



APRIL 2008

Psalms and Silence

Would you benefit from an oasis during the week to support and recharge your spiritual focus? Psalms and Silence meets for 45 minutes on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am in the Bride's Room to reflect on where God is moving in our lives, followed by a responsive reading of the Lectionary Psalm for the Day and 10 minutes of silent prayer. For more information contact Rev. Rick Davis or Kathleen Muller (813-2659).

**Jesus: The Heart of the Gospel
Celebration of Faith
April 5 and 6**

We welcome back to First Church the gifted teacher, author and New Testament scholar, Dr. Dale Bruner. Dr. Bruner served for 22 years as Professor of Religion at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington. Prior to his position at Whitworth, he was Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines. Dr. Bruner is author or coauthor of several books including *Matthew: A Commentary and A Theology of the Holy Spirit*. In recent years Dr. Bruner has been working at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where he is writing a commentary on the Gospel of John. On Sundays he teaches the Adult Bible study class at First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood.

Following dinner on Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dr. Bruner will lead us into the Gospel of John to discover what God has to say to us through Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman (chapter 4) and Jesus' raising of Lazarus (chapter 11). You do not want to miss this opportunity to be taught by one of the premier biblical expositors of our day.

Dinner each evening begins at 5:30 and tickets (\$10) are available after worship, in the Christian Education office or by calling Sally Henning at 584-4701. The talk itself is free and we ask that everyone be in your seats by 6:30 p.m. when the program begins.

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**Wednesday Night Downtown
Academy for Faith & Life
April 9 - May 7**

The spring Academy is offering six courses on Wednesday evenings beginning April 9. These courses offer you an opportunity to deepen your practice and understanding of your faith. Please join us!!

Drawing Good News: Creativity as a Spiritual Practice; *Rev. Romney Nesbitt*

Forgiveness: A Workable Process for Healing and Transformation; *Rev. Rick Davis*

Death Has Lost Its Sting; *Sara Studemund & Marilee Lonergan*

In the Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage; *Dr. Brad H. Young*

Theologians Through the Centuries: Post-Reformation to Today; *Dr. Mark Hall*

Please register for one of these courses by calling Sally Henning at 584-4701. A catered dinner is served before classes begin from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in Wiseman Hall. The cost is \$5 per person with kids under 13 eating free when accompanied by a parent (or grandparent). Make reservations for dinner no later than noon on Mondays by calling Sally at the above number.

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