

Christian Education Commission Meeting

December 2, 2024

Present: Lynne Hockley, Tom Campbell, Craig Coble (via phone), Pastor Jason, Jo Hershey

FAITH FORMATION CHECK-INS:

Nursery (0-2, first and second hour)

Shine (2-5, first and second hour)

Blaze (K-5th, first hour only)

Kid's Club (K-3rd, second hour only)

- No Kid's Club for December 29.

Middler Class (Grade 5-8)

- Jason met with the Middler teachers last month to discuss the beginning of this class at the start of 2025. The teachers are the DeGoede's, the Wiles, Ashley Haldeman and Ann Pineda. They will use the Passport curriculum.
- There was some discussion on how to recruit students for the class. We will revisit this at the next meeting for more details

Youth

Post-High Class

- Now that the fall break is over, the college students will be back in the class until the end of the semester.

Adult Classes

- Discovery Class. This past Sunday Isaac Kraenbring presented his thesis on recycling. A very good discussion. Next week Ella Strickler will talk about a similar issue. She is a young adult. Perhaps it would be nice to invite the youth class to the session. **Jason will talk with the youth teachers.**
- Bible Exploration Class. We now have a Zoom option for Room 106 where the BE class meets. The first Sunday there was one Zoom participant and yesterday there were two zoom participants. **Dave will call the church office and see that the zoom link is announced along with the class. Dave will also inform the class as to how to access the class recording.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Along with the issue on the discovery class, Craig suggested that we devote several consecutive Discovery classes on different aspects of the climate change issue that demonstrates how large this issue is. This could coincide with a sermon series in worship. A good time for this would be in April around

earth day. Perhaps this would be a suggestion for the Environmental group. Jason will ask them about putting together a series of classes for the Discovery Class.

- Faith Formation classes on December 29, 2024. There will be no class for the children and youth classes for the first hour. During the second hour the nursery will be staffed and Shine will meet. The adult classes can decide on their own if they want to meet on that date.
- The faith marker will be third grade Bibles for Katelyn and Mia on December 15.
- Jason presented *The Peace Table* book to the class and he will work at giving the books to families to be intentional on identifying how they work at faith formation in the home. We agreed that he will purchase 15 books to start out and see how it goes.

TO DO: (See the highlighted sentences above)

NEXT MEETING: Perhaps during the Board Retreat on January 4, 2025.

Submitted by David Leiter