

Current Visioning Committee Initiatives

Alpha Program – The very successful Alpha Program is a 10-week introduction to the claims of Christianity. It explores questions like the meaning of life, what happens when we die, and the relevance of Jesus. Pastor Thompson will serve as a coordinator, but we need people to help him. We encourage interested persons to contact Pastor Thompson at the church.

Pre-service study group – Pastor Thompson's study group on the Sunday worship scripture reading has gone very well. The program has been suspended for the summer, but will start up again on September 8. Attendance need not be regular; each session is independent of the others.

Series of sessions on prayer – Gail Haney is looking for a leader to run the sessions. We have 10 books on hand for the series. Seven are accountable but the others seem to be in use somewhere. If you have one, please let Gail know.

Formation of men's prayer group – This initiative will be addressed once the sessions on prayer have started.

Distribution of "Bible Through the Year" – Placards are available listing a series of readings that cover the complete Bible in a year. The readings are not sequential, resulting in an interesting presentation of the scriptures. A number of people have found it quite to their liking. You can get a placard from Joan Nicholas or from the supply in the Church entry.

Library – Lucy Deisslin is cataloging the library holdings so that readers can see what is available without looking through the shelves. Also, she welcomes book reviews, which would be very useful in sparking interest among others. If you are a reader willing to write a book review, please contact Lucy.

Advent study DVD – Pastor Thompson plans to lead a 4-session Advent study before next Christmas. He is considering two sessions in November and two in December.

Natural Church Development survey – The Administrative Council will be asked to approve funding for a survey to assess change that has occurred since the Visioning Committee was initiated. The survey will indicate where our efforts going forward will be most effective.