



Growing In Faith Together

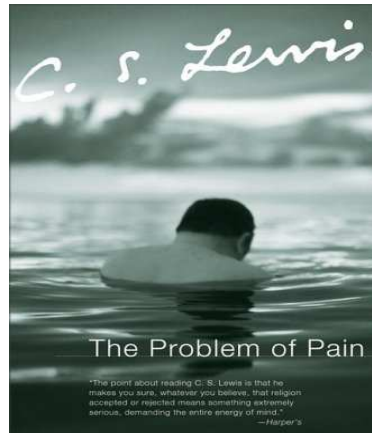
Why Does God Allow Suffering?

If you have ever pondered this question, you are not alone. Many people and theologians through history have wondered why an all good God would allow bad things to happen to good people.

The study of why God allows suffering is called Theodicy, and this year during Lent, there will be some special sermons and courses that will look into this question. At 6pm on March 13th,

the first Sunday in Lent, there will be a special service of Evening Prayer led by Rev. Michael Brundeen.

This service will be followed by a discussion on Monday night, also led by Rev. Brundeen, that will delve into the question of theodicy and why God allows innocent people to suffer. This will begin at 6:30 on March 14th and there will be a light dinner.



C.S. Lewis' *The Problem of Pain* is just one book that tackles the difficult issue of theodicy

All who are interested are invited to join this course.

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Verse Of The Month

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart"

~ Proverbs 3:1

Points Of Interest:

- Sunday School starts at 9
- Worship is at 10:30
- New CNN courses begin March 2nd.
- Church Yard Sale March 5th
- Meeting about John Knox Camps after worship March 6th
- March 9th is Ash Wednesday. No CNN. Service at 6:30 followed by a Soup Dinner
- CE committee meets March 20th

CNN Kids Lead Stuffed Animal Drive

We here in the children's program at Forest Hill's Community Nurture Night have been learning about living a Christian life. That includes helping others, something we are very excited to do!



We are collecting small and medium sized, new stuffed animals to give to the Helotes

Police Department. Officers carry these in their cars and give them out to kids in need of

comfort when they answer calls.

Bring your stuffed animal donation to the box in the Children's classroom by March 23rd. We will pack them up and get them to the police department so they can help kids like us who are having a tough time.

We thank you for your support of this program.

Sunday Morning for Adults!

Right now we have two great options you can attend for adult Sunday School classes.

Pastor Dick Powell is currently leading a six week course on Prayer by Philip Yancey, which delves into what prayer is, why we pray, and what sort of difference prayer makes. This course meets at nine in the conference room.

Our other class is taught by Jean and Randall Cude using the Pre-

sent Word. Right now they are focusing on the promises of hope found in the words of the prophet Isaiah and the hope found in Christ, the Suffering Servant. They meet at nine in the Gold Room.

Both of these classes are excellent and welcome any and all who wish to join them to come to class and learn more about what is being offered.

Additional Reading Options:

On Theodicy:

The Problem of Pain by C.S. Lewis

Evil And The Cross by Henri Blocher

When Suffering Persists by Frederick W. Schmidt Jr.

Good Mourning: Getting Through Your Grief by Allan Hugh Cole Jr.

On Lent:

What Wondrous Love: Devotions for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter by Jay C. Rochelle

Christian Fiction:

The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Black book one of The Circle by Ted Dekker

Children Learn About Jesus' Last Week and Parables

Our Children's Sunday School class is growing and now involves combined music and story time along with separate discussion and craft time for our different age groups.

The Children just finished a short course on Moses and Passover, which included a short Seder where they learned about some of the symbols of Passover and why Passover is important. This leads

into a study on Holy Week, the last week before Jesus' death and resurrection.

In Children's Church, the children are learning the parables Jesus told and what they mean for them. They too will begin preparing for Holy Week soon.

We hope to continue to grow in faith and numbers and are excited about the opportunities the new center will provide. Please join us

on Sunday mornings!



Children listen to the Parable of the Talents in Children's Church

Teens Continue Learning About Jesus

The Junior and Senior High Sunday School class will begin learning about the amazing things God and Jesus can do.

Using the Rock Solid! Curriculum and led by Cathi Staudt, the teens will be looking at the great things that Jesus did and his relationship

with the twelve disciples. They will take this study and learn how their relationship with Jesus should look and



Some of the youth prepare to put on a skit for the children to help them learn a Bible story.

how to build their faith and walk closer to Jesus.

The class is excited to be learning and happily invites any who wish to join them.

New Courses Begin At Community Nurture Night

January 19th saw the beginning of this semester's Community Nurture Night. New courses begin March 2nd.

Every Wednesday Night, please join us for dinner at 6 and then stay for one of the many classes offered. Below are the course descriptions along with location and cost.

Games and a lesson are provided

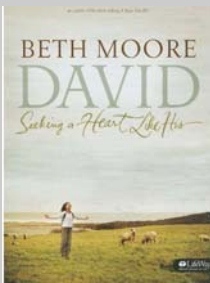
for children whose parents are teaching or taking a course.

Dinner Donations of \$3/ adult, \$1/child or \$10/ family maximum are greatly appreciated.

Courses will not be held on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Instead join us for a service and dinner.



Charles smiles as he colors a picture to remind him that living a Christian life is like running a race

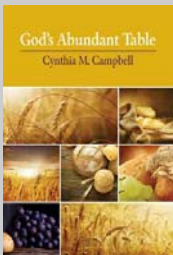
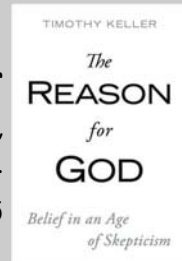


David: Seeking a Heart Like His by Beth Moore

Led by Laurie Vinton (with DVD). This Bible study for women will explore David's life and discovering the truth that God will never give up on you. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!
11 weeks Location: The Study \$20

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

Led by Frank & Christina Long (with DVD). Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, the group explores the truth of Christianity.
6 weeks Location: The Gold Room \$15



God's Abundant Table by Cynthia Campbell

Led by Laura Bowling This study explores how the Lord's Supper is connected to Jesus' entire ministry, to the entire story of God's relationship with God's people, to our everyday meals and to the ministry to which each of us is called as Christ's followers.
5 weeks beginning March 2nd Location: The Resource Room \$15

Better Life Through Nutrition

led by the San Antonio Food Bank This class will help you learn different ways to cook and eat nutritiously for a healthy life, complete with recipes and samples.
6 weeks beginning March 2nd Location: The Gold Room
\$15 donation to the SA Food Bank



Running The Race

Our Children's Program, led by Jenn Hillin, talks about our faith journey being like a race and things we need to do in that race like relying on God, reading our Bible, praying, and living how God wants us to. With games, crafts, and scripture memorization, this course is free to anyone whose parent is taking or teaching a course.

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**The Christian Education Committee Mission
Statement**

The goal of the Christian Education Committee is to equip people for ministry by providing education opportunities that will teach them to theologically articulate their faith.

John Knox, Yard Sales, And More!

A representative from John Knox will be at service on March 6th and the CE committee will host an informative luncheon after church where you can learn more about John Knox Summer Camps and the many programs they offer youth and children. Please plan to attend to hear about this great opportunity for your child.

The yard sale is March 5th. Please stop by the Children's Worship and Nurture Center to volunteer your time or search the many treasures that will be for sale. All money raised goes toward the center's renovations to house our Children's pro-

grams.

Thursday Mornings the Men's Group meets at 7am. They are currently studying Samuel II and welcome any newcomers.

The Presbyterian Women are currently studying Journeys through Revelations - Apocalyptic Hope for Today. There are two circles, one meeting the second Tuesday at 7pm and the other the second Saturday at 2:30. They hope you will join them in this exciting study.

VBS will have their start up meeting this month. If you are interested in helping, please be looking for the announcement on

when and where.



Above: Jackie Galvan leads the children and youth in a song. The kids learn these songs in Sunday School and sometimes in Children's Church. Sunday March 6th, the children and youth will perform one of the songs, "Let Us Pray", during worship for the congregation. These special treats from the children and youth are something we all look forward to.