



2012

CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 20, 27

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7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL

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The Christian Training School is a cooperative effort of the churches of Christ in the Northeast Ohio area. The school meets in the building of the Northwest church of Christ located at 3904 38th Street NW., in Canton, Ohio.

1. **“When You Are Through With Sin , . . .”** (Grades 6-8)

Dennis Simmons

A great preacher friend taught a sermon that touched the hearts of young people, entitled “When you are through with sin, it may not be through with you”, and that sermon serves as the basis for this study. We will learn that there are sins that can’t be fixed or undone, only forgiven by a gracious God. These lessons will be aimed at the preteen and early-teen years. Our goal is to equip young people to identify, avoid and overcome sin. We will talk about the nature of sin, the consequences of sin, how sin affects our life, how to fight temptation, how to receive forgiveness and recover from sin. We will use biblical and real life examples of what sin can do in our life. The lessons will be filled with warning signs and consequences, but also encouragement and hope. Students will receive lessons that will last a lifetime.

2. **Grades 9-12**

Matt Lowe

Again this year we are offering a class for those of high school age, taught by Matt Lowe of the Alliance church of Christ. Matt has served in this capacity for a number of years, and has always done an excellent job of providing a course of both interest and relevance for our high school aged young people. While we cannot provide specific details for this course, we can, with assurance, say it will be well-taught and of importance to our young people. Sign up, and be surprised!

3. **“Religion In America: The Colonial Period to 1860”**

Lance Lindemberger

When people came from Europe to explore, and then to settle in, the “New World” in the 17th and 18th centuries, they naturally brought their religious views and practices with them. These were as diverse as the people themselves. Certainly, the desire for religious freedom was not the only reason people came to America, but it cannot be discounted, or ignored, as a motivation for making the perilous journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Beginning with the earliest of settlements, this course will explore the development of religion in the colonial, early-national and ante-bellum periods of American history. In the context of this development, the class will also consider the Restoration Movement and its place as part of the religious history of our nation up to the time just before the outbreak of civil war.

4. **“Is The Bible Reliable?”**

Ted Blackwood

This video-based class, produced by Focus on the Family, features Dr. Stephen Meyer, one of the world’s foremost defenders of intelligent design. Fewer and fewer people accept the Bible’s claims to be the direct revelation of God. Everything we believe as Christians stands or falls on the historicity and reliability of Scripture. Dr. Meyer challenges us to examine the historical and archeological evidence for ourselves. After taking this class, you will be able to defend your faith in an increasingly hostile culture.

5. **“God’s Amazing Grace”**

Bill Craddock

To understand how we can be saved from our sins, we must understand the relationship of “grace”, “faith” and “works.” These three must work together for salvation to be accomplished. One or two of these without the third cannot result in the salvation of the spiritual nature of man. In our classes we will be specifically studying the role of grace in this process. Members of the church of Christ have historically had difficulty understanding the part that grace plays in the will of God. The Scriptures are very clear as to the role of grace in God’s plan of salvation. When we understand grace, it takes a great load off our shoulders in trying to do something that we can never do for ourselves. Come and study with us about the amazing grace of God.

6. **“Make A Joyful Noise” (Singing Class)**

Stephen Lindenberger

Ephesians 5:19 states that we are to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. This year’s class will again focus on the fundamentals of singing. Also, we will look at some newer songs and continue to sing the “old standards” as well.

7. **Ladies’ Class**

Sharon Ray, Coordinator

The ladies class is always well-attended and this year should be no exception. Coordinating this class is Sharon Ray, of the Alliance church of Christ. As to topics and teachers, we lack that information, but, without any question, if you register for this class, you will be edified. Sharon is working to provide an uplifting, and enlightening, experience for ladies of all ages. Sign up for this class and share the experience with brethren and friends.

8. **“Galatians – The Epistle of Christian Freedom”**

Glenn Hawkins

The book of “Galatians” has been called the Magna Charta of Christian liberty. Martin Luther said of it, “The Epistle to the Galatians is my epistle. To it I am as it were in wedlock. It is my Katherine” (his wife). The book of “Galatians” deals with a serious threat to the Christianity of that day. Judaizing teachers had been saying that Jewish and Gentile Christians both needed to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses if they were to be saved. Many of the Galatian Christians had been deceived by this teaching. Paul wrote to remind them that salvation is by the faith of Jesus Christ, not by keeping the Law of Moses. Christians have been freed from the yoke of the law and thus are free in Christ. Come and study this great epistle.

9. **“Great Chapters Of The Bible”**

Keith Kull, Coordinator

This class will be an in depth study of five New Testament passages. The schedule is as follows: February 20th: Romans 6 – Earl Ash, Northwest church of Christ; February 27th: Luke 15 – Dean Miller, Hartville church of Christ; March 5th: Hebrews 11 – Keith Kull, Northwest church of Christ; March 12th: Matthew 1 – Aaron Burch, Lisbon church of Christ; March 19th: Ephesians 1 – Steve Wilsford, Carrollton church of Christ.

10. **“Changes In The Church”**

Chuck Hopkins

It has been said that the only consistent thing in this life is change. Life is always changing around us. Because of this there are some in the church who say that the church also needs to change. Throughout the brotherhood there are those who not only want change, but are making changes, such as adding instrumental music to worship, having women serve in worship, having praise teams and many other changes. Change is not always bad, but the Scriptures dictate what we can change and what we cannot. In this class we are going to look at these changes, and others, to see what God has to say about them.

11. **“Groping For God”**

Randy Chapman

In Acts 17:27 we read “that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.” God desires that we seek Him – not just for salvation, but for full fellowship. Our lifelong goal is to know Him. “But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD (Jeremiah 9:24). Yet many plod through life without developing a deep and full relationship with God. If we draw near to God He has promised to draw near to us. This study will address: why we need to know God better, what a closer relationship entails, and how to develop that relationship. There will be no quiet voices in the night, but there will be a challenge that can change your life and its effectiveness. As is said, “It is not what you know, but who you know.” Come and begin a fuller and richer knowledge of God.

All registrations should be turned in to your congregational representative **BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012**. The fee for the school is **\$8.00 per student**.

NO CHILD CARE CAN BE PROVIDED AT THE SCHOOL!!!