



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. *Last time to meet will be 5/5 before breaking for the summer.*

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.

9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE ~ LIFE AGAINST DARKNESS: A STUDY OF EPHESIANS
Life often feels like it is caving in. Government and the economy, education and health care, churches and non-profits are in crisis. Our closest relationships can feel uncertain. So does our emotional health. Is there any way to save our lives from this darkness?

This is an old question. Paul gives answers in his 1st century letter to the Ephesian Christians, a letter that defies simplistic formulas for spirituality. What is the darkness that oppresses us? How does Jesus overcome it? What is our role in the world Jesus is making? Ephesians teaches a new life in Christ that darkness cannot overwhelm.

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

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

Share Jesus Without Fear 10 week Bible Study - Meets in the Ministry Center (brown bldg.) *See full description on back page.*

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

Forest Falls Group - Family Center (white bldg.)

Parenting Class - Meets in the Family Center (white bldg.).

This spring we are studying male and female identity.

To inquire about a group...

Ask a greeter in the church lobby after service, use the *Communication Card* found in each row or simply visit the group.



Small Groups

AND OTHER NOT-SO-SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

ALL CHURCH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

See full description on back page.

CAROLINE AREA - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00pm

Contact: Beth Larson bethellenlarson@gmail.com

BELLE SHERMAN & VARNA AREA - HYMN SING!

Days & Times Vary. Contact: Teddy@bg.org

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 Thursday @ 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 the book of Matthew

Contact: Jim Smith, jimsmith149@gmail.com, 607-229-2338

ITHACA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 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.

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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SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR

NEW Class ~ Sundays @ 11:15am

A simple and relational approach to witnessing that underscores our dependence on God's power for the results, and shows how to navigate a witnessing conversation in everyday situations. We will use the bible study booklet "Share Jesus Without Fear" (\$10).



ALL-CHURCH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

September 2023 to May 2024 ~ 9-Month Reading Plan

Imagine a great table, loaded with the best food, perfectly prepared. This is how we view the Word of God, and it is our joy and privilege to encourage you to find your seats and share the bounty of it with us. The reading plan is simply the menu - the challenge is to become Christians who live and breathe the Word of God. Read or listen to scripture on your own throughout the week. Ask a greeter in the church lobby for your own copy of the 9 month guide.

Attention Ladies: Join the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bgladiesbrc> for encouragement and updated announcements.

ITHACA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (IWBS) ~ April/May 2024

Participate via Zoom each Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30am

Have you been "Captured by Grace" ladies? Come join this 10-week study of the multifaceted jewel of grace. Discover why grace is more than a blessing at mealtime...It's the source of every blessing you enjoy! Our study guide is **Captured by Grace**, by Dr. David Jeremiah.

No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. *"Most Christians know they were saved by grace, but many are not aware that they live by grace. Nor do they know that grace is the pathway leading them to their heavenly home for eternity. Dr. Jeremiah will reveal different perspectives of grace that you may be unfamiliar with. He will teach us how to apply the principles of God's grace to our life, as he takes us on an incredible journey through the lives of two self-proclaimed wretches who were completely transformed by the saving power of God. This same grace is available to us!"* – Dr. David Jeremiah

Our Bible study lessons are guided by knowledgeable and passionate leaders. Order your study guide from davidjeremiah.org. It all begins on April 4, 2024. Contact Michelle at memrrigirl@gmail.com to receive the ZOOM link.

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