

FOURTH NIGHT

A night of fellowship for the whole family of faith to be nourished in body, mind and heart.

Fourth Night is our Wednesday night program that brings the whole church body together to deepen our fellowship and grow in our faith. The evening begins with a meal, prayer and music, followed by a choice of classes, activities and volunteer opportunities for all ages.

Fourth Night Kickoff

September 10 | Upper Room

“Standing Firm in Faith in the Modern Secular Era”



Os Guinness is the author of numerous books, including *The Call* and *Time for Truth*, and is also a speaker of international renown. Born in China and educated in England, he is a graduate of Oxford University. Dr. Guinness has lived in the United States since 1984. He is currently Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum and resides in Northern Virginia.

We will kick off our new Fourth Night on September 10th, with dinner beginning at 5:45pm in the new Upper Room, followed by Dr. Guinness' address at 7:15pm. Classes will begin on September 17.

FOURTH NIGHT CLASS SCHEDULE

FULL SEMESTER ADULT CLASSES

September 17 – December 10

Christianity Explored

Various Leaders | Room 144 (Choir Room)

This DVD-format class is designed for those desiring to understand the claims of Christ and is especially suited for the seeker or new Christian. Each talk is designed to explain an aspect of Christian belief and stimulate discussion.

Discovering Theology

Rob Norris | Room 142 (Chapel)

This course is an ongoing two-year study of the theology, doctrine and dogma of the Christian faith. It has been developed to produce disciples of Jesus Christ who understand the nature of their faith and who are shaped in faith and practice by what they believe.

A Participatory Bible Study: Philippians

Dick Lambert and Phil Gatti | Room 132B

If you want to study Scripture verse-by-verse within the context of discussion and warm fellowship, this class is for you.

Suffering and the Savior:

A Small Group and Bible Study for Women

Jessica Schick & Various Leaders | Upper Room D (Ridgefield Rd. Wing)
Join this community building women's Bible study as we explore dependence on Christ in the midst of suffering. Jessica Schick, Leesa Donner, Melissa Carder, DeeAnn Jeremiah, and Nancy Greenwold will lead, using materials from Beth Moore's Breaking Free series.

HALF SEMESTER CLASSES

September 17 – October 15

Instructing a Child's Heart

Corey Gray and Ron Meyer | Room 130

The first of a series of classes to be offered on parenting, this particular class engages biblically-based material developed by Tedd and Margy Tripp on persuading children's hearts of the wisdom and truthfulness of God's ways so that they will find their greatest joy and happiness in Him. This class is relevant to parenting children of all ages.

World Religions

Blair Smith | Room 131

What is religion? What are the major religions of the world and their teachings? How does a Christian evaluate them? These questions and more are engaged as we seek to move from understanding to faithful engagement. (Islam is covered in the class starting on October 29.)

HALF SEMESTER CLASSES

October 29 – December 10

Augustine: His Life and Teachings

Blair Smith | Room 132A

One of the most influential men in the history of the Church, Augustine is a man to know, disagree with, and love. We examine his life and his key teachings on the Christian life, the interpretation of Scripture, the Trinity, and the relationship between Church and State.

Finding God's Will in a 'Follow your Heart' Culture

Todd Smedley | Room 130

In every generation of the Church's life, believers have had a strange preoccupation with finding God's will for their lives. Join us as we seek to uncover the misguided approaches to finding God's will and then study God's Word to discover how it is He wants us to pursue Him and His purposes for our lives.

Reaching Muslims in America:

Understanding and Opportunity

John Marion and Richard Braun | Room 131

Highlighting the need for evangelism, apologetics, and accountability, this class examines the proper biblical response to Islam in

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America. Along the way, we study the basic beliefs and practices of Muslims and the differences between worldviews. The ministry (“Truth for Muslims”) represented by the teachers of this course is supported by the Outreach Department of Fourth Church.

## OTHER CLASSES

### Care for the Caregiver

*Various Leaders | Room 203 | October 1, November 5, and December 3*  
Care for the Caregiver is intended to provide continual information and support to assist those caring for and serving family members and loved ones. Each evening will offer either a speaker with expertise on some aspect of caring, or staff from Congregational Care and the Emmaus House Counseling Ministry will provide information from Christian resources.

### GriefCare

*Ron Meyer and Liz Blalock | Emmaus House | September 17 – December 10*  
This is a ministry designed to help one understand grief and provide Christ-centered help through the journey of grief.

### New Members Class

*Pastors and Elders | Room 111 | September 17 – October 29*  
This class serves as an introduction both to the Christian Faith and to Fourth Church. Pastors and elders teach and lead discussions on the great issues of Christianity and the history and practice of the church. This is a required class for those seeking to become members of the church, but is open to all.

### Praise Music and Movement Program

*Susan Zinger | Room 123 | September 17th – December 10*  
For Teens and Dependent, and Adults with Special Needs  
The program is designed to promote spiritual and physical fitness, as we praise God with music and care for our physical bodies, the temple where the Holy Spirit lives.

## KIDS CLUB

Children of all ages are invited to experience fellowship, fun, and a deeper understanding of Biblical truths.

*Old Testament Adventures | Room 211 | Age 3-Kindergarten*  
Truths of Old Testament Bible stories come alive to the young children through interactive learning experiences.

### The World of the Patriarchs

*1st-5th Grades | Room 200*  
The children explore biblical cultures while discovering how Bible truths relate to their lives today.

### Child Care

*Room 210 | Age 2 and under*

## MEDIA CENTER

Offering you a place to read, research, study, or use computers, Fourth’s Media Center is open until 8:30pm on Fourth Nights. This is a good time to browse through our many Christian resources—commentaries, magazines, parenting books, fiction, biographies, movies, etc.—and avoid the Sunday crowds.

## YOUTH

John urges his readers in 1 John to know and rely on the love of God. That is our desire in Fourth’s Youth Ministry, to call our students to a life of knowing and relying on the love of their Savior.

### Middle School D-Groups

*Room 102 | Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15pm*  
Our weekly Bible Studies meet in the Middle School Room following the Fourth Night Family Dinner. We begin with fun activities and then split into grade/gender-specific small groups for Bible Study and prayer. Don’t miss these fun and important times!

**High school students** are invited to enjoy Fourth Nights as well! Come volunteer with the children’s ministry, study in the library, or stretch your mind and take one of the adult classes. The High School Ministry will continue to host Bible Studies in various houses every Wednesday night. Grab a brochure from the racks in front of the Youth Office for more information.

### Dinner

5:45-6:50pm in the Upper Room  
Adults: \$6 | Children: 7-12: \$3 | Under 7: Free  
Call the menu line at 301-320-3434, x486, to hear each week’s dinner menu.

### Upper Room Playhouse

Ages 3-5th grade, Upper Room C  
Children are welcome to participate in structured play in the River Road wing of the Upper Room, during the meal. They will rejoin their families at 6:50 for prayer and praise.

### Prayer and Praise

6:50-7:05 pm in the Upper Room

### Classes

7:15 - 8:00pm

### Childcare

Age 2 and under: 7:15 - 8:00pm

### Kids Clubs

Age 3 through Grade 6: 7:15 - 8:00pm

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