



Have you ever gotten stuck when trying to explain what you believe as a Christian?

This fall, we are going back to Square One, taking a look at the basic building blocks of our faith with fresh eyes. Our goal is to equip you to articulate your faith more clearly.

Come back to **Square One** with FUMC this fall as we **Reframe the Basics of Faith!**

SQUARE ONE DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE DISCIPLE FAST TRACK

Offers a new twist on the classic Disciple Bible Study, which is an excellent overview of entire Bible. Meeting for a total of 24 weeks, 12 weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring, this study is for anyone ready to commit and delve deeper. Cost is \$30 and registration is required.

August 31-November 16, Thursdays
7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 104, Family Life Center
Pastor Taylor Fuerst, leader
September 11-November 27, Mondays
7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 104, Family Life Center
Pastor Cathy Stone, leader

FAITH CREED: WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY

A six-week study of Adam Hamilton's *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

August 20-September 24, Sundays
10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall
Pastor Cathy Stone, leader

METHODISM WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS?

What does it mean that we are called Methodists? This study explores both our Methodist origins in England and the development of Methodism in the United States. In the process, we will discuss the challenges facing Methodism today, and how we are called to move forward.

September 17 and 24, Sundays
5:00-7:00 p.m., Room 104, Family Life Center
Mark Morris, leader

SOCIAL JUSTICE JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION

Provides an introduction and opportunity to explore justice issues of race, poverty, and mass incarceration. This accessible book shares true stories of the potential for mercy to redeem us as well as a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice.

August 27-September 24, Sundays
10:00 a.m., Room 210, Sanctuary Building
Caroline Jones and Kathy Morales, leaders
September 12-October 3, Tuesdays
6:30-8:00 p.m., Home of Pastor Michael Mumme
Michael Mumme and Kathy Tullos, leaders

SQUARE ONE IN WORSHIP

AUGUST 20
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Hebrews 11:1-3,6
Sermon: "God: Behind it All"

AUGUST 27
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Colossians 1:15-23
Sermon: "Jesus: More Than A Man"

SEPTEMBER 3
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Michael Mumme
John 14:18-26 and Acts 1:1-9
Sermon: "Holy Spirit: God on the Move"

SEPTEMBER 10
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Genesis 1:24-31 and Psalm 139:13-16
Sermon: "We The People: Humanity"

SEPTEMBER 17
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon: "Being Church"

SEPTEMBER 24
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Psalm 96
Sermon: "For the Beauty: Creation"

OCTOBER 1
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Sermon: "The End Game: The Reign of God"

REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES AT
fumcaustin.org/squareone



A huge Hero Central SUPER HIGH-FIVE goes out to all of our Hero Guides and assistants (aka volunteers) for the enthusiastic, tireless, and amazing job they did leading our heros at VBS this past week. Without the efforts of more than 50 adult and teen volunteers, we could not have put together such an amazing program that put God in the hearts of 123 children. We connected with many of our church and preschool families and also welcomed visitors from outside of FUMC. Together we will continue to discover our strength in God!

A huge Hero Central SUPER HIGH-FIVE also goes to those who supported our Vacation Bible School (VBS) missions through our Communion Rail Offering during the month of July. A total of \$854 was collected.

Next week we will have a recap from Lara Greene about and lots of pictures of our Hero Central Vacation Bible School (VBS).



AUGUST 20, SUNDAY SQUARE ONE KICK OFF

Square One Coffee and Fellowship

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sidewalk

Come mingle and reconnect with your First Church family as we kick off the Square One Series throughout the morning in front of the Sanctuary and Education Buildings.

MOVE ON UP SUNDAY

Back-to-School Blessing

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

All students, teachers, and administrators will receive a blessing and a gift as a tangible reminder of God's and our congregation's love and support. Bring your backpack or any personal item to be blessed as well.

New Sixth Graders Parade

9:45 a.m.

Sanctuary Front Steps

Everyone is invited to help us cheer the class of 2024 as they move from our children's ministry all the way across the street to our youth ministry. Meet on the front steps at 9:45 a.m. (or directly following 9:00 worship).

Children's Move on Up Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

New Classrooms

We highly encourage parents to accompany their children to their new classrooms so they can meet their child's teachers as well as other families. Look for room locations in parent email or on our website.