

Adult Education

Fall 2021 • COURSE CATALOGUE

LifeGroups, Marriage Enrichment, Men & Women's Ministry, Leadership & Staff Training



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Introduction

Why the College of the Bible?

Over the past 25 years or so, there has been a disturbing trend found in Churches in the United States. Adult Sunday school has declined or even disappeared from many congregations. While churches still have Sunday morning classes for children, the adults often meet in small groups some other day of the week and discuss a popular topic, the latest Christian book, or the pastor's sermon from last Sunday. In fact, I heard the story of one growing church which had a two-story building devoted solely to children's Sunday school—but not a single room in the whole church was dedicated to a similar meeting for adults.

Of course, I am glad if children are learning about their faith and studying the Bible, but do the adults know it any better? Let's take a step back and ask ourselves this question: What specifically is Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church doing to help adult disciples know and understand the whole Bible?

I think we have wonderful children's and youth programs, solid biblical preaching, Christ-honoring worship and music, and a great LifeGroup ministry. How about our Adult Education? What does the College of the Bible do for us, that we can't get from these other ministries?

Think of the College of the Bible as the grounding, or foundation, for the totality of our ministry. Making sure that we get the full diet of our faith. For example, our Reformed faith is also a Covenant Faith. We may be challenged to live into it in our preaching, sing of it in our praise, and exercise it in our small group ministry, but without the solid and intentional teaching of this biblical principle we may never really see why covenants have always been a crucial part of God's plan for His people.

There can be no doubt that a comprehensive knowledge of Scripture is essential for mature, growing disciples. If we don't have that, we will be woefully ill-equipped for the good work that Christ calls us too.

The College of the Bible, when attended regularly, brings a comprehensive adult curriculum that goes through all the main themes in Scripture—from both the Old and New Testaments. It is designed to help you understand and apply the whole of Scripture. It is a curriculum that is based on the historic Christian faith with orthodox teachings which still presents both sides of controversial passages and lets you make up your mind.

One of the reasons cited for the decline in churches of adult educational programming is that it's terribly old fashioned and no adults will want to do that kind of study. I remember a story of one pastor who said, "We have several classes that meet on Sunday morning. If you are one of those old-timers who like Bible study, we have a class that is reading through the Scripture. They serve coffee to keep everybody awake."

While funny, this story is actually very sad because at the College of the Bible we think comprehensive adult classes can be the exact opposite of dull and boring. So many people say, "I don't read the Bible because I can't understand it." One of the exciting things about our adult classes is that it helps you understand Scripture by illuminating the context behind the text.

With our excellent and experienced faculty, including our visiting professor program, and materials such as PowerPoints, videos, maps, charts, and life-application handouts the message of the bible is alive and relevant to your everyday walk!

You have probably noticed that our LifeGroup ministry is also included in this College of the Bible Catalogue. This is because we don't want you to think that our small groups and adult education ministry is an either/or proposition. They actually complement each other very well. Although our LifeGroups can include a comprehensive study of the Bible their focus is on developing deeper relationships with group members and fulfilling the biblical mandate to bear one another's burdens. They are also designed to last longer than a semester course that covers a defined topic and changes the next semester.

I hope these ideas inspire you to join one or more classes in the College of the Bible. It is my desire, and the desire of all our teachers, to help everyone who attends Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church to be life-long learners with a deep understanding of the Bible—an important goal for every Christian.



In Gratitude,
Rev. John M. Scholte
Pastor of Education and Discipleship

College Of The Bible

Sundays

Biblical Studies (CMBS)

CMBS 200 The Book of Philippians



Sundays, September 12 - December 12

10:45 - 11:45 am | Fellowship Center

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bob Lauer

Textbook: Bible

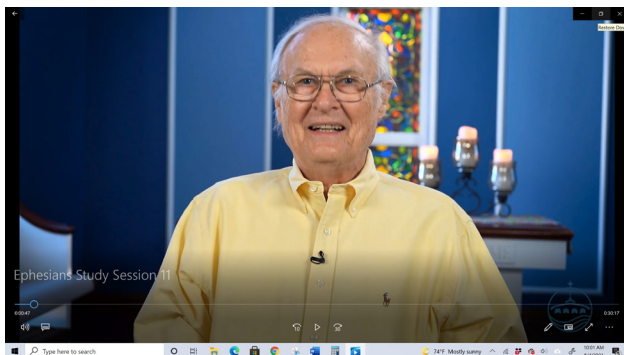
Course Description:

The life Jesus invites us into when we follow him is one of sacrifice. But does sacrificial living mean the Christian life should be riddled with sorrow? Paul answers that question in his letter to the Philippians with a resounding no. Paul, and the Philippians with him, lived joyfully in the midst of persecution, prison, and poverty. In this class, Dr. Lauer takes us through Philippians to encourage us to follow Jesus no matter what life throws at us. Through Paul's words and example, learn how joy and sacrifice can go hand-in-hand.



Bob Lauer

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Mondays

Arts and Theology (CNAT)

CNAT 200 The Secrets to Public Speaking



Mondays, September 13 - November 15

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Chapel

Instructor: Rev. John M. Scholte

Textbook: The Art of Public Speaking, Stephen E. Lucas
(any edition)

Course Description:

Are you afraid of speaking in public? Do your nerves get the best of you? Does your job or volunteer efforts suffer because you hate speaking in public? Or do you just want to improve the way you present yourself when you speak in front of a group? Rev. Scholte will share a guaranteed method, that if applied, will make you a successful public speaker. This method has been developed and refined by Rev. Scholte through ten years of teaching public speaking to college students with a well-documented success rate. Join the class today and learn the method that will help you be a better public speaker tomorrow.



John M. Scholte
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Tuesdays

Biblical Studies (CMBS)

**CMBS 100 God's Power in Jerusalem and Judea
(Serendipity Women's Bible Study) (Acts 1 – 12)**



Tuesdays, September 28 - November 16

9:30 - 11:00 am | High School Room

Instructor: Linda Allen

Textbook: Study Guide (\$7.00 fee)*

Course Description:

Join us as Dr. Luke writes about the path and empowering of the disciples and the early church. The followers that abandoned Jesus in Gethsemane become dynamos preaching with conviction about “the mighty acts of God.” The book of Acts confirms the power of the Holy Spirit that transformed the disciples and can transform our lives today.



Linda Allen

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Biblical Studies (CMBS)

CMBS 100 Revelation



Tuesdays, September 14 - December 7

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Fellowship Center

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef

Course Description:

This semester Pastor Mofid will teach through the Book of Revelation. He will assist the student with the Apostle John's use of vivid imagery, show how John writes Revelation to reveal the end of human history, the return of Christ, and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth. Pastor Mofid will focus on John's message of hope in Revelation that assures Christians God is in sovereign control of all past, present, and future events. Come to this class and be encouraged to trust that Jesus Christ will judge the lost and will rule in ultimate victory over all human and demonic opposition.



Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef

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To accommodate those unable to make a day class, an identical class on Revelations will run Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and will also be taught by Pastor Mofid.

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Christian Ministry (CMCM)

CMCM 100 Living With Confidence In A Chaotic World



Tuesdays, September 14 - November 16

10:00 - 11:30 am | Pineview

Instructor: Ken Sheets

Textbook: Bible

Course Description:

Confidence can be hard to come by these days. People are losing their jobs, their houses, and their life savings at an unprecedented rate. Violence, natural disasters, and moral depravity seem to be skyrocketing. In the midst of all this chaos, we need to know . . . what on earth should we do now? Join Ken as he takes you on a David Jeremiah study that will show you that with the power and love of Almighty God, we can live with confidence in this age of turmoil.



Ken Sheets

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Wednesdays

Biblical Studies (CMBS)

CMBS 100 Revelation (SEEKERS: STUDY THE BIBLE with PASTOR MOFID)



Wednesdays, September 15 - December 8

10:00 - 11:00 am | Fellowship Center

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef

Textbook: Bible

Course Description:

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CMBS 100 Galatians - Law and Grace



Wednesdays, September 15 - November 17

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Sanctuary

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Geoff Kohler

Textbook: Bible

Course Description:

Both an introduction to Paul's thought and a comprehensive examination of this particular letter, Galatians will be a study in the shift of Paul's (and the Christian church's) understanding of the grace of God. It was a radical step away from centuries of teaching and practice in the Jewish community, from the time of the Exile. And through it a doorway of freedom was opened to both Jew and Gentile. The class will include reflections on our understanding of the Old Testament, stories from the book of Acts, as well as the Gospel proclamation of Jesus. The challenge for the student in this study is found in answering the personal question, in which direction do I lean... law or grace... in my relating with God and people unlike me?



Geoff Kohler

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Thursdays Theology (CMTT)

CMTT 300 The Cathar Heresy of Southern France



Thursdays, September 16, 23

10:00 - 11:00 am | Pineview

Instructor: Bill Flittie

Course Description:

This two-session course will cover the history of the Cathars. This is a harrowing tale of a desperate people in a small corner of France who defied the kings of Europe and the Pope. The Cathars, whose religion was based on the gospels but contradicted the tenets set forth by Rome, found themselves the focus of ruthless repression. In systematic waves of brutal persecution at the stake as heretics. The class presents a summary of the Cathars during the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries, the end stages of the movement and the day-to-day life of the Cathars in their villages.



Bill Flittie

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Youth Ministry (CNYM)

CNYM 100 Three-Tiered Discipleship from the Apostle Paul



Thursdays, September 16, 23, 30 and October 7

7:00 - 8:00 pm | High School Room

Instructor: Richard Klusmeier

Course Description:

We all know being a disciple of Jesus is a lifelong journey of growth and learning. We will spend four weeks studying the example of three-tiered discipleship from the Apostle Paul. We look at his relationships with Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy and the importance of all three. We will finish our coursework emphasizing the significance of mentoring others as we leave a legacy of our discipleship in our community.



Richard Klusmeier

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CMBS 100 The Book of I Peter



Thursdays, September 16 - November 18

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Pineview

Instructor: Rev. John M. Scholte

Textbook: Bible - I Peter

Course Description:

Peter brought a message of hope, encouraging readers to see their lives in the context of God's great work of salvation. In this study, Pastor John examines Peter's rich pastoral letter, exploring historical background, key themes, and applications for today. He will focus on what Peter highlighted in his work such as the life and work of Jesus, the reality of suffering, and the fulfillment of Old Testament promises. This class will show the student what the story of Jesus' life means for us as we take up our cross and follow him.



Rev. John M. Scholte

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Online Classes

Web Address: <https://scs-university.teachable.com>

Directions to join your online class:

Type the Web Address into your browser. You will reach SCS University which assists the College of the Bible with its online platform. Select “Enroll Now.” Complete the Enrollment Form. Agree to the “Terms of use and privacy policy.” Select “Sign Up.” Choose Course. Select videos to watch. If you have problems, please contact Pastor John at john@rbcpc.org.

Equipping Leadership Class

A six-session class with downloaded able application guide. This course focuses on how church leaders can equip the Congregation for ministry.



Comparative Religions

This course is a study of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism in comparison to Christianity.



The Silent Years

This course covers the end of the Old Testament, the 400 Years between the testaments, and ends at the start of the New Testament.



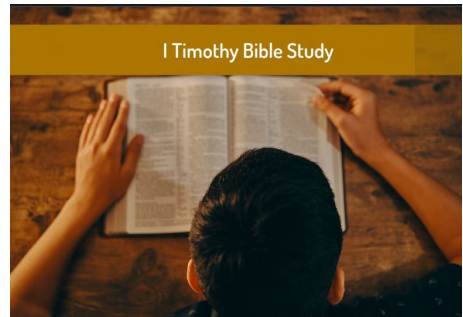
Principles of Humanities

This is an enjoyable study of culture and art from the beginnings of humankind to early modern era.



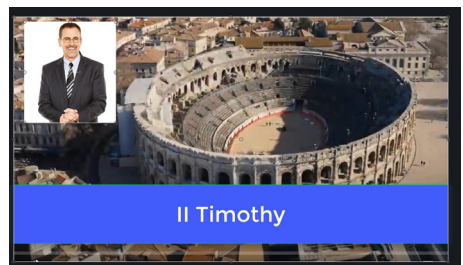
I Timothy Bible Study

A verse by verse study of I Timothy, one of the Pastoral Epistles of Paul the Apostle.



II Timothy Bible Study

A verse by verse study of II Timothy, one of the Pastoral Epistles of Paul the Apostle.



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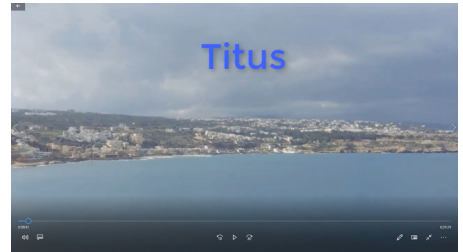
Cooking with Kimberley

Kimberley Scholte, an acclaimed College of the Bible Cooking Instructor, shares her cooking classes which many students have enjoyed.



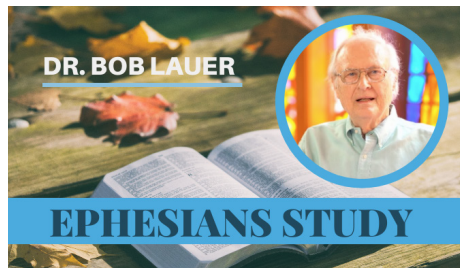
Titus, A Bible Study

A verse by verse study on Paul's Epistle to Titus.



A Study of the Book of Ephesians

An expository study of Paul's Epistles to the Ephesians



Instructive Prayer from the Old Testament

A verse by verse study of II Timothy, one of the Pastoral Epistles of Paul the Apostle.



*Scholarships available please contact Pastor John at john@rbcp.org

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Educational Tracks

The Mission of RB Community Church College of the Bible is to “equip believers for the work of ministry (Eph 4:12-14)” with RB Community Church. The goal is to effectively train believers in the Word so they can grow in their relationship with Christ and others and effectively minister in their community. RB Community Church College of the Bible is committed to the foundation of God’s truth in the Scriptures, the clear presentation of those truths as they relate to each course, and the application of those truths to individual believers and their ministry in the world.

The College of the Bible offers ten tracks which students can follow that will lead to a “major,” and/or “minor.”

To receive a Major Certificate, students must complete 60 credit hours of which 36 hours must be within the discipline of their track. The remaining 24 credit hours may be taken outside their track.

THE CERTIFICATE MAJORS ARE:

1. **Christian Ministry (CMCM)** – The Christian Ministry Major includes a concentration on a wide range of classes that support a student’s spiritual growth and discipleship. The focus is on the Christian life in general and how to live a Christian life within a secular world. (Although this can be a declared track, those who do not declare a major or minor will automatically be enrolled in this track.)
2. **Biblical Studies (CMBS)** – The Biblical Studies major includes a concentration on the 66 books of the Bible. The student will be equipped to interpret the Bible for themselves and others. The focus will be on the understanding and application of the Bible through enhanced historical and contextual exploration of its various books.
3. **Theology (CMTT)** – The Theology major includes a

concentration on the doctrines of the Reformed Faith. The focus will include Systematics, Biblical, Historical, Covenant, and Pastoral approaches to assist the student in deepening their understanding of how theology relates to ministry and the Christian life.

4. **Christian Leadership (CMCL)** - The Christian Leadership major includes a concentration on principles which enhance and develop the student's leadership skills, and knowledge, to lead the church professionally and spiritually in its ministry. The focus will be on how to utilize the church's structure to provide transformational and servant leadership that contextualizes the churches ministry in the community.
5. **Missions (CMMT)** - The Missions major includes a concentration on preparing students for effective cross-cultural ministry as skillful workers and as clear communicators of the gospel. The focus will be ministering and working in an intercultural community which has become international and multinational, it will also include serving in a cross-cultural setting, either in the United States or abroad.

To receive a Minor Certificate, students must complete 36 credit hours of which 18 hours must be within the discipline of their track. The remaining 18 credit hours may be taken outside their track.

THE CERTIFICATE MINORS ARE:

1. **Church Health and Growth (CNCH)** - The Church Health and Growth minor includes a concentration on the signs, principles and practices of a healthy growing church along with cultural influences and reaching the unchurched. The focus will be on assisting the student to demonstrate an understanding of the biblical models of healthy churches and the missional nature behind growing churches in the context of the church's ministry in the community.
2. **Spiritual Formation (CNSF)** - The Spiritual Formation minor includes a concentration on promoting growth in the student's inner life of faith and prayer with God in the context of a shared

community, while also developing the students' knowledge-base in the Word, spiritual formation and soul care. It focuses specifically on ways to deepen the students' knowledge and openness to God and his work, as well as understanding the self and others in order to grow toward conformity of character and inner life in the image of Christ. In turn, it trains students to assist others in their journey of growth in Christ and his body.

3. **Teaching (CNTT)** - The Teaching minor includes a concentration on training for the church educational programs and discipleship ministries. The focus will be on the student acquiring the tools to teach, lead and work in a variety of church education and discipleship positions including children, youth and adult ministries.
4. **Arts and Theology (CNAT)** - The Arts and Theology minor includes a concentration on preparing the student to be an effective interpreter of Christianity in contemporary culture. The focus will be on combining the study of music, art, or theater, with theology creating opportunities for students to prepare for ministry in a wide variety of fields where faith intersects with culture.
5. **Youth Ministry (CNYM)** - The Youth Ministry minor includes a concentration in a biblical philosophy of youth ministry, understanding contemporary youth culture, youth problems, and counseling of adolescents in different settings. It focuses on how to communicate biblical concepts effectively in a variety of teaching situations. It will also include an internship that gives the student real experience in the field.

NOTE: You will still be able to take any class you would like, but if you declare a major or minor there will be a selection of courses you can take that will lead to the Certificate. If you don't declare a major or minor you will automatically be in the Christian Ministry track.

To make your declaration, and to register in the College of the Bible, use this online link: <https://bit.ly/cotbible>



“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5

What are LifeGroups? The above logo illustrates the concept for our small group ministry. The cluster of grapes represents a small group gathering together to form a LifeGroup. For the past 18 months these groups of 4 – 12 members have met in a variety of creative ways; via zoom or more recently in member's homes. While zoom was not the perfect setting it kept group members connected to build relationships and encourage each other. These groups provide a safe place to ask questions, share faith as well as doubts, and concerns. The topics of discussion vary with each group. Social gatherings around food or local mission projects provide time for fellowship and service that strengthens group interaction.

In addition to ongoing LifeGroups, this fall there are several opportunities to participate in an interest based group. If you are new to the LifeGroup concept there are also options for short term commitments as a way to meet others without a long term commitment.

For more information about LifeGroups, to sign up for a group, or to suggest an idea for a future group, contact Kathy Wesley at lifegroups@rbpc.org.

Kathy Wesley, LifeGroups Coordinator
lifegroups@rbpc.org

LIFEGROUPS

Octoberfest



Saturday, October 23 - December 9

5:30 (dinner) - 8:00 pm | Courtyard

Come join the fun with other LifeGroup members, and friends for a LifeGroup sponsored evening of food, laughter and line dancing. Save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate being together again!

A light supper will be served beginning at 5:30 followed by line dancing and time for sharing fellowship.

Watch for more details.

To volunteer to help out with the evening contact Kathy Wesley (lifegroups@rbcp.org).

Fall LifeGroups

As the days grow shorter our lives tend to become a bit busier with children back in school and the holiday season soon upon us. During this time it is important to take opportunities to focus on others and ourselves. With that in mind some short-term LifeGroups are available as a way to get connected around a common interest. This is an excellent opportunity for meeting others in a small group of 4 -10 people and sharing life experiences together.

Book Club



Third Monday, September 16, 23, 30 and October 7

3:00 pm | Various Locations

Facilitator: Amy Wazny

Do you enjoy reading? Do you enjoy sharing your reading experiences with others? A book club is a wonderful way to get the most out of what we read and to discover great books that we might otherwise overlook.

Whether you've been a part of a Book Club before or are considering it for the first time, you are welcome to join. We enjoy a wide variety of books as we take turns making suggestions for upcoming months. We look forward to seeing you! All are welcome.



Amy Wazny

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Quilt Basics and More



Tuesdays, September 14 - November 16

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Skylight East/West

Facilitator: Kathy Wesley

Come join the fun and fellowship as we sew and share experiences together on Tuesday evenings. This time presents the opportunity to refresh some of the basic quilt techniques we may not have used in a while. Offering a variety of fabrics and pattern techniques each member creates a block to be part of a Tied in Prayer quilt.

This group is open to all skill levels, however, a portable sewing machine for use in class and a basic knowledge of sewing is helpful. Necessary sewing/quilting supplies are available.



Kathy Wesley

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Heartstrings



First Saturday

10:00 am | Various Locations

Facilitator: Linda Tyler

Gather your knitting needles/crochet hooks and join us as we work on a variety of projects. Scarves, hats, afghans, etc. are created by members of this group for distribution to various local organizations in need. This group is open to all skill levels. Patterns and some supplies are provided.



Linda Tyler

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The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi



Wednesdays, September 15 - October 20

1:00 - 2:30 pm | Zoom

Facilitator: Kathy Wesley

In this 6-week video study Kathie Lee Gifford invites you to join her as she visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. She is joined by a Jewish rabbi who provides background details that make the New Testament come alive in a new way. Jesus (the Rock) came into this world and walked the lands of Israel (the Road) to show us the way to God. Through this study we are introduced to the mysteries of God's Word (the Rabbi) in the context in which it was written.



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LIFEGROUPS

40 Days of Prayer



Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15

1:00 - 2:30 pm | Zoom

Facilitator: Kathy Wesley

Are you seeking a deeper walk with the Lord? This six-week video study by Rick Warren is geared to helping develop a habit of daily prayer to build confidence in your prayer life. Included is a pattern for prayer to help experience God's blessings as you develop a closer relationship with Him.

A daily prayer journal is part of the study guide materials.

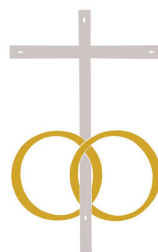


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marriage ENRICHMENT



Marriage Enrichment is an important part of the Education & Discipleship ministries that RB Community Church offers to the community.

RB Community Church strives to strengthen marriages so they not only survive but also thrive in the way God designed marriages to be!

This ministry is led by The Marriage Enrichment Team a group of couples who have a vision for a church and community where marriages and couples flourish. They offer Date Nights, Retreats, Classes, and Special Events throughout the year.



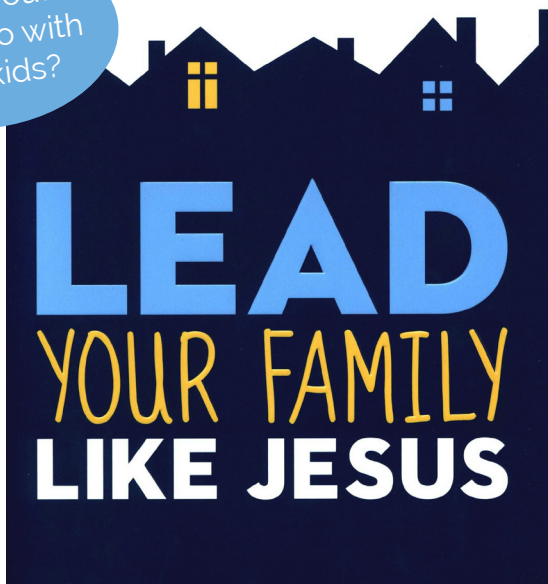
The Marriage Enrichment Team also offers engaged and young married couples the opportunity to partner with trained, volunteer couples to disciple them in building the foundation for a solid marriage.



Karen Kritzer
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'LEAD YOUR FAMILY LIKE JESUS' ZOOM BOOK STUDY

What would
Jesus do with
your kids?



Lead Your Family Like Jesus
featuring co-authors Ken Blanchard and Tricia Goyer will be offered on four Tuesday nights this fall. Join from the comfort of your home. **Yes, this is a Zoom Book Study for parents of preschool and elementary-age students.**

Ken and Tricia will share Jesus' powerful parenting principles outlined in scripture, showing how to cut stress and bring new joy and purpose to your Christ-centered family.

This is a great opportunity to join with other parents for lively and interactive discussions. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor John Scholte, john@rbcpcc.org

No childcare worries

Class is free:

Purchase hardcover, paperback
or eBook.

Tuesdays
Oct. 12 - Nov. 10



Sponsored by the RB COMMUNITY CHURCH Marriage Enrichment Team
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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



The College of Marriage is sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Team. This College, within the College of the Bible, is developing courses, retreats, seminar's, and other events to enrich marriages.

Consistent with the church's focus on family ministries and the Great Commission, the college is designed to strengthen marriages and families employing both biblical truth and clinically relevant information (consistent with the biblical truth). It can also be used for community outreach. Non-churched couples can still find the information applicable.

Target audience: married and engaged couples both within the church and from the community. The information conveyed and accompanying exercises can be applicable to satisfied couples who are wanting to enrich their marriages, couples who are coping with some challenges in their marriages, and engaged couples who are preparing for marriage. Significantly distressed couples could benefit provided they are already receiving marital counseling.

Modules and Sessions: The college curriculum includes 15 sessions divided into 5 modules. Participants may pick and choose sessions but would be encouraged to complete the entire course.

To enroll in this online course for free visit the College of the Bible's online teachable platform:

<https://scs-university.teachable.com/courses/college-of-marriage>



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