

In-House Teaching Units available at FBC

Rollin Armour

The Story of David
An Overview of Church History
The History of First Baptist Church
An Overview of the Gospels
Global Christianity: the Growth of the Southern Hemisphere Church
Soul Survivor, Phillip Young
Isaac and Ishmael: The Qur'an and the Bible
The Dispensations: A Fundamentalist View of Christianity
A History of Jerusalem
Islam

Fred Bongiovanni

William Sloane Coffin, *The Heart is a Little to the Left*
Wade Clark Roof: *Spiritual Marketplace: Baby Boomers and the Making of American Religion*
John Claypool, *God the Ingenious Alchemist*
Robert Coles, *The Spiritual Life of Children*
Charles Kimball, *When Religion Becomes Evil*
Parker Palmer, *The Company of Strangers, The Active Life, A Hidden Wholeness, Let Your Life Speak*

Dee Bratcher

Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, *The First Christmas, The Last Week, The First Paul*
John Dominic Crossan, *God and Empire*
John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan Reed, *Excavating Jesus and In Search of Paul*
Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*
John Claypool, *Mending the Heart, Stories Jesus Still Tells, The Saga of Life, The Hopeful Heart,*
and *Glad Reunion*
Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church, An Altar in the World*
Dorothy Bass, *Receiving the Day*
Introduction to the Old Testament

Bratcher and/or Bongiovanni

Marcus Borg, *The Heart of Christianity, Reading the Bible Again, Jesus: A New Vision, The God We Never Knew*

Dorothy Bass, *Practicing our Faith*
James Fowler, *Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian*
Diana Butler Bass, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*

Peter Bryant

Introduction to Science and Theology in the Contemporary Public Arena, 1 class
The Interaction of Science and Theology – Four Contemporary Views, 4 classes
The Credibility of the Resurrection in Light of Modern Physics and Computer Science, 1 lesson
Evil and the Cosmos – from Job through the Enlightenment, 2 classes
Evil and the Cosmos – Contemporary Christian Thought – Plantinga’s Free Will Defense, 1 lesson
Evil and the Cosmos – in Light of an Evolutionary Understanding of Origins – Polkinghorne’s Free Process Defense, 1 class
An Interpretation of Genesis 1-3 that is Consonant with Modern Evolutionary Cosmology and Biology, 1 class
A Wideness in God’s Mercy – Why I’m Closer to Universalism than Calvinism or Armininism, 1 lesson
The Day the Universe Changed – Turning Points in our Understanding, 2 classes
The Temptation of Christ as a Necessary Part of the Work of Messiah, 1 class
Christ in the Midst of All Spiritual things – The Christ Centered Life, 1 class
The World in a Grain of Sand – The Infinite Contained within the Finite – How Mathematics Points us to God, 1 class
Inferences about the Nature of God Gleaned from Contemporary Science, 3 classes

Jack Colwell

The Background of the English Bible, incl. the earliest translations, King James era, and modern translations, 3-4 classes
Helping Hurting People: Do’s and Don’t’s of ministering to people
How to Help Transient People Asking for Help Without Being Totally Conned
Books of the Bible taught in extension classes: Luke, John, Acts, Romans, James, Genesis, Nehemiah, Ezekiel, Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes
Evening class at Mercer has taught units on controversial topics such as Homosexuality, Abortion, Gun Control, Capital Punishment, and Gender Issues; focus has been to introduce them as controversial without offering solutions
Fundamentalism, Religious conflict, Black Religion in America, and Denominationalism, 4 classes
Healthy versus Unhealthy Religion, 2 classes
The Ten Commandments, 5 classes
Gender Issues based on the books *Ten Lies the Church Tells Women* and *Putting Women*

in Their Place, 3-4 classes
Guilt, Pride, Anger, and Anxiety, 4 classes
Book of James, 3-5 classes
Book of Ecclesiastes, 2-4 classes
Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us: an Examination of Why We Worship as We do
(*A Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox student's experience of a Baptist Church*)

Gwen Colwell

Flawed Families of the Bible, Diana and David Garland, 4 classes
By My Own Reckoning, Cecil Sherman, 4 classes, or book review in 1 class
Book of Esther, 3-4 classes

Darrell Pursiful

1 Peter (*Basic training for new believers*)
Walking with the Early Church (*Intro to church life before AD 325*)
Exploring Christian Worship (*Theology and practice of worship in the early church*)
A New Look at Some Old Stories (*Archeology, chronology, and the Bible*)
Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts (*A one-day seminar that could also be done as a series*)
The Parables of Jesus
The Book of Hebrews (*or other NT book study*)
The Life of King David
Praying, Living, and Singing the Psalms

Robert Richardson

Lottie Moon's Long, Lost Love
Mercer Heresy Trial Apparently Instigated by John Birch
FBI Shadows Baptist Seminary Professor for Seventeen Years
Why I Believe in Evolution
The Politics of Ignorance in Religion
Baptists' Most Lovable Heretics: Williams, Toy, and Whitsett
Believer's Mandate to Search for the Truth
Marcus Borg's Teachings Regarding Panentheism vs Supernatural Theism
How to Achieve Second Class Status Among Baptists by Just Being Born:
Ann Judson, Mina Everett, and Lydia Barrow-Hankins
How to Get Killed Over Which Bible to Read in the Public Schools: The Philadelphia
Bible Riots of 1844
John Leland: Pious Preacher and Baptist Libertarian
How to be a Magnificent Failure: Luther Rice

Kay Shurden

Forgotten Images of God, 4 classes
The Enneagram, 4 classes

Walter Shurden

Those Boring Baptists, 4 classes
Sermon on the Mount, several classes
The Parables of Jesus, several classes
People's History of Christianity, Diana Bass, 8 classes
History of First Baptist Church, 6 classes

Melton Strozier

Memory
Speaking the Truth in Love – Christian Communication

Charlie Thomas

William James' *The Will to Believe*, a 3 week series
Art of Advent
The Art of Florence: *Depictions of David in Renaissance Art and Fra Angelico's Frescoes in the Monastery of San Marco*, 2 classes

Bryan Whitfield

New Testament Survey, 6 classes
The Pastoral Letters, 4 classes
Book of James, 4 classes
Celtic Christianity, 3-4 classes
Book of Hebrews
How the Irish Saved Civilization

Rick Wilson

2 Peter and Jude
The Life and Times of Abraham: Ancient Ancestor, Shaper of Covenant, Fountainhead of Religions
The Life, Times and Influences of David
The Character of Advent and Advent Character: Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary
Exploring John Milton's *Paradise Lost*
PILGRIMAGE: Then and Now (Lent) Gospel Passages with readings from contemporary theologians Tillich, McGill, Buechner, Bonhoeffer, Foster, McClendon and Merton
Faces on the Side of the Road: Seeing Jesus on the Way to Jerusalem (Lent)

Coming to Hope: The Story of Longing for the Messiah
Reading the Temptation Narratives as the Body of Christ: Considering the Identity of the
Church in Contemporary Society
Folks Like Us: Moses, Hosea, Mary, Paul
Poetry and Faith: Donne, Herbert, Dickinson and Rossetti
Exploring the Apostles' Creed
Anticipating Easter – and Beyond
Setting Wicks Aflame (Advent Meditations from the Lectionary)
Clive Staples Lewis: Four Lessons Exploring the Man and His Work
The Challenge of the Gospel in a Pluralistic World: The Book of Acts
Christian Faith and the Reality of Evil
Baptism
Foundations of Faith: God as Creator, Judge and Redeemer (reading Genesis 1 – 11)
From Story Told to Story Received: How the Bible Came to Be
Prayer
God's Care with the World: Considering Providence and Prayer