

2018 Courses

Below you'll find a listing of our Equippers courses for 2018. It's highly recommended, but not required, that you follow the progression of the courses indicated by the course numbers in each content area. More detailed course descriptions can be found on the inside of this brochure.

Please register at www.southlife.org/equippers.

Bible/Theology (BT)

BT 110 Biblical Geography

BT 201 How to Study the Bible

Ministry Training (MT)

MT 101 Core

MT 201 Personal Follow-up

MT 230 Welcoming the Stranger in Lansing **NEW**

MT 260 Getting to the Heart of Parenting **NEW**

MT 301 Growth Groups: Small Group Leadership

Spiritual Formation (SF)

SF 101 Christianity Explored

SF 102 Decision-making and the Will of God **NEW**

SF 210 Spiritual Warfare

SF 250 RARE Leadership **NEW**

Some courses include a cost for materials. We do not want this to prevent your participation. Please contact Katie Treadway in the church office at (517) 322-2000 or ktreadway@southlife.org if cost is an issue.



Registration

Register for our 2018 Equippers courses online!

www.southlife.org/equippers

Didn't get a chance to register online? It's never too late to sign up! Find the course you'd like to attend and sign up with the facilitator during the first session on January 14.



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equipping believers for life and service

ephesians 4:11-12

Sunday Nights

January 14 - March 25
(no Equippers on February 4 or March 4)

6:00.... Worship through
song and prayer (Chapel)

6:15.... Equippers Courses (until 7:15)

7:45.... Meal for College Students

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welcome to equippers

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ..."

Are you equipped for Christian life and ministry? Whether new to the faith or a seasoned believer, we all need to be continually equipped for ministry, which is why we organize the "Equippers" series each year.

The authentic Christian life is an integration of knowing, being, and doing, which is why the Equippers courses are divided into the three content areas described below. Please take time to explore the courses and register today at www.southlife.org/equippers.

Bible/Theology courses will focus on **knowing** God through His Word — the Bible. These courses will **equip you to know** God more deeply as you study His Word.

Spiritual Formation courses will focus on **being** a more mature follower of Christ. These courses will **equip you to be** more confident and consistent in living the Christian life as you are led by God's Word and Spirit.

Ministry Training courses will focus on **doing** the works of service which God has planned for you. These courses will **equip you to do** the ministry activities which are commanded in His Word.

Biblical Geography - BT 110

Pastor Don Denyes / Room 202 / Cost: \$10

This class is designed to walk the participant through the background of biblical events as we study many of the locations of Israel to gain a broader understanding of the redemptive narrative. The more one understands the land of the Bible, the more one will understand the Bible itself. Through this class we hope you will gain a clearer comprehension of the text as you learn to “picture” the events as they unfolded. This class is excellent preparation for those who will be traveling on an Israel tour, for those who have already visited the land of the Bible, and even for those who may not have that opportunity.

How to Study the Bible - BT 201

David Seal / Room 119 / Cost: \$5

This course will teach the foundational principles and tools of biblical interpretation. This course will include interpretation and application methods for the Gospel narratives, the book of Acts, the Epistles, and parables. The principles, tools, and practices that we examine will enhance your ability to interpret Scripture for study, for ministry, and for personal life. This course will be approached as a science, an art, and a spiritual activity.

Core - MT 101

*Pastor Neil Odgers and Matt & Shannon DeLap
Room 201 / Cost: \$10*

A close-up look at Christ in the Gospels and His methods and priorities in ministry. This course includes two essential areas of training: lifestyle evangelism and lifestyle discipleship.

Topics will include: understanding the culture gap, knowing/using our spiritual resources, finding the common ground, cultivating relationships, and more. Segments of the video Living Proof are shown during each class session.

Personal Follow-up - MT 201

*Trevor Harrison and Roger & Melissa Gray
Room 204 / Cost: \$5*

In this course we will look at truths that provide a foundation for a lifelong healthy walk with the Lord. This course will train you on a personal level to be a part of the exciting process of grounding a new believer in God’s transforming work and making a forever change in an individual’s life.

This course isn’t about taking someone through a program or simply learning some spiritual truths and facts. It’s about being in the front lines and walking alongside a new believer as they learn about growing in their relationship with Christ and how God wants to use them in His Kingdom purposes.

Getting to the Heart of Parenting - MT 260 new

Travis Parks / Room 214 / No cost

In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything “right” and raise up “good” children, it’s easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents in the quest for practical tips and guaranteed formulas. Paul Tripp offers us, as parents, much more than a to-do-list. Instead, he presents us with a big-picture view of God’s plan for parenting.

Paul Tripp's parenting book is optional at \$10.

Growth Groups: Small Group Leadership - MT 301

Pastor Keith Sova / Room 207 / Cost: \$10

In an updated version of this long-time Equippers course, we will continue to aim for the goal of transformation of lives to become more like Christ through the study of God’s Word in intimate fellowship with others. There will be a special focus on how to effectively and prayerfully prepare small group Bible studies from the book of Colossians.

Welcoming the Stranger in Lansing - MT 230 new

Joy Shantz / Room 205 / No cost

Throughout the Bible, God demonstrates his plan for the movement of people. Part of that plan is for us as the church to love our neighbors, no matter where they are from. The course will start with learning why and how refugees, immigrants, and other internationals come to Lansing. Then together we will build skills in communicating across language and culture barriers. The last four weeks of the course will be an interactive English conversation hour with refugees and immigrants from Lansing, where you can put into practice the course content discussed.

Christianity Explored - SF 101

Pastor Joel Wayner / Fireside Room / No cost

Who is Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean to follow him? We will answer these questions by studying the life of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. This course is designed especially for sincere seekers of spiritual truth and skeptics who have real questions about the Christian faith. It is also a perfect opportunity for a seasoned saint to bring along a nonbelieving friend.

Decision-making and the Will of God - SF 102 new

Pastor Doug Phillips / Chapel / No cost

A sincere Christian wants to live a life that’s pleasing to the Lord, experiencing his blessing. That means living according to God’s “good, pleasing and perfect will” (Rom. 12:2). But how do we discern and discover the will of God, not only for our personal lives as Christians, but for our families & loved ones, for the workplace, and as we seek to be good neighbors and good citizens? These are the crucial questions we will explore together from Scripture and from the faith-stories of God’s people.

Spiritual Warfare - SF 210

Bill Patrick / Room 206 / No Cost

Christians have an unseen enemy who wants to influence and even control the way we think. In this course we draw back the curtain to reveal the invisible, but very real, spiritual world. You will learn how to win the battle for your mind so you can live victoriously in Christ.

RARE Leadership - SF 250 new

Marilyn Hallgren & Rob Krueger / Room 111 / No Cost
Remain relational, Act like yourself, Return to joy, Endure hardship well.

Originally designed for ministry environments but found to have much broader applications in business, personal, and family relationships, you will learn to unite Biblical principles that work with brain science from UCLA which are consistent with how God designed our brain. RARE Leadership is in contrast to secular principles found so often today in these areas as society moves more and more to a scientific worldview. Marcus Warner, president of Deeper Walk International, will teach us with a DVD series. It will be followed by real life applications and teaching in the areas of business, ministry and family followed by Q and A.

The RARE Leadership book is optional at \$10.

