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UPCOMING GROUP CLASSES – REGISTER NOW!

JUST ANNOUNCED! Apple Juice: Ancient Wisdom – What Percy Jackson teaches us about the Gospel
Our Apple Juice classes are for KIDS ONLY!

Percy Jackson is one of the hottest reads for kids - and adults! - these days. Weaving a modern day storyline with tales of the Greek gods and myths, author Rick Riordan invites readers into ancient wisdom. Come join us for a fun filled evening as we explore Percy's journeys and theology. We'll have a blast! (And don't worry – we'll touch on important story lines, but we won't spoil the ending!) Don't miss this fun night as we kick off the new school year!

1 Friday August 20 6 – 9 pm

Location Wisdom's Basement

\$30, includes snack and all supplies.

2nd child is \$25, 3rd and following children from same family are \$20 each.

Price includes snack and all supplies. Please have dinner before the program.

Space is limited. This program is appropriate for children ages 6-12.

Register by July 30

JUST ANNOUNCED! The Gospel of gLee

Writing for Time magazine, Nancy Gibbs ponders about Glee after hearing a youth minister state that that the hit television show was "anti-Christian." Ms. Gibbs unpacks the program and decides this is anything but the case, inviting readers (and viewers) to see the show in a different light. This fun and entertaining course will have us wrestling with many features of Glee, including what it can teach us about Jesus, ministry, and a world in need. We'll feature highlights from the show, so make sure you take a look yourself first if you don't want a spoiler or two. Don't miss the animated conversation around this table.

4 Thursdays September 2, 9, 16, 23 9 am - 10:30 am

Location Wisdom's Basement \$40

To read the article of the same name in TIME, please visit this link:

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1942957,00.html>

Register by August 19

JUST ANNOUNCED! Walking Wisdom

Our spirituality is directly linked to our physicality. These two obstacles are some of the hardest for moms to schedule - time for our souls and time for our bodies. Wisdom has created a new course seeking to give invitation and meaning to both. Start your week with us, gathering for a brief time of devotion and then going on a 2-3 mile walk. **Devotions will feature Rob Bell's NOOMA video series**, which are excellent discussion starters. During the walk, we'll discuss any thoughts from the meditation, as well as personal stories and encouragement. Please join us for this new course idea as we venture into new ways to experience spirituality.

13 Mondays, September 13- December 13

(No walk on 10/11)

Devotion begins promptly at 9:00; walk should end between 10:30 - 11:00

Location: Wisdom's Kitchen \$52 for entire series

"In case of inclement weather, devotional will stand. Those coming for the devotional can decide together on whether or not to walk.

Register by: September 1

For more information on the NOOMA series, visit their website at <http://nooma.com/>.

JUST ANNOUNCED! ScreamFree Parenting - Intense Training

This program is based on the book *ScreamFree Parenting: The Revolutionary Approach to Raising Your Kids by Keeping Your Cool* by Hal Runkel: "ScreamFree Parenting is not just about lowering your voice. It's about learning to calm your emotional reactions and learning to focus on your own behavior more than your kids' behavior...for their benefit." Learning about the ScreamFree approach doesn't mean you won't ever scream again; but it does mean you are committed to working on yourself as a parent and a person in order to be the best you can be for your children. In this course, we'll view a series of videos featuring Hal. Afterward, we'll have discussion on the ScreamFree principles and practical scenarios. Come and get a taste of this new way of thinking, based in faith, love, and honesty. Brandi is a Certified ScreamFree Facilitator, and would love to share this program with you.

1 Wednesday September 15 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Wisdom's Basement

\$65, which includes a Personal Study Guide.

ScreamFree Parenting books will available for an additional \$20 each.

A spouse may also attend and share the study guide for only \$25 more.

Please bring your own lunch.

Register by: August 25

JUST ANNOUNCED! **The Beautiful Battle: A Kidlit Book Club Examining Good vs, Evil
"Books for Young Readers that Rocked Our World"**

Gretchen Rubin writes in her book *The Happiness Project* of how she indulged herself by creating a children's literature group - for adults! She notes, "Children's literature often deals openly with the most transcendent themes, such as the battle between good and evil and the supreme power of love... Novelists for adults don't usually write that way... (but)...These are grand literary themes." We at Wisdom find this to be very true, and Brandi is a huge fan of children and young adult literature. So, Wisdom will take this "Kidlit" idea and put our own spin on it. We'll combine the idea of our past Bas Bleu reading groups with these new themes. The class is primarily for adults, but here's the best part - feel free to bring your kids to any or all meetings (see below for pricing plan)! You decide as a parent which books are appropriate for your child, and you can rsvp per meeting.

This group will meet four times over the course of four months, covering four books. Adults should plan to make a commitment to all four meetings and books. **Cost for this course is \$50 per adult, which includes a light themed dinner for each gathering. If children would like to attend any meeting, the cost per child is \$8, and also includes dinner.** Members will be also responsible for the personal cost of books, which can be ordered directly from our website via Amazon.com.

The schedule is as follows:

- SEPTEMBER - THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH by Norton Juster . Meeting will take place on **9/21** from **6-7:30 pm.**
- OCTOBER - A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeline L'Engle. Meeting will take place on **10/19** from **6-7:30 pm.**
- NOVEMBER - TWILIGHT by Stephenie Meyer. Meeting will take place on **11/16** from **6-7:30 pm.**
- DECEMBER - THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis. Meeting will take place on **12/14** from **6-7:30 pm.**

Location: Wisdom's Basement

Register by: August 30

JUST ANNOUNCED! **DIAD - Done in a Day: Hipper than Thou**

Please consider joining us for this special class! We'll be discussing some very interesting ways in which modern technology shapes our faith. You'll be delighted and surprised as we look at many ways the church reflects (or doesn't) a growing and changing culture. See why some faith groups are declining, while others are thriving - and ask questions of how these ideas line up with your own theology. We promise this will be an insightful, fun, and energetic course - and we'll load you up with fresh ideas and concepts for how to balance the foundation of faith with relevancy and integrity. Don't miss this!

1 Tuesday

September 21

9 am - 12 noon

Location Wisdom's Basement \$25

Recommended: *Flickering Pixels* by Shane Hipps

Register by September 7

JUST ANNOUNCED! **BYOL - Bring Your Own Lunch: Pure Magic – What Harry Potter teaches us about the Gospel**

Harry Potter is one of the greatest selling series of all time, and there is a reason. Despite its religious controversy, Harry, on closer look, reveals some of our greatest faith stories ever told. Children and adults of all ages have found deep truth in its pages. As the seventh and eighth films in the series come to the big screen (Part 1 in November), be prepared on a spiritual level. You'll enjoy seven lessons covering each of the Harry Potter books, bringing to light some of the spiritual layers that exist there. *This is one of our most popular past courses!*

7 Tuesdays

September 28 - November 16 (no meeting on October 12)

12:30-2 pm

Location Wisdom's Basement \$56

Supplies needed: Bible, computer with email and internet access. Recommended: *Looking for God in Harry Potter* by John Granger

Register by: October 15

JUST ANNOUNCED! **BYOL - Bring Your Own Lunch: Walking the Bible**

Have you ever dreamed of visiting the Holy Lands? Have you ever considered the historical times when the Bible was written? If rich history and culture fascinate you, and if the Bible's mysteries intrigue you, you won't want to miss this opportunity to walk the Bible. We'll be exploring Bruce Feiler's book by the same name, as well as seeing footage from his famous series on PBS. Bruce's insights will change the way you read, interpret, and live the Bible. Join us!

5 Wednesdays

October 6 - November 3

11 am - 1 pm

Location Wisdom's Basement \$50, and Bring Your Own Lunch

Recommended: *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler

Register by September 7