

Adults 60+

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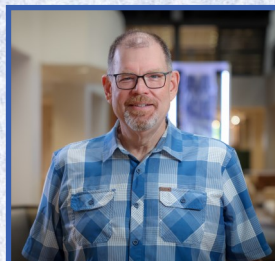
The birth of a baby, the tiny sprout of a flower in the spring, the un-turned pages of a book, and the rising of the sun each morning. These are all things that are new, fresh, and expectant! C.S. Lewis once wrote, "There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

We are already several days into this brand new year and I am excited about how God desires to work in us and through us. As you look over this newsletter at the many things that are going on at Johnson Ferry and in the Adults 60+ ministry, be praying about how you can join us. We are expectantly looking forward to God using us in a mighty way in 2024 as we help people find truth, belonging, and purpose in Jesus.

We have a hope that He will work and that He will act. Romans 8:24-25 reads, "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

As we place our hope and faith in Jesus for 2024, let's do so with patience and expectancy. Debbie and I look forward to serving alongside of you as we serve Him.

Let's do this together!



Important Dates

- Jan 11—Thursday Weekday Bible Study Begins; New Year's Advice, Mitch Verdell
- Feb 1—What Now? Thurs weekday study begins; David Faison
- Feb 22—Silent movie Matinee and lunch
- Feb 28-Mar 3—MOVE Mission Week and Conference
- Mar 16—One Day in Colossians (Women)
- Mar 22 —Collingsworth Family Concert in Atlanta
- Mar 31—EASTER
- Apr 15—The Unchosen Journey/Widow-Widower Luncheon
- May—Short-Term Mission Trips

New Year's Advice

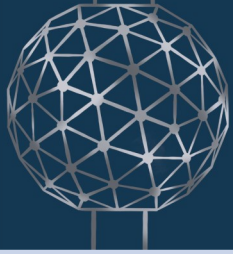
from the book of 1 Samuel

Adults 60+ Study led by Mitch Verdell

Beginning Jan 11 | 9:30am

Magnolia Room

Registration is not required



GriefShare | Jan 22 | 7-9pm

GriefShare is a weekly support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. Find comfort in being with others who are going through the same hurt and loss. Meetings will be in person on Mondays in Room 338 starting on January 22 from 7-9pm. Register and pay for materials online at www.johnsonferry.org/hub under Pastoral Care. The workbook is \$20.

Movie Matinee | Feb 22 | 1pm | Sanctuary

Lunch | Feb 22 | 12pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us in the sanctuary for a special movie matinee that is an old-fashioned silent movie! What a joy to have organist Phillip Allen treat us to some of his favorite short clips. Join us for a boxed lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm (order in advance). Register at www.johnsonferry.org/HUB later in January. There is a charge for the lunch, but no charge for the movie.



MOVE Missions Conference | Feb 28-29

There are several ways you can be a part of the MOVE Conference. You can register for the full mission leaders conference or be a part of the JF family events. You can find information at www.moveconference.org.

There are opportunities to serve at the conference on Feb 28-29 as greeters or in the hallways to offer directions and guidance. Sign ups to serve in this capacity will be available on the Johnson Ferry website by January 19.

Of special interest is the dinner on Friday night, March 1, where Dr. David Thompson will be our speaker. David is a retired missionary surgeon who, with his wife Rebecca, served under the Christian & Missionary Alliance at Bongolo Hospital in the country of Gabon for 35 years and at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt for five years. Tickets for this special dinner will go on sale at **noon on Wednesday, January 31** thru the website. Please be aware that these tickets sell out quickly.

On **Sunday, Mar 3**, there will be opportunities to hear from many of our special guests in Sunday Connect Groups. Know that your giving above the regular tithe allows Johnson Ferry to equip the church, engage the lost, and embrace the nations through Bible translation and distribution, church planting, short-term mission trips, engaging the unreached, and ministry to the vulnerable. Make your six-month faith pledge in all services on Sunday, March 3 or online at www.johnsonferry.org/move/. Also, prayerfully consider serving in local ministries, going on a short-term trip, or exploring a mission assignment.

Collingsworth Family

This group happens to be Mitch's favorite!

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August, 1986 until now, the ministry God has given Phil & Kim has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family. They have sung and played all over the United States (as well as internationally) for 33 years. Their attention to cutting-edge arranging, musical excellence, with a balance of spiritual emphasis are gifts from God. Phil

Adults 60 + Evening Concert • 7pm

Fri, Mar 22 • Mount Paran Church, Atlanta

and Kim's entire purpose is to give the talent God has loaned them back to their Creator.

On **Friday, March 22**, we will run three buses down to Mount Paran. We will leave from the North Parking Lot at 4:30pm. Plan to check in at the 1st floor plaza at 4:00pm and get your name tags. You may register and purchase tickets, \$25/ea. online at www.johnsonferry.org/hub/. Registration will open February 1.

Weekday Studies

• Wednesday Evenings

DISCIPLE MAKING 101. This active learning, relational training will address the challenges of following Jesus and equip you to help others follow Him as well. A healthy follower of Jesus is a disciple maker! The group will be led by David Anderson and Dan Arnold. Room 105 | 6-8pm. Starting Jan 10.

CHRIST AND CULTURE. This course focuses on the components of a Biblical/Christian worldview as well as an analysis of current culture climate. Come fellowship with other believers, and be equipped to share your faith in a post-Christian world. Adults of all ages are welcome. \$60/person or \$100/couple. The group will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Breshears. Room 320/The Ridge | 6:30-8pm. Starting to Jan 17.

STUDY OF JEWISH FESTIVALS. The seven Jewish Festivals were essential to Jewish life and taught about the first and second coming of the Messiah. Each festival will be reviewed as to what is being taught about Jesus and how this festival was celebrated. The group will be led by Brad Jones. Room 312 | 6-7pm. Starting Jan 10.

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM. This class will enlighten you on the history of Islam, beliefs of Muslims, Pillars of Islam, the Koran, the world-wide impact of Islam and its expansion in Europe and the United States. Also, you will learn the fundamental differences between Islam and Christianity and how to share the gospel with Muslims. Materials cost, \$10. Room 341/343 | 6-8pm. Starting Jan 10.

• Thursday Mornings

NEW YEAR'S ADVICE from the book of 1 Samuel. Thursday, January 11, our midweek Bible study begins. Mitch Verdell will lead our 3-week mini-series. Gathering and coffee begins at 9:30am in the Magnolia Room, with a meaningful time of Bible study starting at 10am. No registration is required.

WHAT NOW? David Faison will guide us beginning February 1. This study will look at ways that we can engage in life and ministry no matter our age or life stage. We will answer questions such as, "What am I pouring my life into?" and "How can God deploy me for His Kingdom purposes?" 9:30am | Magnolia Room. No registration is required.

The Unchosen Journey

Apr 15 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

For those who have lost their life partner, we are hosting a luncheon to encourage and assure you that you do not walk this path alone. Join Clay and Terrica Smith for lunch, a time of worship, and uplifting words. You are our guest, but for planning purposes registration is required. Register on the HUB starting Mar 1.

Mission Trip | Dominican Republic May 1-9

Adults will be traveling to the Dominican Republic to work alongside new church plants in impoverished communities. We will engage the community through medical and eye clinics to treat the body and the spirit. There are many non-medical opportunities to serve. Trip leader is Janet Marshall; additional info can be found under short-term missions at www.johnsonferry.org or you may call Janet at 917-747-7859.

My Sister's House | Atlanta Feb 12 | Mar 11 | Apr 8 | May 13

On the second Monday of each month we have the opportunity to serve behind the scenes at one of Atlanta's shelters for women and children. We take a bus and serve from 10am-3pm. We may help organize the pantry, serve in the meal line, wash dishes, or where needed. For more information contact Philippe Michaud, Leader, at 770-329-3323.

By Design | International Missions Jan 19 | Feb 16 | Mar 15 | Apr 19 | May 17

Join this mission-minded group of women that comes together one Friday of each month to create washable feminine hygiene pads to provide to women internationally. You do not have to be able to sew to participate—both sewing and non-sewing tasks available. The group, led by Monica Schmieder, Julie Chandler and Cathy Bonham, meets in Room 272/275 The Landing from 9:30am-12:30pm.

Bus Drivers

The Adults 60+ ministry is in need of JF church bus drivers to support monthly missions or seasonal day trips. A commercial driver's license is not needed, but there are JF Safe Harbor and Driver Application requirements. For insurance purposes, drivers must be younger than 70. Contact the Adults 60+ office for details, 770-794-2968.

Additional Mission Opportunities to be released soon. Stay tuned!

Connection with Purpose

Connect Groups. We believe that we were created to connect with God and each other. Many options are provided at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am on Sunday mornings. Other groups meet during the week. No registration is required. If you would like a staff member to suggest groups that might be a good fit, contact the Adults 60+ office, 770-794-2968. For group information: johnsonferry.org/groups/

Crochet Ministry. Two crochet groups, a morning and an evening group, use their talents to reach out into our local community and to the state of Georgia. They provide lap blankets, afghans, and gifts to our veterans, residents in assisted living, and to retired ministers and their spouses.

*Morning Crochet: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am,
Room 108, Mary Lu Duke, Leader*

*Evening Crochet: Wednesdays, 6pm,
Room 335, Genny Slate, Leader*

TUESDAY

PICKLEBALL

Come on out on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am and join the fun. Who knows? Mitch just might be your partner. (Not an advantage)



Petal Pusher Ministry. Our Petal Pushers arrange and deliver bouquets of cheer to over 300 assisted living residents each month. We deliver to each resident individually and visit briefly, offering a warm smile, a kind word, and a prayer.

*Petal Pushers: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30am,
Magnolia Rm, Carolyn Leard, Leader*

Bridge Ministry. Mondays provide more than an opportunity to keep minds active and encourage community. These bridge partners have a passion for supporting local missions and Operation Christmas Child. They welcome all who would like to play or learn!

*Bridge Ministry: Mondays, 12pm,
Room 108, Wanda Newcity, Leader*

SENIOR FITNESS FUN

Mondays and Thursdays

11:15am-12:15pm

www.johnsonferry.org/hub/
Offered thru Sports & Fitness



Registration is open and senior discounts apply.

Drive-Thru Prayer | 3rd Wednesdays

Come as you are, and stay in your car as you stop by Johnson Ferry's North Parking Lot to pray with an intercessor for any need. All are welcome and all requests are confidential.

Jan 17 | Feb 21 | Mar 20 | Apr 17 | May 15

ONE DAY IN COLOSSIANS | MAR 16

Women, save the date for **Saturday, March 16!** A new event will be taking place called One Day In Colossians - a day for our women, by our women, to get into the Word together and worship. Our own JF women will be the speakers, worship leaders and creatives. We will study through the book of Colossians and enjoy sweet community together. Registration for this event will open in February.

NIGHT OF HOPE | FEB 8, MAR 14, APR 11

Are you or someone you know struggling with the challenges of life? Then Night of Hope is for you. We believe that God wants to significantly touch and encourage all who need their burdens lifted, their bodies healed, and their hearts restored.

Night of Hope takes place on the second Thursday of each month in the 2nd floor Landing (Rm 272) 6:30-8pm.

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