



Leadership Academy: *Called to Discipleship*

*...to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ...*

Ephesians 4:12

Beginning in January 2012, The Leadership Academy will kick off a year of monthly classes for layleaders who want deepen their faith and broaden their understanding of the Bible, Theology, and Discipleship. The Central Florida Presbytery developed the Leadership Academy out of a desire from Elders, Deacons, Christian Educators, Commissioned Lay Pastors, and other church leaders to have the opportunity for deeper learning experiences in order to be better equipped leaders.

The Leadership Academy courses will begin on the first day of the month. Students will be asked to do some reading in preparation for the class gathering which will be on the second Saturday of the month (see the schedule below). During the class, instructors will lecture and offer opportunities for small group discussion on their topics. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions. After the class meets, participants will be asked to do a project in their home church using the knowledge they have gained in the class.

There will be four sites throughout the Presbytery where students can participate in the class. The locations are: First Presbyterian, Mt. Dora; Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Orlando; Port Orange Presbyterian; and First Presbyterian, Vero Beach. The instructor will be teaching "live" at one of the sites and will be "piped in" via Skype to the other locations.

The cost per each class is \$25.00. Students who complete all twelve classes, will receive a \$60.00 refund. You may download the Catalog and Registration Form at <http://cfpresbytery.org/equip>.

Leadership Academy Class Schedule 2012

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor(s)</u>
January 14	Old Testament (Genesis-Esther)	Rev. Dr. Paige McRight
February 11	Old Testament (Job-Malachi)	Rev. Dr. Paige McRight
March 10	New Testament (Gospels)	Rev. Dr. Nancy Graham Ogne
April 14	New Testament (Acts-Revelation)	Rev. Dr. Nancy Graham Ogne
May 12	Interpreting the Bible	Kermit Gay
June 9	Spirituality	Cindy Simpson/Jean Meredith
July 14	Church History	Desmond Walker
August 11	Teaching the Bible	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Sept. 8	Reformed Theology	Rev. Dr. John Cole
October 13	Presbyterian Polity	Rev. Dr. Frank Allen
Nov. 10	Reformed Worship & Sacraments	Jody Mask/Cheryl Carson
Dec.8	Evangelism & Church Growth	Rev. Dr. Ray Jones

NEW RESOURCES FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT

ADVENT STUDIES

Advent begins Sunday, November 27th. Here are some advent studies, available for check-out from the Resource Center, for use in your church.

A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word & Art

This six-week DVD-based study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. Each passage is illustrated and interpreted by the artwork of John August Swanson and commentary from members of the faculty at Candler School of Theology. Sessions include: A Visit; The Nativity; The Shepherds; Epiphany; Presentation in the Temple; Flight into Egypt.

Advent Conspiracy:

Can Christmas Still Change the World?

This four week DVD-based study shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful countercultural concepts: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All. The study book includes a small group discussion guide.

A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus

In these four half-hour video presentations Dr. Kenneth Bailey answers questions regarding the Christmas story and brings fresh understanding of the nativity. (NOTE: Dr. Bailey's Middle Eastern experience sometimes turns our traditional hearing of the Christmas story on its head.)

Christmas Gifts that Won't Break

A four-week advent study for adults that can be used in conjunction with the accompanying books for youth and children to create an all-church study. The weekly topics are: The Gift of Hope; The Gift of Love; The Gift of Joy; The Gift of Peace. A Study Guide is included. This also includes children & youth studies if you want to make it an "all church" study.

Behold:

Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent

This four week advent study book provides for daily devotional reading and weekly small group discussion. Be attentive to expectancy, preparation, faith and promise in the days leading up to Christmas. Through the daily devotions and prayer practices, the reader can

see anew the wonder, beauty, and challenge of God-with-us.

Mary Had a Baby: An Advent Study Based on African American Spirituals

This four week Advent study of African American spirituals provides the historical background of the spiritual being studied, a devotional for use during the session, and activities designed to prepare group members of the coming season of Christmas. It includes a CD with the four songs featured in the study—Mary Had a Baby; Rise Up Shepherd and Follow; Children, Go Where I Send You; and Go, Tell It on the Mountain.

BOOKS IN SPANISH!

La Lectura Eficaz de la Biblia by Fee, Gordon

This book helps the reader accurately understand the different parts of the Bible--their meaning for ancient audiences and their implications for readers today.

Introduccion a la Vida y Teologia de Juan Calvino by Salatiel Palomino Lopez

This book offers a biography of John Calvin and an introduction to his theology.

El Principio del Tesoro by Randy Alcorn

This book introduces the reader to stewardship by utilizing parables and short stories to show how joy can be found in giving.

Caminando Entre El Pueblo: Ministerio Latino en los Estado Unidos by Juan Francisco Martinez

This book provides a framework for Hispanic ministry in the United States. It offers models and recommends resources for building a Hispanic ministry.

Principios de Educacion Christiana by Pablo A. Jimenez

This book provides information on how to establish a Christian Education program in a Hispanic setting--including using the Bible, creating a lesson plan, and utilizing a variety of teaching methods and approaches.