

# DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES

**Register for Upcoming Classes/Bible Studies**  
 If you are planning to participate in one of the upcoming Bible Studies, more information is available this weekend at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services. You may also complete your online registration at the kiosk.

You can register from home on our website by clicking the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page. Select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button. Click on the class that you want to take and follow the prompts to register and pay. You may pay with a credit or debit card, or electronic check (NO AMEX and NO cash).

**Registration is Currently Open for these DISCIPLE Bible Studies**

- **DISCIPLE I:** Tuesdays, September 18–March 26 from 1:30–3 p.m.
- **DISCIPLE III:** Wednesdays, September 19–March 27 from 2:30–4 p.m.

**Registration is Currently Open for the following Classes/Studies**

- **The Great Traditions of the Christian Faith**  
 Fridays, October 5–November 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- **The Apostles' Creed (A Member Path Class)**  
 Mondays, September 17–November 19 from 1–2:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Gary Cantrell
- **Network Class/Spiritual Gifts (A Member Path Class)**  
 Wednesdays, September 26–November 14 from 9–10:30 a.m.  
 Instructor: Gary Cantrell
- **John Wesley and Our Wesleyan Heritage (A Member Path Class)**  
 Wednesdays, October 17 and 24 from 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
 Instructor: Pastor Harold

Member Path Classes typically follow soon after your New Member Class, but are also open to all congregants. These classes move you closer to fellowship, ministry, and relationship with Jesus Christ. Handouts with more information about these classes is available at a kiosk in the East Narthex.

If you have any questions on registering for a class, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Look, Learn, Lead Guides & Small Group Study Questions**  
 If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, or "Small Group Study Questions" for those want to delve deeper into Pastor Harold's sermon series, they are available on a table in front of the Ticket Kiosk, and a kiosk and a table in the East Narthex.

All "LLL" study guides are also available on our website. Just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

**New Member Class**  
**Summerhill Campus: Monday, October 22 from 6–7:30 p.m.**  
 Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

Please fill out a New Member Registration found at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, or the Administration Office. The completed forms may be left at the Information kiosk in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	Ezekiel 40-41	Sunday: No Reading	John 4
September 10	Ezekiel 34-36	Ezekiel 42-43	1 Corinthians 11:2–34	John 5
September 11	Ezekiel 37-39	Ezekiel 44-45	1 Corinthians 12	John 6
September 12	Ezekiel 40-42	Ezekiel 46-48	1 Corinthians 13:1–14:19	John 7
September 13	Ezekiel 43-45	Joel	1 Corinthians 14:20–40	John 8
September 14	Ezekiel 46-48	Daniel 1-3	1 Corinthians 15:1–28	John 9
September 15	Daniel 1-3	Daniel 4-6	1 Corinthians 15:29–49	John 10
September 16	Daniel 4-6	Daniel 7-9	Sunday: No Reading	John 11

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

*Lord,* help us follow you in every situation in life. Give us strength to overcome adversary. Give us hope when we feel hopeless. Provide help when we feel helpless. We need you Lord at every turn in life. Because of you, we have every reason to rejoice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Book of Romans	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Anxious for Nothing	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Genesis	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Foster Care	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Facing the Giants in Our Lives	Classroom 11

**REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.**

## New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.      3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
 Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship  
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.      Fax: 352-259-2971

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship  
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)      Email: [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
 Sunday 9:00 • 10:30 a.m.      Website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home  
 Accessible • Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the Welcome Center. Handicap seating is available throughout the Christian Life Center.

Like us on Facebook: [New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home](https://www.facebook.com/newcovenantumcfl)  
 We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

**Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,158**  
 (Celebrate Recovery) 41 • (Fresh Expressions) 68  
 (Orchard Worship) 6 • (Grounded Youth Group) 26  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 258 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–198 • 9:15–594 • 10:45–566  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00–208 • 10:30–176

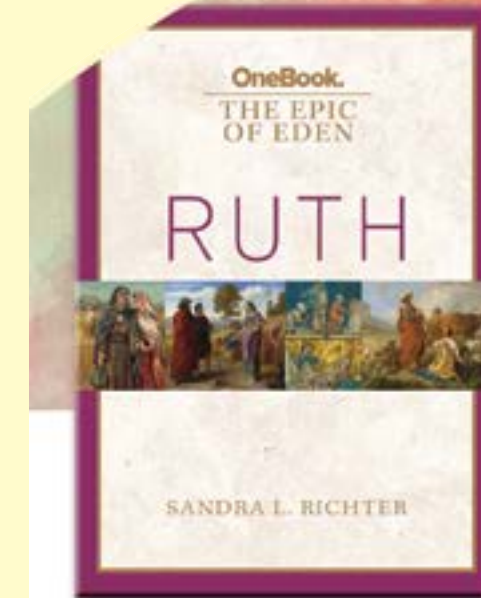


Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor  
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life  
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

**Our Vision:** To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

**Our Core Values:** Spiritual Growth  
 ~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~ Community ~ Invitational  
 ~ Service ~ Caring



**Women's Bible Study**  
 THE EPIC OF EDEN: RUTH  
 Tuesdays, September 25–October 30

**Ladies,** you are invited to join us on this exciting journey to dig deeper into God's Word and grow closer to one another during this amazing Bible study. Whether you've never opened a Bible or you're a veteran at studying God's Word, this study is designed to meet you where you are.

Set during one of the most corrupt eras of Israelite history, Ruth is a story about three compelling characters. Naomi is an elderly widow who has lost everything and returns to her homeland empty and bitter, hoping simply to survive. Ruth is Naomi's daughter-in-law, also a widow and a foreigner, who at great personal cost refuses to let Naomi face the future alone. Boaz is the local patriarch — a man of wealth and influence who in this epic tale is given the opportunity to do the right thing. Dr. Sandra Richter makes each of these characters come alive.

**Two Class Options!**

- Daytime: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Evening: 6–8 p.m.

**Registrations Open from September 7–18. To register...**

- Go to our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org))
- Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page
- Select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button
- Click "Epic of Eden – Ruth" (daytime or evening)
- Follow the prompts to register and pay
- Cost for the class and materials is \$20



**You may also register at the kiosk in the East Narthex, this weekend or next weekend.**

# TidBits



## Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by Kathy Wolf in memory of Sue West.



## Special Guest at this weekend's Worship Services

Please welcome Derrick Burt, Director of Music Ministries, First Baptist Church, Natchez, Mississippi, as he joins us in worship this weekend.



## Welcome Denny Hutchison

*Bargains & Blessing Resale Shop Assistant Manager*

Denny assists at the Resale Shop and helps to oversee store operations and donations. Let's give him a warm welcome!



## Florida Conference Fall Regional Gathering

*Monday, September 17 — First Winter Park UMC*

Join the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church for a Fall Regional Gathering: *The Cross and the Flame*. We have an opportunity to gather with Bishop Ken Carter to connect, listen, and ask questions, as we "reflect on the future of the church and how we focus on mission together."

We encourage all who are able to attend. To register or submit a question, please go to the Florida Conference website at [www.flumc.org/gather](http://www.flumc.org/gather).



## ABBA Art/Painting

*Tuesday, September 18 at 1 p.m. — Classroom 1*

Under the leadership of Cindy O'Lear classes resume this month. For more information, please contact Cindy at (810) 919-4370.



## The Poetry Corner

*September 18 at 1 p.m. — Cardinal Alcove*

Join Paula DeLuca as the fall classes poetry classes begin this month. For more information, please contact Paula at (352) 445-5028.



## Don Piper Presentation

*Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center*

The Dinner with Don Piper is **SOLD OUT**. However, due to an overwhelming response, his presentation will be in the CLC. A love offering will be accepted.

If you were not able to purchase a ticket for dinner, please come to hear Don's presentation and be among the first to purchase his new book, *People I Met At The Gate of Heaven*.



## Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

New Covenant partners with Kids Central, Inc. to help to create brighter futures for families throughout Central Florida. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based, system of care for abused, neglected, and abandoned children and their families.

Volunteers are needed at the corporate office in Wildwood (901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood; next to Russell Stovers Candy Shop) for the following positions:

- **Education:** Assist the Educational Liaison with a follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired). A background with school systems is needed.
- **Resource Center:** Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or (352) 857-1358 or [shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org](mailto:shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org).

# connections



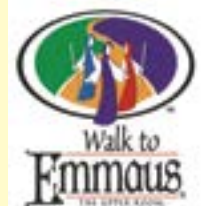
## Discover New Covenant — This Weekend!

*Saturday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

*Sunday, September 9 from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Emmaus

The Tri-County Cluster serves North Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties and is affiliated with the Aldersgate Emmaus Community. Membership in the Cluster is open to any person who has been on a Walk to Emmaus or other Fourth-Day Experience (Cursillo, Tres Dias, etc.) recognized by The Upper Room.

## Tri-County Cluster Gathering

*Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, sharing and communion. All Gatherings include a covered dish dinner and are open to any member of the Cluster and their invited guests.

## Upcoming Walks to Emmaus

It is not too late to get a sponsor and complete the necessary paperwork for an upcoming Walk to Emmaus.

- Men's Walk: October 4–7
- Women's Walk: October 11–14

## Reunion/Fourth-Day Groups

For more information about how to get connected with a Reunion/Fourth-Day group or any of the upcoming Emmaus Walks, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex or contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or Cherie Paisley at (301) 928-9483.



## Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for October through December. Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a relaxed setting. Six people gather for dinner once a month for three months. It can be at home, at a restaurant, or a combination.

If you are interested in joining this session, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Patty Halstead at [patty.charlie@comcast.net](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net) or 633-2470 with questions.



## Connect Small Groups

Would you like to be connected in a small group of five to twelve others who meet in each other's homes? Small groups gather for caring, fellowship, and Christ-centered discussions on living out God's word and living into our vision, mission, and values. In a fun and comfortable environment, groups help new and "seasoned" believers put their faith in action, grow closer to one another and closer to God.

For more information or to express interest in joining a group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

## REMINDER

In order to welcome visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

# Congregational Care



## Grief Share

*Monday, September 10 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel*

Our next class begins Monday. If you think that learning to live through grief and receiving support from others who understand would be of help, please plan to attend our fall session.

There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials.



## Yoga Classes

*Mondays from 4–6p.m. — Chapel*

Our weekly yoga classes resume this week. Intermediate yoga is at 4 p.m. and gentle restorative yoga is at 5 p.m. Yoga is a wonderful practice that increases flexibility and improves balance. A suggested \$3 donation per class goes to support our Congregational Health Ministry.

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org), or Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## Health Education Speaker Series

*Monday, September 10 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

Karen Mercer from Cornerstone Hospice will speak on *Hospice 101*. She will answer your questions about hospice and its scope. This is a great time to do some preparation and learn about what the options are when the time comes. This is free and open to the public.



## Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

*Thursday, September 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

Our September Prime Time will be a Hawaiian theme. It will feature: a sing-along with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, devotion with Jeff Vermilya, Associate Director of Care, and our program, with the Hau'oli Hula Halau dancers. A Hawaiian-inspired luncheon will follow the program.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Administration Office at (352) 750-4529 no later than noon on Monday, September 10.



## Reachin', Preachin', Teachin' Hands Puppet Ministry

Our Puppet Ministry has been a vital ministry of our church since 2007. We have performed for Prime Time, Alzheimer's Support Group, and our children's programs. We have also had shows at assistant living/memory care facilities, other churches, and even schools.

We are looking for more people who would like to become puppeteers. Please contact Linda Underhill at (352) 259-5669 or [wunderhill@embarqmail.com](mailto:wunderhill@embarqmail.com).



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Tony Mott who has cancer; Calvin Keaton who has cancer and Agent Orange; Mary Kubright who has bone cancer; and Mirko Roethlisberger who has advanced cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Shirley Altieri, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ben; and Jane Del Ray, family and friends on the passing of her husband Stephen.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).

## New Concerns

Elizabeth & Mariann, Jim Greco, Grace Lobb, Lois Lundgren, the McElroy Family, Bill McIntyre, Tamara Muir, Patty, Kim Pitts, Rick, Denny Segur, Joyce Starner, Alexandria Webb, Sharon Weimert, Dick Zimmerman

# tickets

The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open before and after all Worship Services to purchase tickets supporting the various ministries of New Covenant (unless otherwise noted).

Tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).



## September Women's Gathering

Thursday, September 20 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Let's taste and see that the Lord is good! This month we'll learn ten lessons from the apple tree and find out why we should have "an apple a day." Join us for our fall opening event and bring a friend! God loves to see us in fellowship with Him — after all, we are the "APPLE of His Eye!"

Tickets are selling fast — get yours TODAY!

Menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin with Glazed Sliced Apples, Buttered Green Beans, Petite Rolls, and Apple Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

**Tickets: \$7**

Tickets are on sale for the first Women's Gathering of the season. Lunch is included and follows our program. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, September 17.



## Singles Ministry Gathering with Dinner & Music

Friday, September 21 at 5 p.m. — Fellowship Center

All Singles, come and meet others in a relaxed setting as you enjoy a delicious dinner, catered by Oakwood Smokehouse, followed by great country/string music by the *Last Tyme Out Band*.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Cookies

**Tickets: \$12**

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, September 17.



## Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash

October 6 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — West Parking Lot

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Tickets: \$5**

One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



## Dinner and a FREE Movie

Thursday, October 11 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Invite your friends and neighbors to dinner and a movie. Sponsored by the Summerhill Men's Ministry, this promises to be a fun evening.

Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef John and make new friends as well. Once your appetite has been satisfied, stay for the FREE movie. Don't ask the title — it's a surprise! Men's Ministry promises you will enjoy their selection.

Menu: Arugula & Spring Greens with Apples, Parsnips, and Buttermilk Dressing; Grilled New York Strip Steak and Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp; Parmesan Duchess Potatoes; Key Largo Vegetable Blend; Dinner Roll; and New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Topping

**Tickets: \$12.50**

You must purchase a ticket by noon, Monday, October 8.

One hundred percent of the net proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



## **Gordon Mote with guest Angie Rose**

*Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center*

Tickets for the Gordon Mote Concert with our very own Angie Rose are on sale at all outlets of The Villages Box Office. Don't miss our opening concert of the fall season, and the dynamic sounds of these two artists.

Blind since birth, Mote's faith provides the foundation for his life and constantly fuels his creative spirit. Gordon is one of today's most-respected talents, and has toured with Lee Greenwood, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Porter Wagoner, the Gaither Vocal Band, and the long-running Gaither Homecoming Tour. In addition, he has played for country music's biggest names, including Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, and Darius Rucker.

**Tickets: \$20 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (General Admission)**

**Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.**

Net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministries.



## **The Music of Michael Bubl  with the Clark Barrios Band and Horn Section**

*Friday, November 9 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center*

Presented by Clark Barrios and One Voice Entertainment.

The music of Frank Sinatra to Willie Nelson, Nina Simone to Van Morrison. Join Clark and his band as they bring you the best of a musical catalog from one of today's premier crooners. From original Bubl  hits to remakes of your favorites, this will be a night to rekindle your passion with these hit songs and the one you love.

Please Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, Clark will present The Atlantic City Boys at a later date. But, he guarantees you will enjoy this tribute to Michael Bubl , including songs from Frank Sinatra.

Tickets will be available Thursday, September 13 only at The Villages Box Office.



## **Celebration Brass Band's Salute to Veterans**

*Sunday, November 11 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

Celebrate patriotic music played with the majestic sound of brass and percussion.

**Tickets \$15**

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Summer Mission Trips of New Covenant's Youth Ministry.



## **The Booth Brothers in Concert**

*Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center*

**Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$20 (General Admission)**

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office, beginning Thursday, October 11.

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Summerhill Men's Ministry.

## **Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events**

### *The Villages Flute Choir*

- Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m.

### *The Choralettes — Too Old for Christmas?*

- Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

### *Bach with a Beat*

- Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m.

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office