



LAY ACADEMY SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

August 26 - November 18

Richard Andrews' Bible Study | Library **4:15 - 5:15 p.m.**

Paul's letters to the Thessalonians are some of our earliest existing writings in the New Testament. As such, they offer a unique glimpse into some of the most pressing issues as the gospel began to spread across the ancient world.

How should believers respond when their faith is a minority perspective and are suffering persecution? What does genuine holiness look like? Is life after death truly worth believing in, and what does it look like? Will Jesus actually make good on his promise to come back?

These enduring questions and more run throughout these two brief letters, and in this eight-week study, you'll be introduced to Paul's inspired response. Discover how the gospel of Jesus will give you the strength you need as you eagerly await his promised return to make our world right again.

No registration is required, and new members are always welcome!

Parenting Village | Conference Room **6:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

These parents meet after Wednesday Night Dinner to support each other while their children are in the care of our Christian Education staff. They also arrange periodic family outings. Contact Candace Duclos at cduclos@tumct.org for more information.

Wednesday Night Dinners | Moor Hall | Registration required **5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

Welcome to Wednesday Night Dinners! Pricing is as follows:

Adults (13 and over) - \$10.00

Children (ages 4-12) - \$5.00

Children 3 and under - free.

Family (up to 2 adults + children 12 and under) - \$25.00

Cash, check, or credit/debit cards are accepted forms of payment. Register on the Trinity app or on the Events page of our website, tumct.org.

This fall's offerings include two 6-week classes, one on government and the other a creation care Bible study, plus one stand-alone session on the Constitutional amendments that will be on November's ballot. [These hour-long classes begin at 6:15 and meet in Room 305:](#)

Civics 101: From Capitol Hill to City Hall | August 26 - September 30

If it's been a while since you studied how governments in the U.S. are supposed to work, Trinity's Lay Academy is offering an opportunity to refresh your knowledge about the structure and operations of federal, state, and local government in "Civics 101: From Capitol Hill to City Hall" this fall. Speakers from the FSU Institute of Governance and Civics, the Florida League of Cities, and others will walk us through the different levels of government and discuss some of the controversial issues that are currently being debated and put into practice. Individual classes are scheduled as follows:

August 26 : U.S. Constitution

Dr. Ted Duggan, Associate Professor of Political Science, Tallahassee State College

September 2 : U.S. Government: Executive & Legislative Branches

Dr. Ted Duggan, Associate Professor of Political Science, Tallahassee State College

September 9 : U.S. Government: Judicial Branch

Dr. Ryan Owens, Director, FSU Institute for Governance and Civics, Professor of Political Science

September 16 : Florida State Government

Jerry Price, J.D., Former General Counsel, Florida House of Representatives

September 23 : Local Government in Florida

Lauren Bush, Legislative Policy Analyst, Florida League of Cities

September 30 : Elections

Dr. Carol Weissert, FSU Political Science Professor Emerita and Co-President of the Tallahassee League of Women Voters

Proposed Constitutional Amendments | October 7

Trish Neely, past president of the League of Women Voters, will lead us in understanding the purposes and implications of the Constitutional amendments that will be voted on in November. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. It does not endorse candidates, but it does study issues and sometimes takes positions on those issues.

God's Renewed Creation: Call October to Hope and Action | October 14-November 18

Join Rev. Bob Gibbs in exploring "God's Renewed Creation: A Call to Hope and Action." This creation care Bible study was designed by a task force of the Council of Bishops led by former Florida Bishop Timothy Whitaker and connects environmental stewardship with spiritual renewal.