris, Founder and Executive Director of the Church Health Center in Memphis, America's largest faith-based clinic for the uninsured. The Reverend Stacy Smith, CHC staff for Christian Formation in Wellness and Idlewild Parish Associate will moderate the discussion.*

As the debate over health care continues, Dr. Morris will share insights from his new book which shows the relationship between a person's physical health and spiritual well-being. *Health Care You Can Live With* puts a human face on the hot topic of health care. Making the argument that healing—both physical and spiritual—is a key aspect of the Christian faith, Dr. Morris will present both a biblical framework for wellness and real-life stories of those who found a better life within the overarching love of God.

The Yale Project: A Child Shall Lead

JULY 24 — *Led by Ted Gibboney, Music Director and Organist; Don Monteith, choir member; and Anne H.K. Apple, Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Life.*

This year, Idlewild was one of seven churches nationwide chosen to participate in the Yale Congregations Project. Anne, Don and Ted are spending eight days on the Yale campus with teams from the other churches, led by a group of scholars, to explore the ministries of each community of faith. The Idlewild project focuses on the role of children in our community of faith. This Sunday session is an opportunity for the team to report on the conference and continue the conversation.

Update on the "Arab Spring"

SUNDAY, JULY 31 — *Dr. Kent Schull, Department of History, University of Memphis.*

The Middle East has known its share of turmoil and upheaval in recent history, but none as exciting and full of potential as what is happening now. This lecture aims to explain the short and long term causes for the "Arab Spring" and what its effects may be for the democracy in the region and for the interests of the United States and Israel.

Hamlet's Blackberry: A Practical Philosophy For Building a Good Life in the Digital Age

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 — *Caroline Goodman, English teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School.*

[Suggested reading: *Hamlet's Blackberry: A Practical Philosophy For Building a Good Life in the Digital Age* by William Powers.]

"This book argues that we need a new way of thinking, an everyday philosophy for life with screens. To find it, Powers reaches into the past, uncovering a rich trove of ideas that have helped people manage and enjoy their connected lives for thousands of years. Drawing on some of history's most brilliant thinkers from Plato to Shakespeare to Thoreau, he shows that digital connectedness serves us best when its balanced by its opposite, disconnectedness." (Notes are from the book jacket.)

Being Human ±?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 — *Dr. Justin D. Barnard, Director of the Carl F.H. Henry Institute for Intellectual Discipleship, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Union University; and Dr. Ben Mitchell, Professor of Moral Philosophy at Union University.*

In our current societal frenzy to adopt the latest technologies and means of digital communication, we tacitly assume that every technological advance will enhance human well-being. But is our technophilia in fact a positive for human beings or a negative for being human? Join us as we consider this question.

Being Gay, Being Christian

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 — *Dr. Matt Mathews, Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary; and Dr. Kendra G. Hotz, Department of Religious Studies, Rhodes College.*

Idlewild seeks to be a place where "all who enter find a home." Join this panel discussion and conversation with some of our gay members, their families and friends to explore the joys and challenges of being gay and Christian. Be inspired by hearing again that there is indeed a "wideness in God's mercy."

MEMORIAL: A Choral Work for 9/11

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 — *Ted Gibboney, Music Director and Organist.*

It has been said that our lives and the future of our nation were forever changed by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This year, Sept. 11 falls on a Sunday, and we are planning a special prayer service featuring the choral work MEMORIAL by the American choral composer René Clausen. The work was commissioned by the American Choral Directors Association and premiered in 2002. In this presentation, Dr. Gibboney will explore the musical and textual elements of this choral work in preparation for our service on 9/11/11.

The Spirituality of Wild Spaces

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — *Dr. Matt Mathews, Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary.*

The lands of northern New Mexico have held deep spiritual significance for peoples of many faiths and cultures. These wild spaces of the high desert bring us back to elemental things, offering spiritual renewal and a fresh encounter with God through nature. Join several members of Idlewild's Theology and the Arts ChristCare Group as they share photographic images of the New Mexican landscape and reflect on their experiences of God and nature in the high desert.

Regular Adult Classes

LeMaster — A study of Jude and II Peter. Led by Lewis Donelson. (Room 114E, Jones Bldg.)

John Knox — *Seizing the Moments: Making the Most of Life's Opportunities*, by James W. Moore. Led by Ken Pfohl and Christy Hasselle. (Conference Room, Sanctuary Bldg.)

Make a Joyful Summer Noise

Ted Gibboney, Music Director and Organist, at 726-4681 ext. 12, gibboney@idlewildchurch.org.

JUNE 5–JULY 31: The Summer Choir meets each Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Choir Room to prepare for the 11:00 service. All interested singers are invited to join the choir any Sunday, as they are able, throughout the summer.

Regular Adult and Children's Choirs do not rehearse during the summer. Choirs resume on these dates:

AUGUST 4: Regular Adult Choir rehearsals

SEPTEMBER 11: Cherub Choir rehearsals

SEPTEMBER 14: Primary & Junior Choir rehearsals

Fall Church School Classes

NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES BEGIN ON THESE DATES

AUGUST 21: YOUTH

SEPTEMBER 11: ADULT AND CHILDREN

OWLS Summer Activities

Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors (OWLS) take day trips, hear guest speakers and enjoy fellowship. Contact: Regina Benson, 458-2970.

JUNE 14 — Tour University of Memphis Student Center and have lunch there. Leave the church at 10:30 a.m.

JULY 12 — "Trip down Memory Lane." More details to be announced.

AUGUST 9 — Tour the Ronald McDonald House at St. Jude. Lunch at Paulette's. Leave the church at 10:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 13 — "Excursion Through Central Europe" with Bob and Lola Llewellyn. The presentation will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Harlan Room. Lunch to follow.

OWLS BOOK CLUB meets 10:30–12:30 on the 4th Tuesday (June 28, July 26, August 23) in the Parlor. Bring a sandwich for lunch and join the discussion. To find out what the group is reading call Regina Benson, 458-2970.

Recreation Adventures

Ashley LaRue, Director of Recreation Ministry, at 725-4165, alarue@idlewildchurch.org.

Anthony Albonetti, Assistant Director of Recreation Ministry, 725-4165, anthony@idlewildchurch.org.

CALL 725-4165 TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES

JUNE 4–5: Join the annual baseball trip to St. Louis to see the Cardinals vs. Chicago Bulls in Busch Stadium. Cost: \$100 for two games, lodging and transportation.

JULY 25–28: Rhodes Soccer Camp with head coach Andy Marcinko. Boys and girls age 7–14 are invited to spend a fun week playing soccer and swimming. Cost: \$110. To register go to www.rhodeslynx.com/sports.

JULY 29–AUGUST 4: Senior/Junior High Outdoor Challenge. Idlewild campers who have completed grades 5-12 will enjoy the great outdoors at a camp in East Tennessee and western North Carolina. Activities include ropes course, rappelling, caving, kayaking, swimming, rafting, hiking, and worship. Cost: \$560.

Children's Summer Classes

Elizabeth Houston, Director of Children's Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 33, ehouston@idlewildchurch.org.

Childcare for Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 SERVICE: Children through senior kindergarten may go to the nursery. After the 8:30 service, parents need to escort pre/junior/senior kindergarteners to class (Room 203W).

11:00 SERVICE: Babies, toddlers and two-year-olds may stay in the nursery. Pre/junior/senior-kindergarteners should go with parents to worship service. Following "Time with the Younger Church" they may either stay with their parents or go to Children's Church Continued. Parents should escort children to Room 203W, and pick them up immediately following the service.

Sunday Morning Classes — 9:40–10:40 a.m.

All children's classes are in the Jones Building. In the summer all children continue in the same class (e.g., a child who completes senior kindergarten in May 2011 will still be in the preschool class). Children are promoted to new classes on August 28.

BABIES, TODDLERS & TWO YEAR OLDS

Childcare in the Nursery (Jones Bldg., 2nd Floor East Wing)

PRE/JUNIOR/SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Class led by Catie Ward (Room 203W)

ELEMENTARY GRADES 1–6

Class led by Elizabeth Houston (Room 310E)

Curriculum for pre-kindergarten through elementary is geared for different ages using stories from the New Testament. This summer there are three units: Being the Church, Becoming Disciples, and Building Peace. The children will learn that we are God's church and we all have special gifts; Jesus calls us to be his disciples and we all work together to build peace; and we build peace by being generous and hospitable and just with others.

Youth Summer Classes

Frank Kelly, Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 14, fkelly@idlewildchurch.org

Dara Bigger, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, 726-4681 ext. 37, dbigger@idlewildchurch.org

Youth Groups

QUEST (Questioning, Understanding, Exploring, Sharing Together) is for junior high students (grades 7–8).

BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) is for senior high students (grades 9–12).

Sunday Morning Classes — 9:40–10:40 a.m.

Youth classes follow the lectionary-based curriculum of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

During the week

MAY 29–AUGUST 14: Both youth groups meet together in the Wrenn Room, Jones Building. Youth will not meet regularly during the week. Activities will be announced via e-mail and bulletin notices.

BASIC Summer Trips

JUNE 11–19: BASIC mission trip to El Salvador.

JUNE 30–JULY 1: QUEST 24 Hours of Service and Fun (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.) Junior high youth will travel to Forrest City, Arkansas for a low and high ropes experience at the EACC Challenge Course, then return to the church to serve at More Than A Meal and have a lock-in for the night. Please contact Dara Bigger for more info.

Special Sundays for Children

AUGUST 21 — Recreation Sunday in the Gym
(parents are to come with children)

AUGUST 28 — Children's Rally Day in Gym and Classrooms

SEPTEMBER 4 — Classes combine for Labor Day Weekend

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