

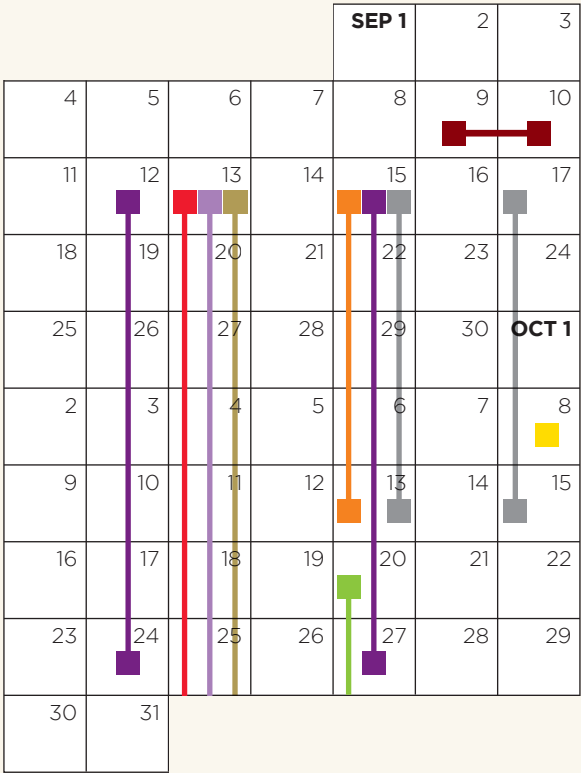
A group of young people are standing in a circle on a grassy field, holding hands and raising them towards the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The people are dressed in casual clothing like t-shirts and jeans. The background shows some trees and a building in the distance.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

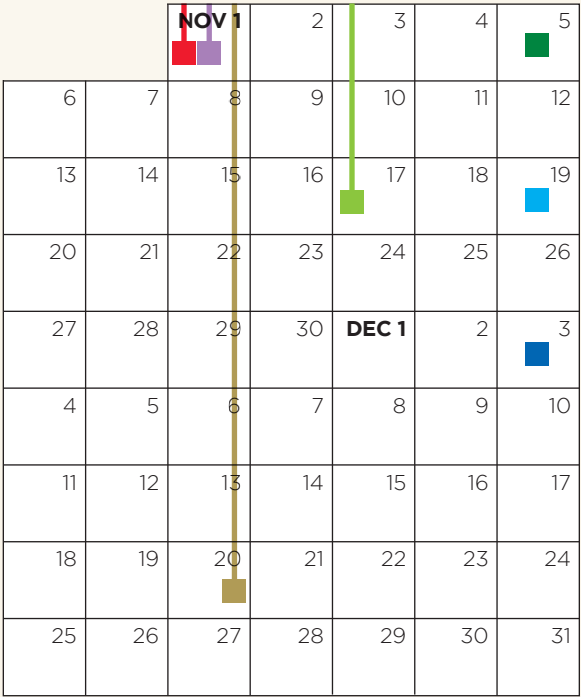
**BIBLE STUDIES
CLASSES AND
WORKSHOPS**

FALL 2016

SEP-OCT



NOV-DEC



Lifelong Love Marriage Conference with Gary Thomas
ALL ADULTS / FRIDAY-SATURDAY



Celebrating Advent
ALL ADULTS / SATURDAY



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Soul Care
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Theology for Dummies
ALL ADULTS / THURSDAYS



Unfolding the Truth: Ephesians
WOMEN / TUESDAYS



Understanding the Bible: Hermeneutics
ALL ADULTS / SATURDAY



Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness
WOMEN / MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS



Becoming a Healthy Disciple
ALL ADULTS / THURSDAYS



Conquer Series
MEN / THURSDAYS OR SATURDAYS



Surviving and Thriving with Aging Parents
ALL ADULTS / SATURDAY



Soul Keeping
MEN / TUESDAYS

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FOR ALL ADULTS

LIFELONG LOVE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Featuring bestselling author Gary Thomas

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:00-9:00 PM AND
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Marriage is about more than just staying together! Your marriage has eternal purposes. It can reach beyond your home and encourage others. But what does it look like to have a spiritually intentional relationship in the midst of dirty dishes, work deadlines and car pools? Whatever season of marriage you're in, this two-day event will give you practical tools to help craft your marriage into an inspiring relationship that breathes spiritual life into you and others.

END TIMES

*Class led by Lead Pastor David Smith
and Pastor Emeritus Pete Schwalm*

**TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 1,
7:00-8:15 PM**

Join us on a biblical journey to John's Apocalypse (the book of Revelation) that points to the end of history as we know it. David will address powerful images such as "the seven seals" and "the seven trumpets." Pete will address the progressive theme of redemption and witness in Revelation 10 & 11, as well as the theme of God's judgment from the Old Testament and Revelation 12-20. You will hear complementary, yet different, perspectives on this amazing book. Anyone eager for a solid biblical approach to the current political, religious and economic upheaval will want to consider the increasingly alarming truths of our 21st century.

THEOLOGY FOR DUMMIES

Class led by staff pastors

**THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 13,
7:00-8:15 PM**

To many Christians, theology is something alien, overly intellectual and wholly unappealing. Even seminary students are known to balk at the prospect of a course on theology. Yet theology – most simply, the knowledge of God – is essential to the life and health of Christ-followers and the Church. In this introductory class, we'll explore what theology is, what tools theology uses, why every believer is a theologian and how theology can be productive and satisfying.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE: HERMENEUTICS

Workshop led by Pastor Dave Ringhiser

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Are you a detail-oriented shopper when you purchase an expensive item like a car? If so, you probably look at features like gas mileage, safety rating, appearance, size and resale value. God's Word also needs thorough consideration. God speaks through the Bible, and you can learn simple and effective tools to help you discover its truth for yourself. This workshop will show you how to carefully observe Scripture to discover its context, accurately interpret and understand its meaning, and apply it to your life.

BECOMING A HEALTHY DISCIPLE

Class led by Paul Seabold

**THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 17,
7:00-8:30 PM**

Explore the ten traits of a healthy disciple, including topics around prayer, relationships, servanthood, worship, spiritual disciplines, and relating to the church. Using the book of John, the author looks to the beloved disciple as an example of a life lived close to Christ. The class will give you practical advice on how to live with Jesus and for Him. Personal experiences bring the traits of discipleship into modern context.

SURVIVING AND THRIVING WITH AGING PARENTS

Workshop led by Eric VanVlymen, MSW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Dealing with aging parents? Have more questions than answers? Questions like: Is my parent really safe at home alone? Should they be driving? Should I move them in with me or into a care facility? Who pays for what? Is it normal aging or dementia? Why can't my siblings and I agree? Why do my parents ask for my help, but don't accept my input? Educate yourself to survive and thrive while caring for your aging parents. Come with questions and identify useful principles and practical steps while connecting to helpful information, needed support and a specialized community services.

CELEBRATING ADVENT

Workshop led by Pastor Paul Clark and Kay Clark

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The word "advent" stems from the Latin noun *adventus* meaning "a coming, approach or arrival." Advent begins the Western church calendar year, a season of fresh beginnings tied into an ancient and ever moving story: Jesus' story. The advent of God to man is a story that encompasses our past, our present, and our future and reminds us what God has done, what He is doing and what He has promised to do. In this practical workshop, you'll come to understand how the season of Advent can inform and invigorate your celebration of the Christmas tradition.

SOUL CARE

*Workshop led by Pastor Paul Clark
and Brittany Ganz-Sarto*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

If we look at the spiritual life through the lens of a marathon, we will discover that many of us are nearing exhaustion. We may not be on the sidelines or stumbling noticeably, but we are dangerously low on reserves, running on fumes. If that resonates with you, or if you just want to understand how to nurture and feed your soul, then this workshop is for you. We'll explore practical ways to restore life and vitality to your soul through authentic connection with God as Father, Son and Spirit – one step at a time.

FOR WOMEN

UNFOLDING THE TRUTH: EPHESIANS

Bible study by Lisa Meiners

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13–NOVEMBER 1
9:30–11:00 AM OR 7:00–8:30 PM

Ephesians is a letter displaying Paul's passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ that radically changed his life. You will know this passion for truth and life application as you study the very words Paul penned from a heart full of conviction for truth. Paul's love for the gospel can be our love too.

JOSEPH: THE JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS

Bible study by Melissa Spoelstra

MONDAYS, SEPT. 12–OCT. 24, 9:30–11:00 AM OR
THURSDAYS, SEPT. 15–OCT. 27, 7:00–8:30 PM

Explore what God has to say about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, betrayers, dysfunctional family, struggle to forgive and journey toward reconciliation, we'll find truths that apply to our own lives. Discover practical ideas for answering common questions such as, "How do I stop dwelling on the Hurt?" and "Is forgiving someone excusing what happened?"

FOR MEN

CONQUER SERIES

Classes led by Pastor Dave Ringhiser and Curt Wagner

THURSDAYS, SEPT. 15–OCT. 13, 7:00–8:30 PM OR
SATURDAYS, SEPT. 17–OCT. 15, 8:00–9:30 AM

This 5-week, DVD-based study deals with the subject of pornography and conquering temptation in a way that's highly engaging, informative and includes round table discussion. You'll gain insight from top Christian leaders who present scientific facts and biblical strategies that employ God's weapons against the battle that every man faces. Cost is \$12, which covers the workbook.

SOUL KEEPING

Book by John Ortberg

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6–DECEMBER 20,
6:00–7:30 AM

In an age of materialism and consumerism that tries to buy its way to happiness, many souls are starved and unhealthy, unsatisfied by false promises of status and wealth. We've neglected the eternal part of ourselves, focusing instead on the temporal concerns of the world. This study will help you discover your soul – the most important connection to God there is – and move from the spiritual shallows to true divine depth.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL FORMATION?

Fairhaven's Spiritual Formation ministry provides a foundation for faith that supports each of our three essentials: it makes the experience of worship, community and serving deeper, more impactful and more fulfilling.

Our studies, classes and workshops exist to encourage the discipleship process that is central to the purpose of the Church (Matthew 28:19). The goal is to help the Christ-follower be graciously shaped by the Spirit through the study of Scripture, the practice of spiritual disciplines and the encouragement of the community of believers.

Spiritual Formation studies, classes and workshops are offered seasonally, in a variety of formats and on different days to make it as easy as possible for you to find something that interests you and fits your schedule. Some studies are gender-based, while others are coed to encourage married couples to strengthen their relationship as they grow deeper in their faith.

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MINISTRY LEADERS

Paul Clark – Senior Associate Pastor

Kelly Carraher – Director, Women's Ministries

Chip Tudor – Pastor, Men's Ministries and Adult Groups

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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