



**LIME LIGHT**  
WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC

**August 8, 2024**

**THE OPPORTUNITY**

Do you wish you knew more about how to study the Bible so that you could interpret the passages you read and apply them to your life and to the world? We can help you with that! You are invited to participate in a short-term group that will help you



develop your own method and practice for digging into scripture to find meaning. This program is part of Lynn's certification as a Christian Educator (see background below). The class will meet a total of

6 hours, but that can be 1 hr x 6 weeks, 2 hrs x 3 sessions, or even an all-day retreat format. If you are interested in being part of the group, please let Lynn know. She will poll the group to see what schedule works best for everyone.

**THE BACKGROUND**

In 2018ish Lynn started working toward certification as a Christian Educator in the PCUSA. You can read more about the certification process here:

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/christianeducators/> She completed all the

coursework required. Some classes she was awarded credit for because of her status as an ordained Teaching Elder - candidates for ministry take written exams in four subject areas and once those are passed and the seminary degree is complete, then the candidate is ready to receive a call. Other classes she had to take for the first time or re-take because a comparable seminary class was so long ago. Educational theory, for example, had changed greatly in the 30 years since Lynn's seminary class.

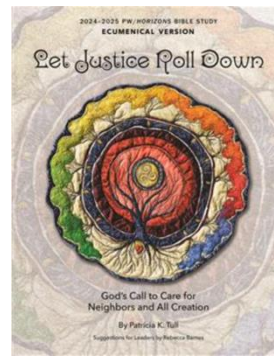
She completed the coursework, and all that remained for her to do was the integrated project. And then...COVID. No one was teaching anything in person, and the energy to learn to teach online was devoted to Lynn's high school art students. When she came to Limestone, though, she determined to address the integrated project and finish the certification process. So it's time to teach.

From the time that she writes to the Certification office requesting the project, Lynn has six months to complete all the project parts - developing the curriculum, teaching it, and writing the final paper. The project must

include 6 hours of synchronous instruction and be a subject that the certification candidate has not taught before - the educational experience must be brand new and integrate knowledge from the subject areas covered in the certification process. After the teaching portion is complete, Lynn will write a paper (30-50 pages?) that evaluates the project from its design to its delivery and then addresses practical CE applications in the life of the church.

The project is then submitted to the Certification Council and reviewed by a team of readers who will pass the project, recommend revisions, or fail the project. Lynn is working really hard so it won't be that last thing. Thanks to Limestone and to Foothills Presbytery for help with finishing up the certification process.

**The final Summer Wednesday Supper will be @Pete's on August 14. Join us at 6 p.m. 1405 W Floyd Baker**



The 2024-2025 Circle books have arrived and are available in the library to pick up at your convenience. Please pick up the type of book you requested (large print, regular) as we ordered based on your requests. Please sign your name on the sheet so we will

know who has picked up the books.

**LPC Needs YOU! Opportunities to Serve**

**Can you help with Soup Kitchen on August 24?**

See Mimi McCully if you can help.

**Do you want to learn livestreaming?**

Will you help keep this outreach going by learning to livestream the service? See Robin Morris or Nancy McElroy.

**We need your voice!**

Are you willing to be recorded as you read one of the texts for "Big Faith, Big Questions"? See Carrie Wyatt or Lynn Miller.

**Be Thinking About...**

**Do you have ideas for the 2025 Congregational Retreat?** We'll be starting to think about that soon.

**Do you have ideas for how we can better use our upstairs space (which is currently unused)?** We'll soon be gathering groups together to brainstorm.



Between now and the end of October, we will be focusing on YOUR big faith questions in our Christian Education programming on Wednesday night and as a focus of Sunday worship. The questions for each week are listed below. Remember that the pattern is that on Monday there will be a recording of the scripture for the week, on Wednesday we will be exploring something to do with the questions (some weeks we will be intergenerational; other weeks the children will have their own activities), and then on Sunday we will wrap up the week in worship. This gives us the opportunity to discuss questions together as we work to grow our faith.

8/5-11	-Who created the world before God created the world - whenever the dinosaurs were alive? -Who created God? -How does evolution "fit" into the story of creation?
8/12-18	-How can people call themselves Christian and support policies that don't help the less fortunate in our world?
8/19-25	-What scripture may help us answer the question "Why do bad things happen to good people?" -How to comfort a parent when a child dies.
8/26-9/1	-With accounts of women like Tabitha who was a disciple of Jesus, and women so prominent in His death and resurrection, why do so many modern churches deny women leadership?
9/2-8	-How do free will and predestination work together? -Why do we have doubts about our salvation?
9/9-15	-When Jesus said, "There are some standing here who will not taste of death until they see the Kingdom of God coming with power," who was he referring to?
9/16-22	-Why would we say, "He descended into hell" in the Apostles Creed? On the cross, Jesus said to the thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."
9/23-29	-What does heaven look like? -Could heaven be in outer space?
9/30-6	-When scripture isn't consistent, what do we believe?

	-What scripture passages help us in discerning God's will in specific situations? -What are the top 2 teachings to take away from the Bible?
10/7-13	-How is abortion referenced in the Bible? -What does the Bible say about homosexuality?
10/14-20	Big Faith: Walking on Water

## WOW Indeed!

LPC (via the Christian Education Committee) was recently awarded a \$1000 Quick Wins grant from



Wonder of Worship, a program out of Columbia Theological Seminary funded by the Lilly Endowment. The purpose of WOW! (Wonder of Worship) is to help congregations enhance the experience of children in worship. The Quick Win grants are for congregations doing "quick" things for children in worship.

Our proposal said that we would use funds to purchase some steps/stepping stools to help when children lead worship from the lectern or pulpit, and to create children's materials for our upcoming "Big Faith, Big Questions" series and publish them in a book for the children, and, with leftover funds, to purchase new and additional art-making materials to go in our children's worship bags.

We are grateful to WOW! for these funds and will put them to good use!

## We are praying for...

Miriam Burgess; Ben Elliott; the Family of Jeff Check; J.T. Spires; Lib Allen; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 11

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Milk & Cookies – FLC  
2:00 PM Baby Shower for Abbie Sossamon Scott – Parlor

### Tuesday, August 13

6:30 PM Fellowship/Congregational Care Mtg. – Parlor

### Wednesday, August 14

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – Pete's

### Sunday, August 18

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00 PM Yoga

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