

# ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Ladies of St. Paul's:

We are happy to announce that the church Session has approved WIC Bible studies for the fall. Due to the situation with the Corona Virus, we are incorporating guidelines to promote safety. Please review these guidelines before selecting the study in which you want to participate.

Tuesday morning Bible studies:

- Bible studies meeting at the church will be from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- The study groups will be meeting in the larger areas of the church (i.e. the Sanctuary, parts of the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, and the large classroom in NT Hall)
- There will not be a buffet brunch or coffee service, however women may bring in their own drink and snack
- The current church policy of two women in the front restroom at a time will be adhered to
- The current church policy of wearing face coverings will be adhered to

Tuesday evening Bible studies:

- 3 studies will be offered at various church members' homes
- The groups will be limited in number to how many the home can safely accommodate
- Serving dinner, as has been done in the past, will be based on the comfort level of the hostess and group members
- If dinner is served, the CDC guidelines for handling food at church gatherings will be observed

If you are interested in participating in a Bible study, but not attending in person, you are invited to participate via Zoom or via conference call. We are expecting to offer these options for each of the studies.

Unfortunately, the WIC Board and the church staff have not devised a plan to safely accommodate childcare at this time. We are praying that young mothers will find a way to join a study virtually!

**\*\*We are looking for a woman from each study to help bring the studies to those who cannot attend in person. If you willing to learn or have already tackled and conquered the new technological world of Zoom and mastered conference calls on your smart phone, *we need you this year!* Call Carol Kistner at 505-620-5568 for information, or choose this option in the drop-down menu when signing up online for your Bible study.\*\***

## **Morning Studies:**

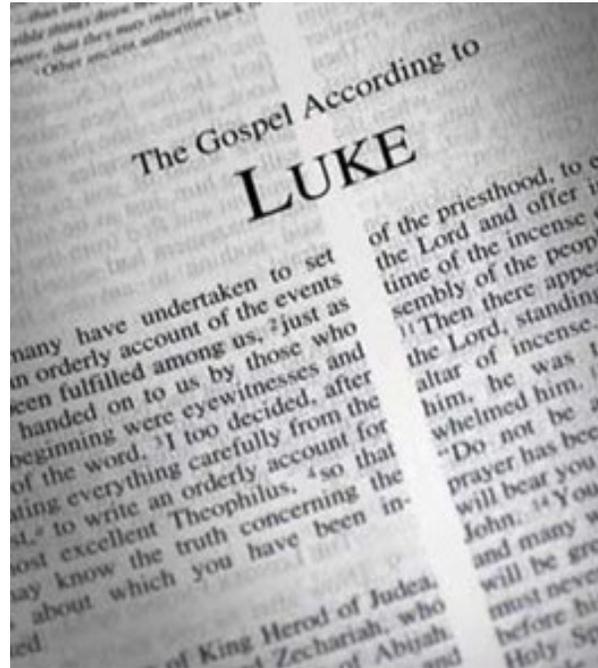
Tuesday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **The Gospel of Luke**

Facilitator: Elise Maynard

**Full Year**

There is no higher calling than to study the life of Jesus Christ, written through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, of which no one can fully plumb its depths. Study, prayer, and meditation will open new layers of richness for us as we consider the way Luke's Gospel shines uniquely among the others. Luke is the longest book in the New Testament, written by the author who also wrote more of the New Testament than any other writer. The beloved physician, Luke, is the only Gentile, non-eyewitness author of the four Gospels and his carefully researched narratives create an account with over 40 percent material unique to this Gospel. He gives added attention to the outcast and to the love that Christ has for the most egregious sinners. He draws vivid images of His compassion for/power over the massive crowds, as well as the poignant prayerful solitude sought constantly by the Savior. From the five tributes of praise in his birth narrative, to the unique additions Luke includes in the Passion Week events, he paints a colorful portrait filled with human interest stories that touch the heart deeply. Grateful worship of the beloved Son of God is truly the only adequate response to the study of this Gospel!



*“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road while He opened to us the Scriptures?” Luke 24:32*

**Morning Studies:**

Tuesday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Knowing Christ** by Mark Jones

ISBN-13: 978-1848716308

Approximate Cost: \$12.97

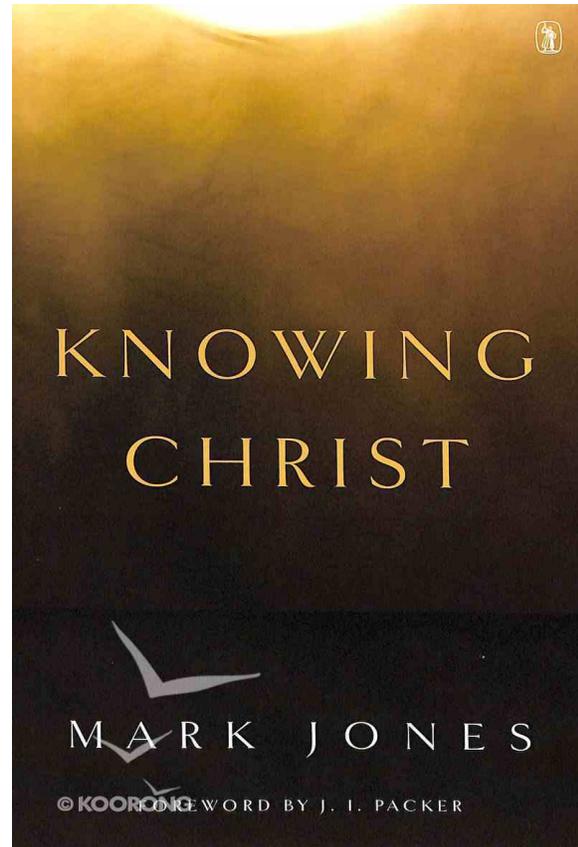
Facilitator: Wendy Madsen

**Full Year**

The Puritans loved the Bible, and dug into it in depth. Also, they loved the Lord Jesus, who is of course the Bible's focal figure; they circled round him, centered on him, studied minutely all the Scripture had to say about him, and constantly, conscientiously, exalted him in their preaching, praises, and prayers. Mark Jones, an established expert on many aspects of Puritan thought, also loves the Bible and its Christ, and the Puritans as expositors of both; and out of this triune love he has written a memorable unpacking of the truth about the Savior according to the classic Reformed tradition, and the Puritans supremely. 'Knowing Christ' is a book calculated to enrich our twenty-first-century souls, and one that it is an honor to introduce.

-From the foreword by J.I. Packer

The Bible commands us in 2 Peter 3:18 to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Knowing Christ is the foundation of worshiping Him. The Bible teaches us how Jesus lived and informs our spiritual and practical living in every way. Join us for a year long study as we learn to live from the Giver of Life Himself!



## **Morning Studies:**

Tuesday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls**

ISBN: 978-1400216550

Approximate Cost: \$15.39

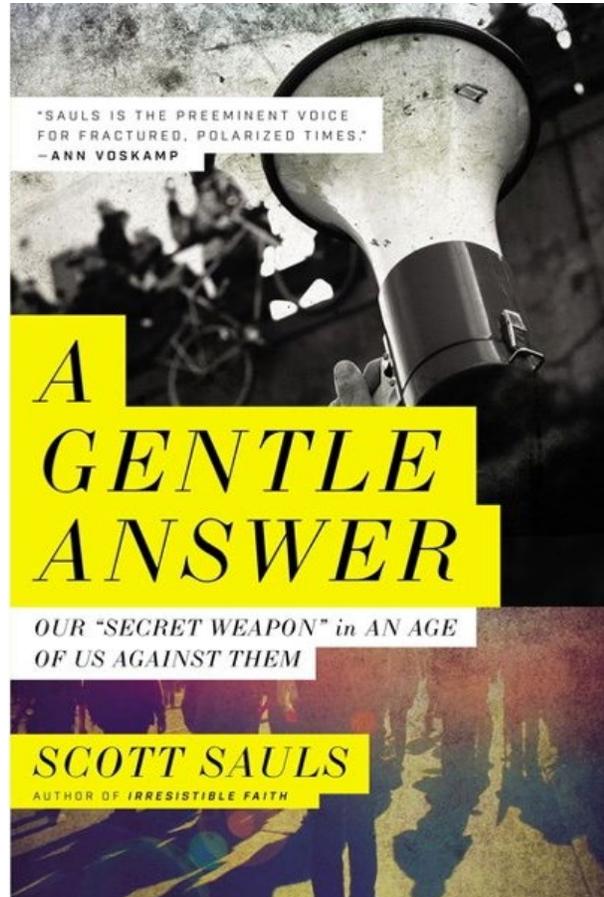
Facilitator: Ann Christian

**Fall Only**

In a defensive and divided era, how can followers of Jesus reveal a better way of living, one that loves others as God loves us? How can Christians be the kind of people who are known, as Proverbs puts it, to "turn away wrath?" Scott Sauls' compelling new book shows Christians how to become people of "a gentle answer" in a politically, relationally, and culturally fractured world by helping readers:

- grow in affection for Christ, who answers our hostility with gentleness.
- nurture a renewed, softened heart in light of Christ's gentleness toward us.
- and catch a vision to forsake us-against-them mentalities, put down our swords, and "infect" a hostile world with gentleness.

For those who long for a more civil way of being, *A Gentle Answer* reveals why answering hostility with gentleness is essential, how we can nurture our hearts to do so, and what a gentle answer looks like, both in the church and in the world.



## **Morning Studies:**

Tuesday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **The Pursuit of Holiness** by Jerry Bridges

ISBN: 978-1631466397 (this ISBN includes the study guide)

Approximate Cost: \$12.29

Facilitator: Faye Tambrino

**Full Year**

A person's concept of God determines what kind of life that person will live. An understanding of the Holiness of God is important to having a right concept of God. Thus, a study of the holiness of God should be one of our highest priorities.

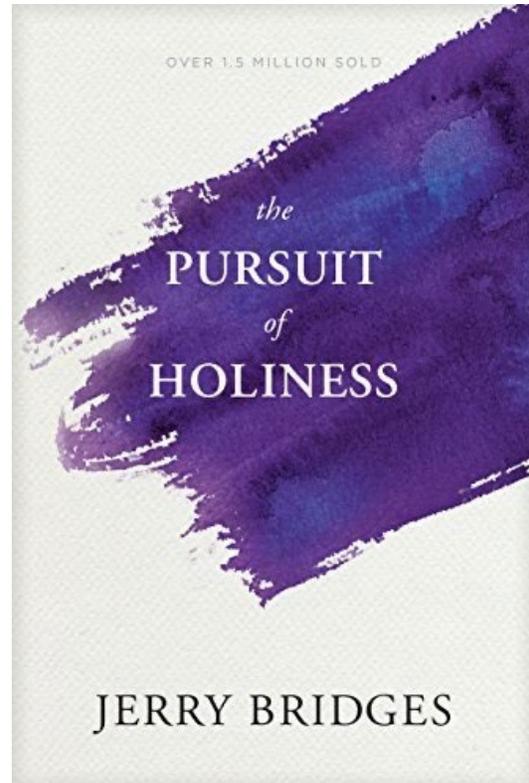
“Be holy, for I am holy,” commands God. But holiness is something that is often missed in the Christian's daily life. According to Navigator author Jerry Bridges, that's because we're not exactly sure what our part in holiness is. In *The Pursuit of Holiness*, Bridges helps us see clearly just what we should rely on God to do—and what we should take responsibility for ourselves. As you deepen your relationship with God, learn more about His character, and understand the Holy Spirit's role in holiness, your spiritual growth will mature.

This book and study guide (with additional information taken from RC Sproul's “The Holiness of God”) will help us gain a true Biblical concept of the holiness of God, help us understand how His holiness affects each of us, and show us how we should respond in our daily lives to His holiness.

About the Author:

**Jerry Bridges** (December 4, 1929 – March 6, 2016) was an [evangelical Christian](#) author, speaker and staff member of [The Navigators](#). Born in [Tyler, Texas](#), United States, he authored more than a dozen books, including *The Pursuit of Holiness*, which sold more than one million copies.

Bridges earned his undergraduate degree in engineering at the [University of Oklahoma](#) before serving as an officer in the [United States Navy](#) during the [Korean War](#). He joined the Christian discipleship organization, [The Navigators](#) in 1955, where he served as administrative assistant to the European Director, as office manager for the headquarters office, as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization, and as Vice President for Corporate Affairs.



### **Evening Studies:**

Tuesday Evenings from 7-9 p.m.

We will not eat dinner together this fall, but decaf coffee, tea and water will be available

### **Thirdmill's Hebrews Study at Home Series**

Facilitator: Cristi Mansfield

**Fall Only**



This 8-week [Study at Home Series](#) is produced by Thirdmill and has been adapted during the pandemic from Thirdmill's graphic-driven video series titled *The Book of Hebrews*. It is designed to be used in an online format but works well for groups who meet in person too. It focuses on introducing and applying the background, purpose, content and structure of the book. The original audience of the book of Hebrews was in a time of crisis, and the author emphasized rejecting false teaching and remaining faithful to Jesus despite challenging circumstances. We hope this study will be an encouragement for us to hold fast to our faith in the midst of trials. Each video is paired with a study guide containing suggested questions for discussion. Explore with us and see how this book still encourages Christians today.

*Meeting at the home of Dayle Seneff  
1300 Summerland Ave Winter Park 32789*

### Evening Studies:

Wednesday Evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

A light supper at 6:00 p.m., for those interested

### **A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls**

ISBN: 978-1400216550

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Facilitator: Loisann Fowler

**Fall Only**

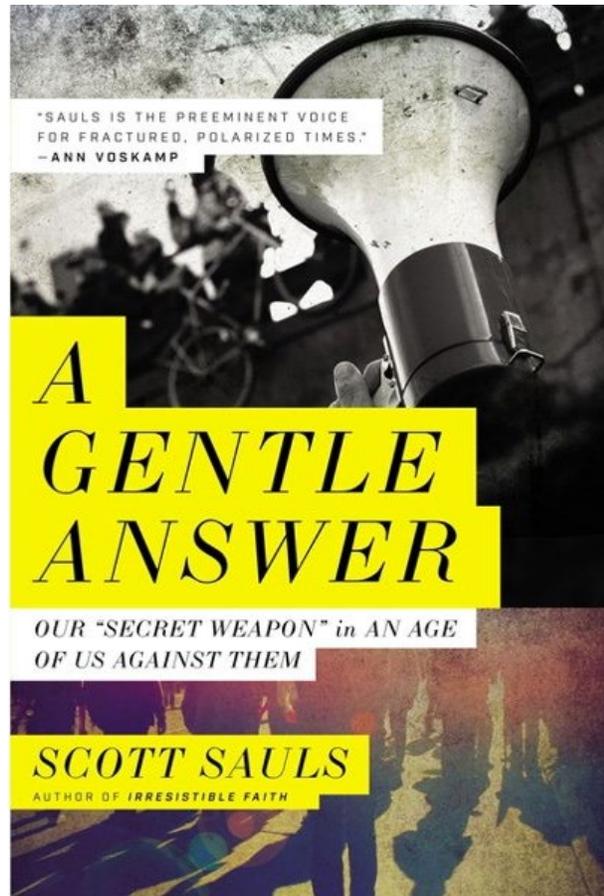
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This is an evening study on the south side of Orlando beginning with a light supper at 6:00 pm, for those interested. Study time will begin promptly at 7:00 and end at 8:30 at the Fowler home.

*Meeting at the home of Loisann Fowler  
1713 Wind Drift Road Belle Isle 32809*



**Evening Studies:**

First and third Tuesdays starting at 6:30 p.m.

A light supper will be served

**Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers**

by Dane C. Ortlund

ISBN: 978-1433566134

Approximate Cost: \$16.46

Co-Facilitators: Margaret Thompson & Beckie Robb

**Full Year**

*Gentle and Lowly* comes from the pen of someone who has not just profited from reading the Puritans—but who, more importantly, has read the Bible under their tutelage. One short book can never be enough to convey all the glory of the character of Christ, but this book deftly unpacks something we often overlook: Christ is meek and lowly in heart and gives rest to those who labor and are burdened. Written with pastoral gentleness and quiet beauty, it teases out what twenty biblical texts contribute to this portrait of the heart of Christ, all of it brought together to bring comfort, strength, and rest to believers.”

**D. A. Carson**, The Gospel Coalition

This is an evening study that will begin at 6:30 pm. A light supper will be served. The first study will meet at Margaret Thompson’s house.

*Alternating at the homes of:*

*Margaret Thompson*

*1512 Druid Isle Road Maitland 32751*

*and*

*Beckie Robb*

*756 Timacuan, Lake Mary 32746*

