



Chart your course!

The Christian Life and Service School is our Church's way of becoming an equipping center for believers. These courses are selected strategically and intentionally. Much Christian education is organized somewhat haphazardly. C.L.A.S.S. is designed not only to offer classes for people at every level in their Christian development but to offer courses in what we consider three critical areas.

The first is Christian living. The Christian life is first and foremost just that, a life to be lived. This means our faith touches every aspect of our lives, including relationships, work, and our health. Therefore, we offer courses to help believers develop in those areas according to scriptural principles.

Secondly is Christian formation. This is traditionally referred to as "discipleship". Through the years the meaning of discipleship has become confused and diminished. Discipleship means that as believers we are being formed in Christ's likeness. This involves our mind and our heart. Therefore, we offer courses to not only give believers a firm foundation in the basics of Christianity but a steady diet of biblical learning as you grow to maturity in Christ.

The third critical area is Christian service. Scripture admonishes Christian leaders to prepare the saints for works of service. This implies two things. First, that saints should serve. Secondly, that saints need to be equipped to serve. The church needs to do more than recruit volunteers, it needs to prepare ministers. To that end we offer the Christian Service courses.

And so you have this catalog before you. We offer three "semesters" a year and a new catalog will come out each time. It is a menu of options for you to chart your own course into deeper Christian maturity. This is up to you. Because the one thing the church can *not* do is force you to grow. We can offer tools. The initiative is yours. So go ahead. Chart your course!

*Christian Formation

Christian Beliefs

Description: What are the basics of the Christian faith? Join us for an introduction or a refresher of what we believe and why.

Duration: 12 Weeks, Sunday mornings

Start Date: 1/29/12

Time: 10:15 am

Led by: Charlie Kunkle

Location: Barre Christian Alliance Church

Materials needed: Bible and a notebook

G.R.O.W. groups

Description: Discover one of the keys to true spiritual growth, authentic biblical community. This introduction to the G.R.O.W. group model will get you started in a life long relational pattern.

Duration: 5 Weeks, Sunday evenings

Start Date: TBA

Time: 6:30 pm

Led by: Pastor Tom Friedrichs

Location: Orange Alliance Church

Materials needed: Bible

Fourfold Gospel

Description: Learn about the core values of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the emphasis on Christ as our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King.

Duration: 5 weeks, Wednesday evenings

Start Date: 2/1/12

Time: 6:30 pm

Led by: Pastor Rosaire Bisson

Location: Barre Christian Alliance Church

Materials needed: Fourfold Gospel Participants guide \$2.00

Old Testament Survey

Description: Biblical understanding is enhanced when we understand what we read in the context of the whole. This class will cover the Old Testament in broad strokes giving you greater understanding of how the pieces fit together.

Duration: 12 Weeks, Sunday mornings

Start Date: 1/29/12

Time: 9:00 am

Led by: Bill Reed

Location: Orange Center School

Materials needed: Bible and a notebook

Online independent study

Description: Sign up for courses through Radio Bible Class's (RBC Ministries) online study program and learn when it works for you. Many free courses as well as for credit courses. All independent study unless you choose to invite others to join you!

<http://christiancourses.com/>

Materials needed: Computer and internet connection

Truth Quest

Description: An ongoing mutual learning community studying systematic theology with an eye toward understanding AND practical life application. This course requires independent study.

Duration: 12 monthly 4 hour sessions with homework.

Start Date: 3/10

Time: 8:30 am

Led by: Pastor Tom Friedrichs

Location: TBA

Materials needed: *TruthQuest* participants guide \$30 and theological texts provided by Church

Prerequisite: Acceptance into class, basic Bible knowledge, stable walk with Christ.

*Christian Service

Finding your S.H.A.P.E.

Description: God designed you uniquely to serve. Discover your **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonal style, and **E**xperiences and how they point you to the right ministry fit.

Duration: 7 Weeks, Wednesday evenings

Start Date: 3/7/12

Time: 6:30 pm

Led by: Pastor Rosaire Bisson

Location: Barre Christian Alliance Church

Materials needed: Network Participants Guide, \$7.99

Biblical Eldership

Description: Preparatory course for those entering church leadership. Learn the biblical standards and mandates for church elders. Based on the book and study guide of the same title.

Duration: 10 monthly 3 hour sessions. 1st Saturday of the Month

Start Date: 3/3/12

Time: 8:30 am

Led by: Pastor Rosaire Bisson

Location: Barre Christian Alliance Church

Materials needed: Book: Biblical Eldership

Prerequisite: Truth Quest or a demonstrable understanding of Bible and leadership qualities

*Christian Living

Financial Peace University

Description: FPU is a life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

Duration: 13 Weeks, Monday evenings

Start Date: 1/30/12

Time: 6:30 pm

Led by: Randy Lamberti

Location: Barre Christian Alliance Church

Materials needed: Financial Peace University Participants Kit \$99.00

Marriage/Dating Enrichment Workshop

Description: *Would you wait 100,000 miles to change the oil in your car? Would you go 25 years without a dental checkup? Would you have a physical exam only once in your lifetime? Your relationship deserves a checkup too!* The Couple Checkup provides a guide for you to better understand your relationship; whether you are dating, engaged or married. The Couple Checkup explores issues such as communication, finances, sexuality, spirituality, and parenting.

Duration: 12 Weeks, Wednesday evenings

Start Date: 1/25/12

Time: 7:00 pm

Led by: Pastor Tom Friedrichs

Location: TBA dependent upon enrollment

Materials needed: The Couple Check-up book. \$16.95