

The Coffee Club



Do you have questions for the staff?

Would you like to have some fellowship
and conversation? Maybe you just like a cup
of coffee and some delicious baked treats...

Join Pastor John, Joy and April on the third Tuesday
of each month for our Coffee Club in the Fellowship Hall.

The next one is on February 20th at 10:30am.

Anyone who is free can come enjoy refreshments and conversation for an hour.

At the end of the Coffee Club, we'll have a short devotion, take part in
Communion together, and have a prayer request time.

We hope you'll visit with us!



Adult Sunday School Update & Thank You

"God created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life. The wasted life is the life without this passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work not to be made much of, but to make much of him in every part of our lives." - John Piper

Do you ever wonder if there's more to being a Christian? You pray, you're involved in church, and you really do try to live the way you think God wants you to. But to be honest, your life really isn't that different from your nice non-Christian neighbor or coworker. Isn't a life devoted to Christ supposed to be more exciting and meaningful?

Author John Piper says most Christians spend life without a true passion for God. They engage in relatively trivial diversions, live for comfort and pleasure, and try to avoid sin. Such a life, though, does not fulfill what God has in mind for His people. He proposes that pursuing God's glory and pursuing what makes us most fulfilled and joyful are not two separate things, but one and the same. We have only one life, and we owe it to God who made us and bought us through Christ's sacrifice. Join Joe and Kim Jaynes' JavaScripture Sunday school class in a study of Piper's book, *Don't Waste Your Life*, beginning February 4 in the last room on the left in the new education wing.

- Kim Jaynes

John House's class is continuing their study of Jonathan Sacks' excellent and timely book, *Not in God's Name*. Rabbi Sacks, one of the most admired religious leaders of our time, tackles the problem of religious extremism and violence committed in the name of God by people of all faiths. Through Biblical analysis and interpretation, he shows that religiously inspired violence is based on misreadings of Old Testament texts, including the stories of Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael Joseph and his brothers, Jacob and Esau, and Rachel and Leah, that are at the heart of all three Abrahamic faiths – Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. He calls on religious people of all three traditions to stand together in truth and declare that this violence is "Not in God's name." New class members are always welcome to join the study in the last room on the right in the new education wing.



FROM THE HAULSEE/WATERS FAMILY

Erin Congregation,

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank you for your thoughtful prayers, kind words, and support after the loss of my Dad. The Wednesday night dinners for us have been so appreciated. A special THANK YOU to Pat Wallin and Dan & Betty Gibbs for coordinating. We all appreciate your kindness
Sincerely - Nicole, Phyllis and Michelle