

Adult Education January 2017

The Book of Colossians: From Cosmos to Colossae to Us



Sundays, 9:15 a.m., in the Assembly Room,
unless otherwise noted

Middle School and High School students and adults come together throughout January to explore Paul's letter to the Colossians. In four short chapters Paul charts a cosmic course from the creation of the universe to the congregation in Colossae (present day Turkey). Learn about these ancient people and the God who redeems them, us, and the whole cosmos.

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Created through Christ

Christians often call God the Creator, but in Colossians 1, Paul says Christ is. How can this be? What role does he play? Using a remarkable clip from *The Tree of Life*, we'll explore a cosmic vision of creation in Christ.

Mark Edwards is Director of Youth Ministry here at Nassau, teaches at both TCNJ and PTS, and is a Nassau Parent.

Jan
15

The Mystery of Christ

9:15 a.m., Room 302/303

Paul calls Christ "God's mystery" and proceeds to try to solve the greatest problems of the Bible in light of the cross. How does it all work? Join Jacq Lapsley for a session that collapses the Old and New Testaments into Christ.

Jacqueline Lapsley wears many hats at Nassau, and in her spare time teaches Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a fan of the intergenerational January education series and also Star Wars.

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Clothed in Christ

Paul says our deaths and lives are "hidden in Christ." What does this mean? And can the Christian really live in the compassionate way Paul suggests?

Nancy Lammers Gross is Associate Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary and the parent of former Nassau youth.

Jan
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Colossians (& Us) in Christ

Who were the Colossians anyway? And what does Paul's letter to this strange congregation have to say about Christ's call to our church? Join Eric Barreto as he unpacks the names, places, and meanings in Paul's closing chapter.

Eric Barreto is Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, an ordained Baptist minister, and a Nassau parent.

Living the Questions

9:15 a.m., Niles Chapel

In this series Bill Phillippe guides us through the theme of transformation in a number of progressive contemporary theologians and scholars such as John Dominic Crossan, Amy Jill Levine, and the late Marcus Borg.

William R. (Bill) Phillippe is a retired Presbyterian minister and author of *The Pastor's Diary*. He says about his book "...I got involved in the church during high school and college and discovered others had different myths than I did. This expanding awareness gave me the stimulus to take a hard look at my own myth." Bill has served a number of churches, was Synod Executive for 10 years, and has served as Acting Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council.

Jan 15 **A Kingdom without Walls**

The good news of the gospel tells of a radical hospitality where boundaries, barriers, and walls are overcome by a grace that knows no bounds.

Jan 22 **Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision**

Being a person of faith demands balancing spiritual pursuits with action. In a society which is often unjust and inequitable, we are compelled to pursue social justice as an expression of hope in realizing a better world.

Jan 29 **Incarnation: Divinely Human**

The meaning of incarnation has been debated since the beginning of Christianity. Although often associated with Jesus alone, the notion of incarnation can be understood to also include Jesus' followers, called, like Jesus, to enfold the Spirit in divinely human ways.

1 Corinthians

Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
Maclean House (Garden Entrance)

George Hunsinger leads a verse-by-verse examination of the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. In this epistle the Corinthian congregation wrestles with doctrinal and ethical issues in conversation with their "founding pastor," Paul, and Paul offers compelling good news in his understanding of the cross, the resurrection, worship, and life together in Christian community.

George Hunsinger is Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the founder of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

Jan 15 **Mission Fair**

10:15 a.m., Assembly Room

The Membership Committee hosts the Mission Fair, a celebration of our ministries and missions. It's an opportunity to learn more about our myriad outreach programs and how to become involved. Come join us and enjoy the next step in your journey of faith.

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