

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE.

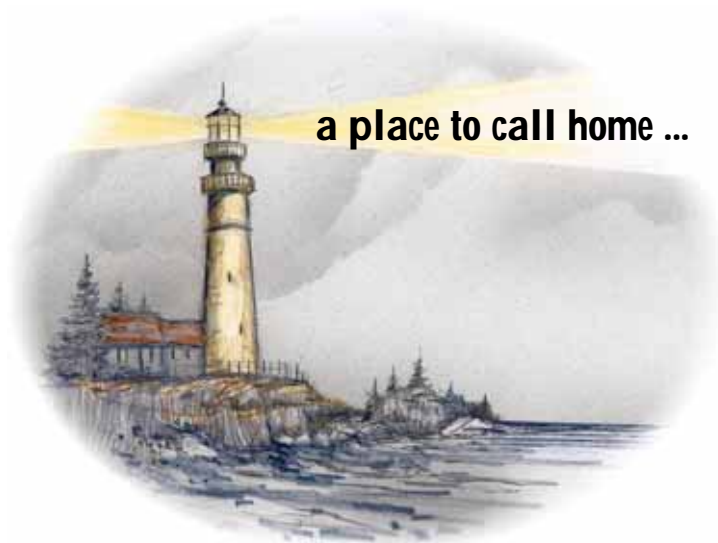
SPRING 2010

at

First Congregational church
Center Ossipee, NH

Our Mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ

In addition to the contemporary worship and Biblical teaching offered in the auditorium each Sunday morning, we offer many opportunities to *connect and grow* here at FCCO. This brochure is designed to help you navigate the landscape of these offerings.



KOINONIA ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Sunday 8:45—10:00 AM (Room C/D)

Koinonia (Greek for "fellowship") is a great place to be part of a caring community, and to grow in your understanding of the Bible. We have been studying the Book of Hebrews this year, a New testament book that is unique in many ways. It elevates Jesus as our Great High Priest, and explains that we as Christians have a "better " covenant, a better hope, better promises, and better sacrifices. The book also encourages the Christian to grow in spiritual maturity. Some have said Hebrews "plumbs the depths of the riches of God's Word". Come join us and bring a friend! (Jim Cooper 367-4390 or jecooper244 @roadrunner.com, Edie Clarey 522-8613 or bobnedie @msn.com)

CORE—SENIOR HIGH, Sunday 10:15-11:30 (Chapel)

Core may take place on Sunday morning, but it is not "youth church." It is senior high students coming to understand and build on God's strong foundation of Truth, through music, large group activities, and small group discussion. In addition, students will be challenged to serve and share their faith with those around them.

CORE—JUNIOR HIGH, Sunday 10:15-11:30 (Parish Hall)

Sunday morning is going to look different at Core. There will still be time for small group sessions, but we might spark discussion with a movie clip or have students present a drama. Christian music will punctuate the beginning and end of Core to show students they can enjoy music that does not get much radio play and has a better message. Core is about students having God at the center of their lives. This is not a subculture. This is life and how we live it.

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COMMON GROUND ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Sunday 10:15 AM– 11:30 AM (Room A/B)

Are you looking for a place to meet people, be encouraged in your walk with God and study the Bible in a safe and interactive environment? Then **Common Ground Adult Fellowship** is for you! We are studying the New Testament books of 1st and 2nd Timothy.

Paul delves into such challenging issues as sound doctrine, church leadership and identifying false teachers. Although written so long ago the issues are amazingly applicable to the 'church' today...so bring a friend and join us anytime, as we grow together.

Contact Karen DeJager (kdj@metrocast.net or 569-9806), Fred Hiittner (fchtlh@roadrunner.com) or Vicki Holland (vickiholland@hughes.net).

THE JOURNEY

Sunday 10:15 AM– 11:30 AM (Room C/D)

This Sunday morning class led by Jim & Jan Farmer is exploring what the Bible has to say about *living the Christian life* in the **Book of Acts**, a great course for those who really want to understand the Bible, both theologically and practically. A little homework will be required(Jim/Jan Farmer 207-636-1039 or GEL1@metrocast.net)

Students



We provide safe and loving care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Children will experience

music, Bible stories, puppets, crafts, snacks, games, activities, and free play time with caring and trained teachers and helpers. We care for the littlest by

rocking, feeding, holding, and loving like Jesus. *Location: Downstairs Children's Wing.*

- **Turtles and Penguins** (0-2 years)
- **Chipmunks** (two by 9/30)
- **Preschool Kangaroos** (three by 9/30)
- **Preschool Polar Bears** (four by 9/30)

Kindergarten

Kindergartners will enjoy Bible teaching and hands-on activities that are appealing and engaging for their age group. They will learn that Jesus loves them personally and hear great Biblical truths.

Location: Downstairs Children's Wing



Start time: 9:20
Grades: 1st-6th



Is an **interactive** multi-media Christian curriculum for grades 1 – 6 that models a large group/ small group format.



Fun and infectious music worship



Innovative Bible and life application hyper-teaching with Johnny Rogers



Wild and zany competition based lesson review



Scripture memory with hand motions and pneumonics



Personal relationship development that helps kids get closer to God

We have **WORLD CHANGERS** in progress! Get ready for an incredible journey through God's word!

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Start time: 10:30
Grades: 1st-4th

Kids travel to different and exciting stations each week with their own tribe. We use small groups facilitated by shepherds where kids have the opportunity to form fun and caring relationships. The groups then rotate through four weeks of the same lesson taught in four different hands-on approaches. Kids will experience drama, puppets, cooking, games, crafts, missions and more. Kids love to learn about Jesus' love on this Great Adventure.



Grades: 5th-6th (Room E/F)

5th and 6th graders will discover how following God is life-changing. Friendships will be formed and strengthened. There is fun food, "way cool" activities and games, great music, fun projects, and opportunities to dig deep into the Bible. Don't miss the opportunity to be a "56er"!

SUNDAY EVENINGS

SOJOURNERS YOUNG ADULTS

...journeying together seeking Truth

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 PM

18 to 35 year-olds

Sojourners meets around the common draw of young people *journeying together seeking Truth*. Come join us for an exciting time of fellowship, teaching, and caring! Plans are still being made for the fall venue and teaching topic. For more information contact Karen DeJager at 569-9806.

IRON MEN OUTREACH

Wed & Sun Nights @ Carroll County Jail

Are you called to reach out to men who are hungry for God's Word and Christian fellowship? Consider joining a team of men from several churches who visit the Carroll County Jail every week. They lead worship, study the Bible and offer caring relationships that represent Christ to these hurting men. For more information, contact Herb Wells 569-4301 (Sunday group) or John Hartley 323-7924 (Wednesday group).

TUESDAY

LAKES REGION MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tue 7-8:30 AM @ Brewster Academy Boathouse

Lakes Region Men's Fellowship meets weekly on Tuesdays 7am-8:30am at the Brewster Academy Boathouse in Wolfeboro. We share a continental *breakfast* before we open it up for *prayer* requests and a lively *interactive Bible discussion*. It's a great place to share your insights or simply sit and listen. ALL men are always welcomed! Show up anytime or contact Skip Metz 569-6048
villageoil@metrocast.net

TABLE TALK MEN

Tue 7-8:00 AM @ FCCO

Table Talk Men meets weekly on Tuesdays 7am-8am at FCCO. We enjoy *coffee, prayer and Bible study* with lots of time for *sharing insights and questions*. ALL men are always welcomed! Check us out anytime or contact Dave Kemper 651-3271 dkemper@roadrunner.com

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Tue 9 - 10:30 AM @ FCCO

This group of women meet together weekly to encourage and pray for each other in their journey as Christians. The curriculum is the previous Sunday sermon. Come join the lively discussion and get to know others.

Contact Karen DeJager (kdj@metrocast.net or 569-9806)

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Tue 1 to 3 PM @ First Christian Church

Come join us again on Tuesdays in Wolfeboro to grow deeper in God's Word. We will be using Beth Moore's study *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is *in your corner*. The cost for a book is \$17. Facilitated by Sherri Moore 569-0329 or Joanne Kimball 539-8288.

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY

Wed 9:30-12:00 various Wolfeboro homes

We meet for coffee at 9:30 and then from 10 to noon we have a time of study followed by a prayer time. This year we are using Henrietta Mear's *What the Bible Is All About*. Leadership of the studies is rotated among those who attend. Location changes so watch the bulletin for updates or call Ellie Cone 569-4832 for more info.

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Men's Fraternity: **WINNING @ WORK!**

Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM (6 weeks only Jan/Feb) @ FCCO, Dining Room

This exciting course challenges men to exercise Authentic Manhood in their workplace. Through dynamic DVD teaching and small group huddles we'll be exploring such topics as: *Coming Alive at Work*, *Taking God to Work*, *Launching a Lifelong Winning Streak*. This adventure is open to ALL MEN in ALL STAGES of their spiritual journey, so invite your un-churched friends to join you! Don't miss it guys! Show up any week or contact Pete DeJager Jr. 569-9876 PDeJagerJr@metrocast.net

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE

Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM @ FCCO (men/women, Rm E)

New Small Group Celebration of Discipline

Dave Vierus is leading a new class using Richard Foster's curriculum. All are welcome to join this ongoing Wednesday night small group. The group started Wed, Feb 10. Contact Dave at 284-7398 or vierus@juno.com.

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT

In-depth Bible study on 2 Timothy

Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM @ FCCO (men/women, Room C)

Precept Upon Precept is an in-depth study of 2 Timothy, focused on discipleship. This is for the person desiring to dig deeper. Homework required for participants (1 hr/day, 5 days/wk). You are invited to discover *Truth* for yourself and grow in your walk with God by using observation, interpretation and application of God's Word in your own life. Come, join us and grow! Starts Jan 6th. For information call Gwyn De Jager at 603-569-3757, or e-mail at

Each of these opportunities for connection and growth also represent opportunities for service. If interested, please contact the group leaders(s). There are also many other opportunities to serve; refer to our *Volunteers Needed* brochure.

GOD-CENTERED LIVING

Wed 6:30-8:00 PM @ FCCO (men/women, Rm B)

Since day one we've been urged to look out for number one, and since day one we've believed the lie, "It's all about me." Max Lucado in his book *It's Not About Me*, points us upward and shows us how much our lives and relationships would change if we all took our place and played our parts. The God-centered life works. God is the center of the universe—not us—and our lives reach their highest potential in His eyes when we honor Him. Honoring Him rescues us from a life that doesn't. Despite problems, pain and suffering, you will learn how to reflect His glory in your life and become His mirror to the world, because it's all about Him. It is through this shift in thinking that we can truly live an unburdened, happy life. This group is exploring how to experience the life of the purpose we are meant to have. The discovery starts now. Open to all. Facilitated by Kathy Dahlquist 253-1889 covelodge@roadrunner.com

GOOD \$ENSE by CROWN FINANCIAL

Wed 6:30-8:00 PM @ FCCO (men/women, Rm D)

The purpose of the Biblical Financial Study is to teach people God's financial principles in order to know Christ more intimately and to be free to serve Him. God owns and controls everything and has given us the authority to be stewards of His possessions. As a steward, God commands us to be faithful, but we must know what we are required to do and how He wants us to handle His possessions. Being a faithful steward of His possessions helps us to have a closer relationship with our Lord, develops our character and helps us to have our finances in order. (Starts Jan 6 for 10-12 wks)

(Led by Fred & Kate Holbrook 253-6641

frdwnnpsk@roadrunner.com)

New Mixed Small Group

5-6 weeks

Twisting the Truth

By Andy Stanley

Starting

Wednesday April 14

Led by Barb Iorfino

323-8704

STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY

SYNTHESIS (Senior High)

Wednesday 6:00-8:00 Student Center

Synthesis is a night where students come together and create relationships with each other through games, skits, and fun activities. They grow deeper in their faith through large group talks and small group discussions. Students will feel comfortable inviting their friends to what God is doing at Synthesis. Students who don't know Christ will feel welcomed and part of the group having an opportunity to understand what it means to be in relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ.

FUSION (Junior High)

Wednesday 6:00-8:00 Parish Hall

Take a room with foosball tables, combine fun games, good snack, and relevant Bible teaching to get Fusion. It is a traditional night of youth group fun. Fusion meets in the Parish Hall. Students are welcome to bring friends from school to learn more about faith in Christ and what the Bible says about how we are to live each day.

THURSDAY

MOM'S GROUP

Thursday 9:15 AM @ FCCO

(Open to moms of school age children and younger.)

Moms' Group is designed to stimulate one another to grow in our walk with God, as well as to be strengthened in our

New Moms' Group Study *Pursuing More of Jesus*

by Anne Graham Lotz

April 8, 2010 start

Thursdays 9:30 — 11:30

For more info please contact:

Nancy Menefee 569-5187 or

Kathy Cooper 367-4390

Childcare available

jkcooper@roadrunner.com

roles as wives and mothers. *There is a small fee for the the study workbook and for childcare.* We hope you will join us for a meaningful time of study and the chance to gather as women and share our hearts as wives and moms

FMO - FOR MEN ONLY

The enemy of our soul is using sexual bondage to tear apart the lives of men! FMO is a place of hope and healing, where we counter-attack the enemy's assault with an effective battle plan and strategy against sexual sin. This group will help you tackle the difficult issues of sexual addiction and pornography with confidence, clarity and with biblical perspective. FMO is helping to lead men out of the shadows of sin and into a place where they can develop an intimate relationship with God and be restored through the healing love of Christ. Contact group leader confidentially for meeting details by calling 651-8686 or speak to our pastor.

SATURDAY

Dinner Bell (serving dinner 5:00-5:30pm, FLC downstairs)

Saturdays (prep to clean-up 2:00-6:30 pm)

Fall/Winter start-up for Dinner Bell is Saturday Sept. 5th. As we start another year, we look for people with the gift of hospitality, leadership, craftsmanship, cooking, as well as general helpers. More volunteers will be needed as we transition from our summer mode back to our weekly team arrangement. If you would like to know more about this ministry or are willing to commit to one or more Saturday teams per month, please contact Harry Place through the office or at 662-5110 to volunteer.

CARING HANDS is a dynamic service ministry which connects *teams of men* with those in our church and community who could use a "caring hand" with *projects around their home*. After sharing *breakfast* at the church, these guys head out to the job and build *friendships* as they work shoulder to shoulder together and experience the *satisfaction* of knowing that they have helped others in a significant way. Caring Hands meets monthly on the 4th Sat. from 8am-12noon. Come help us out guys!

Small groups help us in many ways – to understand and apply what the Bible says to our everyday life, to turn acquaintances into real friendships, to deepen and transform your relationship with God, and to handle the stress of life better.

If you're around FCCO for very long, you'll notice there are a lot more groups operating than are listed in this brochure. We just list the groups in this brochure that are open on an on-going basis. If you develop relationships with someone in another group, feel free to ask the leader or group member if and when there might be an opportunity to join that group. Sometimes there are openings in these groups.

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