



COVENANT INSTITUTE
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fall 2026

Class Syllabi

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Fall 2026 Class Schedule

Semester at a Glance

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
						MID-SEMESTER						
SUNDAY SCHOOL												
Full semester · Sundays, Sep 6–Nov 22												
● Why Hell Won't Win												
DOCTRINE: THE CHURCH · Fellowship Hall West												
FULL SEMESTER												
Meets all 12 weeks												
● Small Steps for Big Change												
CHRISTIAN LIFE: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES · Mid-Week Connection												
* No class Sep 2, Sep 30, Oct 7												
FIRST 6 WEEKS ONLY												
Sep 2 – Oct 7												
● How to Forge a Covenant Marriage												
COVENANT FAMILY: MARRIAGE · Mid-Week Connection												
● How to Share the Gospel												
CHURCH MISSION: EVANGELISM · Mid-Week Connection												
LAST 6 WEEKS ONLY												
Oct 14 – Nov 18												
● Sacrificial Missionaries in Church History												
CHURCH HISTORY: TYNDALE, PATON, & JUDSON · Mid-Week Connection												
RUNS TWICE — BOTH HALVES												
Same class, two separate 6-week sessions												
● God's Plan for His People												
BIBLE: COVENANT THEOLOGY · Mid-Week Connection												
SESSION 1						SESSION 2						
● Shepherding Foundations												
PARTNER PROGRAM · Mid-Week Connection												
SESSION 1						SESSION 2						



DOCTRINE: THE CHURCH

Why Hell Won't Win

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class examines the doctrine of the church. Does God care how we worship? Why do we have elders? Is the Lord's Supper all that important? Together, we will see how Christ has built his church—and how He has guaranteed that the gates of hell will never prevail against it.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Deeper in love with the bride of Christ; and
2. Able to describe the three marks of the church.

TEXTBOOKS

Daily Doctrine by Kevin DeYoung

DETAILS

FORMAT Sunday School

START DATE 9/6/2026

LENGTH 12 Weeks

LOCATION Fellowship Hall West

Register online at covenantnaples.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/6	Introduction	
2	9/13	The Nature of the Church	Read week 39
3	9/20	The Marks of the Church	Read week 40
4	9/27	The Regulative Principle	Read week 41
5	10/4	The Spirituality of the Church	Read week 42
6	10/11	The Gifts of the Spirit	Read week 43
7	10/18	Baptism	Read week 44
8	10/25	The Lord's Supper	Read week 45
9	11/1	Church Discipline	Read week 46
10	11/8	Church Officers	Read week 47
11	11/15	Church Government	Read week 48
12	11/22	Heaven	Read week 50



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Christian Life: Spiritual Disciplines

Small Steps for Big Change

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class walks through the classic spiritual disciplines of the Christian life. Together, we will explore historic practices like Scripture intake, prayer, worship, and fasting—and how small, disciplined steps open us to the ordinary means of God's grace and produce lasting change.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Encouraged in their efforts to practice the spiritual disciplines; and
2. Able to describe the practical importance of Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

TEXTBOOK

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald S. Whitney (Revised & Updated)

DETAILS

FORMAT Mid-Week Connection

START DATE 9/9/26

LENGTH 12 Weeks

LOCATION Sanctuary

Register online at covenantnaples.com/Christian-Life



SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/2	<i>No Class</i>	
2	9/9	Why the Disciplines Matter	Read Chapter 1 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
3	9/16	Feeding on the Word: Bible Intake	Read Chapters 2–3 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
4	9/23	Prayer: Communing with God	Read Chapter 4 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
5	9/30	<i>No Class</i>	
6	10/7	<i>No Class</i>	
7	10/14	Worship and Evangelism	Read Chapters 5–6 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
8	10/21	Serving and Stewardship	Read Chapters 7–8 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
9	10/28	The Discipline of Fasting	Read Chapter 9 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
10	11/4	Silence and Solitude	Read Chapter 10 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
11	11/11	Journaling and Learning	Read Chapters 11–12 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
12	11/18	Perseverance: Finishing Well	Read Chapter 13 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life



COVENANT FAMILY: MARRIAGE

How to Forge a Covenant Marriage

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class will unpack the biblical design and purpose of marriage. Together, we will explore how flawed sinners can still build a healthy, loving marriage that is grounded in the Lord's power and reflects his glory.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Encouraged in their call to love their spouse; and
2. Equipped with practical advice for loving their spouse well.

TEXTBOOK

Gospel-Shaped Marriage by Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn

DETAILS

FORMAT Mid-Week Connection

START DATE 9/2/26

LENGTH 6 weeks (Runs once)

LOCATION Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall

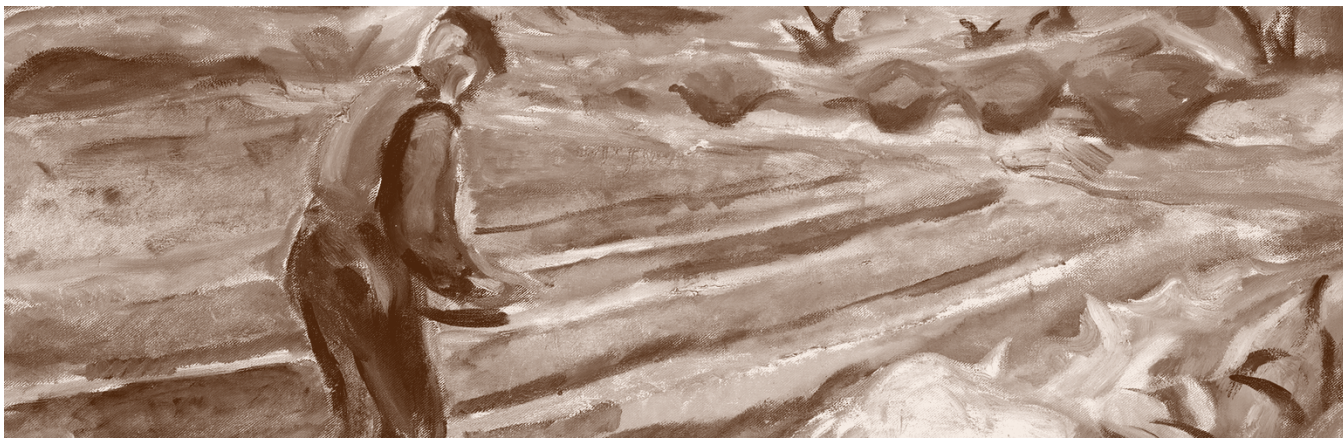
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SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 1

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/2	What is the Purpose of Marriage?	Read Introduction
2	9/9	Marriage: Biblically and Historically	Read Chapters 1-2
3	9/16	Grace and the Role of Women	Read Chapters 3-4
4	9/23	The Role of Men and Overcoming	Read Chapter 5-6
5	9/30	Family and Intimacy	Read Chapter 7-8
6	10/7	Growing in Marriage	Read Chapter 9



CHURCH MISSION: EVANGELISM

How to Share the Gospel

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class is an overview of how to share the gospel with other people. Together, we will explore how to prepare yourself for an evangelistic encounter and then clearly tell the good news about Jesus with minimal fear, anxiety, or guilt.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Excited to share the gospel with others; and
2. Able to describe the true gospel message with clarity.

TEXTBOOKS

Evangelism by Mack Stiles

Before You Share Your Faith by Matt Smethurst

DETAILS

FORMAT Midweek Connection

START DATE 9/2/26

LENGTH 6 Weeks (runs once)

LOCATION Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall

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SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/2	Introduction: Of Altar Calls and Laser Lights	Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Evangelism
2	9/9	No Class	
3	9/16	A Culture of Evangelism	Read Chapter 2 of Evangelism
4	9/23	Connecting Church and a Culture of Evangelism	Read Chapter 3 of Evangelism
5	9/30	Intentional Evangelists in a Culture of Evangelism	Read Chapter 4 of Evangelism
6	10/7	Actually Sharing Our Faith	Read Chapter 5 of Evangelism



CHURCH HISTORY: TYNDALE, PATON, & JUDSON

Sacrificial Missionaries in Church History

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class is an overview of three selfless figures from church history who suffered to advance Christ's Gospel: Tyndale, Paton, and Judson. Together, we will explore their lives and teachings, focusing especially on what God would have us to learn today from these saints of old.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Inspired to follow the examples of saints from the past; and
2. Able to describe a practical lesson they learned from the life of Tyndale, Paton, and Judson.

TEXTBOOKS

27 Servants of Sovereign Joy by John Piper

Church History 101 by Ferguson, Beeke, and Haykin

DETAILS

FORMAT Midweek Connection

START DATE 10/14/26

LENGTH 6 Weeks (runs once)

LOCATION Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall

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SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 2

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	10/14	Introduction	Read Church History 101
2	10/21	Be Prepared, but Expect Tears	Read the Introduction to Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ
3	10/28	William Tyndale	Read Chapter 1 of Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ
4	11/4	John G. Paton	Read Chapter 2 of Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ
5	11/11	Adoniram Judson	Read Chapter 3 of Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ
6	11/18	The Momentary Affliction for Eternal Glory	Read the Conclusion to Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ



BIBLE: COVENANT THEOLOGY

God's Plan for His People

CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class is a deep dive into the biblical covenants, from Adam and Noah to Abraham, Moses, David, and the church. Together, we will explore what it means for God to have this special kind of relationship with His people.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the class, students should be:

1. Persuaded that covenant theology is a faithful reading of the Bible (even if they don't personally agree with it); and
2. Able to describe the basic difference between works and grace in the covenants.

TEXTBOOK

Covenants Made Simple by Jonty Rhodes

SUGGESTED READING FOR FURTHER STUDY

Reformed Covenant Theology by Harrison Perkins

Covenant Theology edited by Waters, Reid, and Muether

DETAILS

FORMAT Midweek Connection

START DATE 9/2/26 & 10/14/26

LENGTH 6 Weeks (Runs Twice)

LOCATION Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Register online at covenantnaples.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 1

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/2	Introduction	Read Chapter 1 of Covenants Made Simple
2	9/9	Covenant Curse & Conflict	Read Chapters 2 & 3 of Covenants Made Simple
3	9/16	Abraham & Moses	Read Chapters 4 & 5 of Covenants Made Simple
4	9/23	David and the New Covenant	Read Chapters 6 & 7 of Covenants Made Simple
5	9/30	The Covenant of Redemption and Salvation	Read Chapters 8 & 9 of Covenants Made Simple
6	10/7	Covenant People & Covenant Life	Read Chapters 10 & 11 of Covenants Made Simple

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 2

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	10/14	Introduction	Read Chapter 1 of Covenants Made Simple
2	10/21	Covenant Curse & Conflict	Read Chapters 2 & 3 of Covenants Made Simple
3	10/28	Abraham & Moses	Read Chapters 4 & 5 of Covenants Made Simple
4	11/4	David and the New Covenant	Read Chapters 6 & 7 of Covenants Made Simple
5	11/11	The Covenant of Redemption and Salvation	Read Chapters 8 & 9 of Covenants Made Simple
6	11/18	Covenant People & Covenant Life	Read Chapters 10 & 11 of Covenants Made Simple

SHEPHERDING FOUNDATIONS

Shepherding Ministry Training



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CLASS DESCRIPTION

Whether you've been a shepherd for years, you're a new shepherd coming on board, or you're simply curious about what shepherding means, this training is for you! You'll learn more about our ministry, examine your own heart, and be equipped to know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep under your care.

PROVIDED BOOKS

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp

God's Promises for Every Day by Jack Countryman & A. Gill

Heaven (Booklet version) by Randy Alcorn

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR FURTHER READING

List will be provided in class.

DETAILS

FORMAT Midweek Connection

START DATES 9/2/2026 & 10/14/2026

LENGTH 6 Weeks (Runs Twice)

LOCATION Fellowship Hall 230

Register online at covenantnaples.com/events



SCAN TO REGISTER

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 1

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	9/2	Roles, Responsibilities, & Resources	<i>Instruments</i> , ch. 1, 3, 4, & 5
2	9/9	Heart Check	"Before Your Suffering Comes," John Piper
3	9/16	A Theology of Suffering	<i>Instruments</i> , ch. 2, 7, 8, 9, & 10; "Life in the Minor Key," Chris Voorhees; "Using Scripture" handout; "Incorporating Prayer" handout
4	9/23	Listening Well, Using Scripture, & Incorporating Prayer	<i>Instruments</i> , ch. 11, 12 & 13; "The Goal is Love," Trent Casto
5	9/30	Speaking the Truth in Love, Confidentiality, & Boundaries	<i>Heaven</i> booklet; "Hope For Broken Hearts," Trent Casto; "Longing For Our Heavenly Home," Trent Casto
6	10/7	Hospitals, Death, & Grief	

CLASS OUTLINE - SESSION 2

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	HOMEWORK
1	10/14	Roles, Responsibilities, & Resources	<i>Instruments</i> , ch. 1, 3, 4, & 5
2	10/21	Heart Check	"Before Your Suffering Comes," John Piper
3	10/28	A Theology of Suffering	<i>Instruments</i> , ch. 2, 7, 8, 9, & 10; "Life in the Minor Key," Chris Voorhees; "Using Scripture" handout; "Incorporating Prayer" handout
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To access an electronic version of this syllabus with links to the online homework, visit COVENANTNAPLES.COM/SHEPHERDING or scan the QR code below.



Registering for Midweek Classes

A Step-by-Step Guide · Fall 2026

How to Register

- 1 Open the registration page.** Scan the QR code on any of the syllabi with your phone's camera. This opens the Covenant Institute event page.
- 2 Sign in to your account.** If you are not already signed in, log in with your Covenant Church account. New to Covenant? Choose the create-an-account option!
- 3 Select who is registering.** Under **Register As**, open the drop-down menu and choose your name. Each person registers under their own name—you'll add other family members in Step 5.
- 4 Choose your classes.** Make one selection in each of the three boxes (see *How the Class Sessions Work* below). Every box is required, so if you don't want a class for a particular session, choose that box's "No... class" option.
- 5 Add family members (optional).** To register your spouse or children, click **Add Another Person**, then repeat Steps 3–4 for each person.
- 6 Finish registering.** Click **Register and Checkout** to complete your registration. Classes are free, so there's nothing to pay—you'll see a confirmation once you're done.

Understanding Your Options

How the Class Sessions Work

The midweek term runs **12 weeks**, divided into two 6-week sessions. You'll make a selection in three boxes:

Session 1 • First 6 weeks (Sept 2 – Oct 7). Choose one class for the first half of the term.

Session 2 • Second 6 weeks (Oct 14 – Nov 18). Choose one class for the second half. Session 2 repeats the Session 1 curriculum, so it's a great chance to catch a class you missed.

Full Term • All 12 weeks (Sept 2 – Nov 18). These classes run straight through both sessions.

Choose one path:

- ▶ **Two shorter classes**—pick a class in Session 1 *and* a class in Session 2, then select "No Midweek Full Session Class" for the full-term box.
- ▶ **One full-term class**—pick a 12-week class, then select "No Midweek class" for *both* Session 1 and Session 2.