

New Life

Encountering God's Word and being transformed into NEW LIFE in Christ.

Frequently Asked Questions

I'm new to Bible study. What do I need to know before attending?

This study is for women of all ages and stages of faith. All you need is to have an open heart to learn the Word and don't be afraid to ask questions when one arises. Our teachers will be available to guide you and offer learning resources. You will not be alone on this journey!

Do you have to attend St. Andrew's to participate in the Bible study?

No! We want women throughout our community to join us as we learn together. Please invite your friends and neighbors to our study!

What is the weekly structure?

Each week will consist of worship at the beginning, then large group teaching, and discussion. Each week, participants will be provided with ways to engage in Scripture and the week's topic.

Is this an ongoing study?

Yes, we plan to meet throughout the year with a few breaks that will be communicated in advance.

What if I can't attend certain times of the year?

Feel free to join us when your schedule allows.

What if I can't attend in person?

You can also view lessons on our St. Andrew's Facebook Live page.

What are the planned topics for the year?

January – Spring - "Foundations of Faith" we will spend time studying and discussing our identity in Christ and the character of God. We will then spend time on Bible study basics and the art of Bible interpretation. In the fall, we will launch our Genesis-Revelation study of the narrative of the Bible.

Will I be assigned to a small group and leader?

Because this is a new study, we will not be starting with small groups. That component will be added after consistent participation is established.

Is there a cost?

The semiannual registration cost is \$25 to cover cost of printed materials. We never want cost to be a barrier to participate in Bible study. Please email women@sapres.org if you need assistance.

Which Bibles do you recommend to use for this study?

The New Life Application Study Bible NIV, The Harper Collins Study Bible New Revised Standard Version, The English Standard Version Study Bible

If you have any questions, please email women@sapres.org.

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Meet the Teachers



Shannon Coon is the Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries. In 2011 she graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and received her first call to Bidwell Presbyterian Church in Chico, CA. She served Bidwell for 10 years as the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Discipleship. She is married to Chris, who is also a pastor, and they enjoy hiking, kayaking, and road trips together. She has a son, Rylan, who studies at Butte College in Northern California.



Jill Levsen has been in leadership with Community Bible Study for 25 years and a Bible teacher for 20 years. She loves teaching God's Word and is looking forward to being in community with the women in this New Life study. Jill and her husband Eddie have been married for 33 years and have a son and daughter, both married, along with five grandchildren. For fun, Jill is either reading, trying to learn pickleball, or on a plane to see her grandkids.



Susan Watkins is delighted to be joining the women of St. Andrew's for this new Bible study! She's had the joy of teaching the Bible in various venues for over 30 years, and loves it because when we study the Scriptures, God is so faithful to meet and transform us. Susan has been married to Gary for 42 years and they have served together in ministry for all of those years, in churches or in mission work. They have a son and a daughter, both married, a two year-old granddaughter, and a baby grandson on the way in February! For fun, she loves to travel.

Women's Ministry Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission: To encounter God's Word and experience the new life in Christ.

Vision: To approach Scripture with open hearts and minds, and to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who transforms us through engagement with God's Word.

Values: Our identity of belovedness; Worship of the living God; Bible literacy which focuses on the Bible as God's story; Expectant transformation that occurs from encountering Scripture with head and heart; The importance of studying the Bible in community; The centrality of Christ in the Bible and in our fellowship; The necessity of sharing our faith with others; Generous hospitality toward each other.