



SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30am CHRIST, COFFEE, & CONVERSATION, with Breakfast Refreshments Served. Use TCAT Rt. 52 (elective pull stop). Ministry Center (brown house bldg.). A gathering for students and young adults to pursue spiritual formation with Pastor Matt Raley. Follow him on Instagram: MATTHEWRALEY.

9:30AM & 11:15AM CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING offered for babies to 5th grade on lower level of the church ~ Contact kingdomkids@bg.org with any questions.

WISDOM JOURNEY: A STUDY OF PROVERBS ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
How can we gain wisdom? Some may think it's about learning information and passing a test. Others may see wisdom as a mystical gift of enlightenment. In the Bible, gaining wisdom is more like a lifelong journey. This year, we are studying the book of Proverbs at BG. We hope you'll come aboard for the trip!

10:45AM BAGELS & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP on the lower level of the church.

11:15AM ADULT EDUCATION & SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS ~ JOIN ANY TIME!

Lament ~ In this ten week discussion, we will study lament, how it is practiced, and its relational aspects. All are welcome, including those who are supporting grieving friends and family. We will practice grace with each other, holding space for grief and wrestling, and holding each others' stories with respect. Meets in the Church Auditorium (short side) and led by Katie Winkler, Katie@bg.org.

Parenting Class ~ Last year, the Parenting Class examined the Bible's teaching on identity and sexuality. This fall, we will review the principles we learned and start planning how to teach them to others. Meets in the Family Center (white building) and led by Matt Raley, Lead Pastor.

BGYouth Reviews (6th to 12th grade students) Come check out a local hike as we grab a snack and discuss elements in the sermon. Location Varies and led by Teddy Yesudasan, Director of Student Ministries, teddy@bg.org.

Sermon Discussion Groups ~ using questions provided by Pastor Raley. Offered in both **English and Spanish**.

Sermon Discussion Group Locations:

Potter's Falls Group - Ministry Center (brown bldg.)

Taughannock Falls Group - Church library

Spanish Speaking Group - Classroom above the library

To join a group... Ask a greeter in the church lobby or use the *Communication Card* found in each row.



Small Groups

AND OTHER NOT-SO-SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

COLLEGE LUNCH GROUP – Two Sundays a month
Meet for a meal at Birkett's home after church.
Contact: claybirkett@gmail.com or text 607-793-7422.

ALL CHURCH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE
See full description on back page.

CAROLINE AREA - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00pm
Contact: Beth Larson bethellenlarson@gmail.com

LADY TREKKERS - Tuesdays at 10:15am
Women explore the Ithaca & surrounding areas on foot. Contact:
Amy Bach, bach.amy@gmail.com, 607-539-6654 (home), text 607-
279-0583

WOMEN'S GROUP - Each Tuesday @ 7:00pm - Lansing Area Home
Assorted Bible Studies. Contact: Amy Bach bach.amy@gmail.com,
607-539-6654 (home), text 607-279-0583

MEN'S GROUP - Each Thursday, 7:45am over Zoom
Studying John Stott's book *The Cross of Christ*
Contact: Jim Smith, jimsmith149@gmail.com, 607-229-2338

ITHACA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - September through June
See full description on back page.

MAN-UP MEN'S SERIES - 3rd Friday of each month, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Visit: www.authenticmanhood.com
Contact: Frank Smalley, mail@franksauto.net, 607-857-5433 or Rick
George, rick_geo@msn.com, 607-227-4703

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Meet's monthly on a Saturday morning.
Contact Shaun Gendrue gendruesm1@gmail.com, text 716-245-0971

LANSING – 2nd Friday each month @ 6:00pm
Fellowship/Devotion/Prayer
Contact: Doug & Sue Caveney 607-533-0007, susanjcave4@gmail.com

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/YOUNG FAMILIES
Each Saturday at 10:00am ~ Studying the book of Isaiah
Contact: Caleb & Christina Yu, calebchristina2017@gmail.com

Intercessory **PRAYER**

“Before God on Behalf of Others”

“We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there’s nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all.”

- ***Oswald Chambers***

GROUPS FOCUSED ON PRAYER

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP from 8:00am to 10:00am Wednesday mornings in the Family Center (white building). This group also enjoys discussion time and planning covert acts of kindness. Contact John, 607-387-9845, jgp4@cornell.edu.

THURSDAY CORPORATE PRAYER OVER ZOOM - Fellowship starts at 6:30pm followed by prayer 7:00 to 8:00pm. An e-mail goes out from the church each Thursday with the Zoom link. If you are not receiving messages, contact bg@bg.org. If you have questions about this prayer group or to submit a prayer request, contact susanjcave4@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Many in the body of Christ are persecuted for their faith. We should not ignore them but faithfully pray and support them. Consider joining others to pray for the persecuted church twice a month. Contact Ann at eab4@cornell.edu.

MOM’S IN PRAYER GROUPS: Weekly groups meet to pray for School Districts and College Student/Campuses. Contact momsinprayer.beckytay@gmail.com.

BG E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN: You must be a regular attender at BGBC. If you have a prayer need and desire to place it on the BG email prayer chain, contact Brenda at bgprayerchain@gmail.com or 607-227-6376. She can also help you join the email prayer chain mailing list.

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ALL-CHURCH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

September 2024 to May 2025

FOR EVERYONE: Join others to read through the Bible over the next 9 months, and encourage each other to dive into God's Word!



Read or listen to scripture on your own throughout the week. Pick up a printed plan in the lobby or print your own at: <https://totheword.com>

FOR THE LADIES: Join the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bgladiesbrc> for encouragement and updated announcements or email heidi@bg.org or jadeisis86@gmail.com.

ITHACA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (IWBS) ~ September-January

Participate via Zoom Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:30am

Heaven is the most encouraging subject in the Bible and the happiest location in the universe. Do you know what happens when we die? Where do we go? Is there an after-life? Learn what the Bible has to say about heaven in this 11-week study. God wants you to know all about your eternal home and anticipate your future.



"This series pulls the curtain back--to the extent Scripture allows--to reveal the glorious and utterly amazing realm of heaven. It will transform your perspective here on earth! "When you truly know that heaven is a real place, it changes the way you live. —let Pastor David Jeremiah help you close the gap between what the Bible says about heaven and what you know." (Dr. David Jeremiah)

Our Bible study lessons are guided by knowledgeable and passionate leaders. Order your study guide from davidjeremiah.org. Contact Michelle at memrrigirl@gmail.com to receive the ZOOM link.