

A man and a woman are seated at a wooden table in a bright, sunlit room. The man, on the left, is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and has his hands clasped. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light blue sleeveless top and is looking down at an open book on the table. There are several coffee cups and a small plant on the table. The background is a blurred view of greenery through a window.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**BIBLE STUDIES
CLASSES AND
WORKSHOPS**

JANUARY-JUNE 2016

SO ALL OF US WHO HAVE HAD
THAT VEIL REMOVED CAN SEE AND
REFLECT THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

AND THE LORD – WHO IS THE SPIRIT –
MAKES US MORE AND MORE LIKE HIM AS
WE ARE CHANGED INTO HIS GLORIOUS IMAGE.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

ABOUT

Fairhaven's Spiritual Formation ministry provides a foundation for faith that supports each of our three essentials: it makes the experience of worship, community and serving deeper, more impactful and more fulfilling.

Our studies, classes and workshops exist to encourage the discipleship process that is central to the purpose of the Church (Matthew 28:19). The goal is to help the Christ-follower be graciously shaped by the Spirit through the study of Scripture, the practice of spiritual disciplines and the encouragement of the community of believers.

Spiritual Formation studies, classes and workshops are offered seasonally, in a variety of formats and on different days to make it as easy as possible for you to find something that interests you and fits your schedule. Some studies are gender-based, while others are coed to encourage married couples to strengthen their relationship as they grow deeper in their faith.

All studies and workshops require registration, which you can do online at [fairhavenchurch.org](https://www.fairhavenchurch.org)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Paul Clark – Senior Associate Pastor

Kelly Howard – Director, Women's Ministries

Chip Tudor – Pastor, Men's Ministries and Adult Groups

JANUARY-MARCH

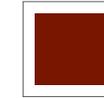
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Understanding the Bible
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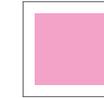
The Journey of Lent
ALL ADULTS / 1 SATURDAY



Names of God
ALL ADULTS / 7 SUNDAYS



Armor of God
WOMEN / 7 MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS



Hosea
WOMEN / 7 TUESDAYS



Financial Peace University
ALL ADULTS / 9 WEDNESDAYS



Man Up: Growing Strong as a Man of God
MEN / 6 WEDNESDAYS



Helping Without Hurting
ALL ADULTS / 6 THURSDAYS



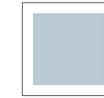
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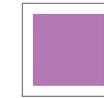
Effective Family Communication
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Make a Difference
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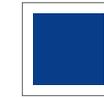
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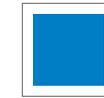
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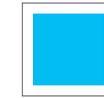
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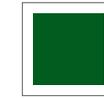
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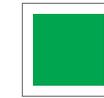
What are the Essentials?
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Spiritual Disciplines? No Thanks!
ALL ADULTS / 1 SATURDAY



Using the Summer for Spiritual Renewal
ALL ADULTS / 1 SATURDAY



Shut Your Mouth!
WOMEN / 7 TUESDAYS

FOR ALL ADULTS

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Workshop led by John Turner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The Bible claims to be the very words of God. It claims to teach us the truth about God. The Bible boldly promises hope and peace if you follow its teachings, but hardship and despair if you ignore its truth. If we believe in the Bible, then we should become intentional about reading and understanding it. But many of us feel inadequate to truly begin and are unsure where to start. This workshop will provide a foundation for getting to know God through getting to know His word, the Bible. A complementary textbook, *Knowing the Bible 101* will be provided.

THE JOURNEY OF LENT

Workshop led by Pastor Paul Clark

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what Lent is all about? Lent is a time of doing without; it's a time of self-denial and repentance, yet a time of drawing closer to Jesus. If you've never experienced Lent as a time for intentional focus on Jesus, consider joining us for this workshop. We'll explain Lent as part of Church history, discuss how a Lenten journey can deepen our faith, and partner together to walk through this wilderness in community.

NAMES OF GOD

Bible study led by Dennis & Lisa Meiners

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 7-MARCH 20, 6:00-7:30 PM

What do the names Elohim, Adonai and Jehovah Rapha mean? God uses these names, and many more, to allow us to see Him and His character. During this study we will lead you on a journey of discovery, bringing understanding to God's names and experiencing the joy of praying these names of God.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Class led by Curt Wagner

WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 10-APRIL 6, 7:00-8:30 PM

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more.

HELPING WITHOUT HURTING

Class led by Pastor Kirk Lithander, Shirley Fuchs

THURSDAYS, FEB. 11-MARCH 17, 7:00-8:30 PM

How can we work in poverty alleviation, yet emphasize that poverty is an issue of brokenness of both heart and society? How can we come to grips with God's merciful concern for the poor and the overwhelming need around us? Through this interactive study, you'll learn that poverty is more than a lack of financial or material resources, and that it will take more than donations and handouts to solve the problem. You'll also discover proven strategies that challenge Christians to help the poor empower themselves.

EFFECTIVE FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Seminar led by Dr. Stephen Julian

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7:00-9:00 PM AND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

You can understand each other - really! This course will explore healthy family communication and will deal with topics such as personal security, trust and healthy depersonalized conflict. Stephen brings humor, passion, experience and faith to his teaching, and will lead participants in a lively discussion. (A \$30 per person fee covers the included DiSC personality assessment. Discounts available for multiple family members.)



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Workshop led by Joan Hoffmann

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

As our church family has been challenged to 100,000 hours of service in reaching the world with Christ's love, how do we unpack that? Why is serving so integral to the Christian life and God's Kingdom? What are the prerequisites to serving well, and what will serving do in my own heart and life? What opportunities for serving exist for me within and outside of Fairhaven Church? Deepen your understanding of what God wants to do in your life through this challenge and develop a community of friends to journey alongside!

FOR ALL ADULTS

BEGINNING TO PRAY

Workshop led by Dave Miller and Pastor Paul Clark
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Prayer is our natural response to God's activity in our life and world. It takes on multiple forms: from jubilant praise to cries of sorrow, from heartfelt thanks to desperate pleas for help, from humble confessions to bold appeals. This workshop will explore the journey of prayer and methods of prayer and offer suggestions to help you develop a prayer life that is vibrant, effective and draws you closer to God.

STARTING POINT

Class led by Pastor Dave Ringhiser
TUESDAYS, APRIL 5-MAY 24, 7:00-8:15 PM

Starting Point is for people who are curious about God, have a new relationship with Jesus Christ or are returning to church after being away for a while. The presentation is conversational, organic and free of judgment and will help you explore faith and experience community. Come with your doubts, questions and longings.

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Class led by Pastor Paul Clark
APRIL 12-14, 7:00-8:30 PM

Spiritual growth is the process in which Christ-followers cooperate with God and one another so that their souls are nourished and their characters are transformed into Christlikeness. But how does this happen? What is God's part and what is my part? How is spiritual growth measured? What tools, experiences and resources will help me grow? These and other great questions will be part of this conversational class.

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS?

Class led by Fairhaven staff
MAY 10-12, 7:00-8:30 PM

There are three easily identifiable elements that seem to bring the greatest amount of transformation in people's lives. We call them our "Essentials." Learn what they are, what the Bible says about them, how they help you to grow and how you can experience them in your life and at Fairhaven Church. This three-night class can both "jump start" your Christian experience, as well as help you to get to know some of our staff.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES? NO THANKS!

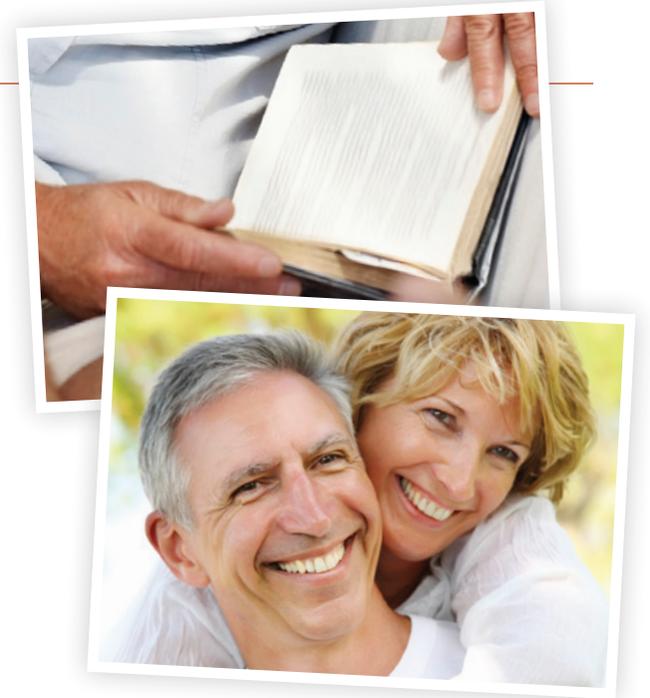
Workshop
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The very word "disciplines" sounds off-putting. Yet, from its beginning, the Church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to "keep company" with Jesus. These intentional practices, relationships and experiences are known as "spiritual disciplines," and they are fueled by the desire to know and love God. Join us to discover how we can partner with God through these "rhythms of grace" to experience spiritual transformation.

USING THE SUMMER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Workshop led by Pastor Paul Clark
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

How can we build rest and spiritual renewal into our summer? The beauty and rhythm of summer provide a natural opportunity to focus on restoring the soul and refreshing the heart. In this workshop we'll discuss tools, resources and experiences that can make our summer months a time to deepen our love for God and His wonderful Creation.



SAVE THE DATE:

LIFELONG LOVE MARRIAGE WEEKEND
With author and speaker Gary Thomas
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2016

Stay tuned for more information about this event coming to Fairhaven Church this fall!

FOR MEN

MAN UP: GROWING STRONG AS A MAN OF GOD

Led by Pastor Chip Tudor, Pastor Paul Clark,
Nathan Lott and John White

WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 10-MARCH 16, 7:00-8:30 PM

Following Jesus is not for the faint hearted. He expects men to fulfill their roles as husbands, fathers, professionals in the workplace, and ultimately, as disciples. Men of courage, get ready to “man up!” This 6-week series looks at what it means to be a man of the Word, of integrity, of passion, of self-control, of humility and a man on mission.

MEN'S RETREAT

Featuring guest speakers

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 6:30-9:00 PM AND
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Church Elders, this weekend will feature keynote speakers and breakout sessions on topics designed to help men take the next step in their spiritual journey. Sessions will be led by some of Fairhaven's senior leaders and deal with the unique challenges men face in following Jesus.



FOR WOMEN

ARMOR OF GOD

Bible study by Priscilla Shirer

MONDAYS, FEB. 8-MARCH 28, 9:30-11:00 AM
(NO MEETING FEBRUARY 15) OR
THURSDAYS, FEB. 11-MARCH 24, 7:00-8:30 PM

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you where a devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you. But, his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The *Armor of God*, more than a biblical description of a believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

VOICES: HEARING GOD IN A WORLD OF IMPOSTORS

Bible study by Pam Gillaspie

THURSDAYS, FEB. 11-MARCH 31, 9:30-11:00 AM

God is very clear that He alone is God and that He alone is to be worshiped. In the Old Testament, some prophets in Israel who claimed to speak for God were clearly false prophets. They spoke from themselves, claiming that God had spoken through them. They were able to perform signs and wonders in order to convince the rebellious that they were speaking for God. Join us as we examine how God spoke prior to the coming of Jesus Christ and how impostors have spoken over the ages.



HOSEA

Bible study by Jennifer Rothschild

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 9-MARCH 22
9:30-11:00 AM OR 7:00-8:30 PM

The book of Hosea is a deeply personal and passionate, yet difficult, love story. In the midst of harsh judgment, we find a rare and pure gem: the truest and purest of loves. Hosea's own life becomes the message using his marriage as the sermon illustration. Discover the kind of love we dream about - the unending love of God for all people.

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

Bible study by Karen Ehman

TUESDAYS, JUNE 7-JULY 26 (NO MEETING JULY 5)
6:30-8:00 AM OR 9:30-11:00 AM OR 6:30-8:00 PM

In both Bible and modern times, women have struggled with their words. Discover what the Bible says about the ways we are to use our words and the times when we are to remain silent. We'll cover interacting with friends, co-workers, family and strangers, as well as places we use our words: in private, in public, online and in prayer.

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