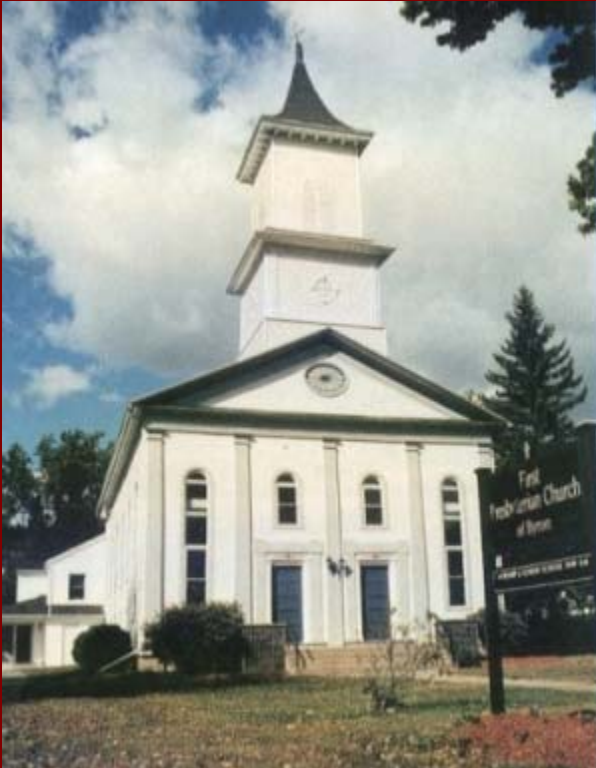


Bible Study ?

You are invited! September 28th, 7:30 PM, at the church. Please consider coming.



Now if you are thinking “I go to church every Sunday (almost) and I read the Bible myself (sometimes) and I give to the church and I volunteer when help is needed, so why do I need Bible study?” check out the rest of this little missive.

Obviously we study the Bible, but Bible Study offers so much more.

It’s in Bible Study that you’re able to ask questions, hear different views or interpretations consecutively, and participate in a mid-week fellowship. It would be considered out-of-line to ask questions during worship service, on Sunday morning, while Jim is preaching. You’ll most likely have to write it down in order to get clarification later. Fortunately for the body of Christ, we have Bible Study. It is not only

welcomed but it is desired for individuals to participate and ask questions in this atmosphere. Sometimes we are hesitant to ask for a deeper explanation about something we don’t understand. If we attend Bible Study then someone else may ask that same question that we had in mind.

Bible Study is an open forum for all to participate. There are fundamental doctrines that all true Christians must believe. On the other hand, there are things in the Bible that people disagree about that doesn’t affect our Christianity. Do you believe in freewill or predestination? Do you find that certain passages might be interpreted differently, depending on how you read it. Do you find that you just don’t understand what some passages are saying at all? Do you question whether some parts of the Bible are meant to be taken literally in today’s world, or do they have to be read through the eyes of someone living in the time they were written? These are some of the discussions that may arise in Bible Study that may produce different viewpoints. During these conversations you can benefit



greatly through the insight and understanding of others, or they through yours. From there, you pray to God for wisdom and understanding.

Fellowship with other members of our church is so important in this day and age! So many non-Christians surround us at work with non-Christian conversations, the news rarely speaks well about anything, and life carries its own weight. It is at this time we may need this fellowship. This mid-week association can be your source for a refill. Something could be said that will uplift your spirit, offer direction and guidance, or increase your understanding of His word. Or you may be able to do just that for someone else.

However you look at it, Bible Study offers positive support for your daily walk in Christ. Taking time out for it and it will deliver visible growth to you and those that you share it with.

We will start out this season with a study of the book of James. If you'd like to get a head start on our first session give some thought/study to the following:

- 1: Who was this James and what do we know about him?
- 2: When did he write this letter?
- 3: Why is James somewhat controversial?
- 4: How is this book different from the other 26 books of the New Testament?
- 5: What other passage in the Bible (NT) does James seem to almost echo?
- 6: What do you think about the writings of James?

Yours in Christ,
Jim