

# PREPARING MINISTRIES

Preparing ministries focus on helping people grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word and faith beliefs so that they will be better equipped to more naturally share Christ's light and love with others. These opportunities also provide encouragement and support for one another.

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency of Service</b>	<b>Length of Time</b>
<b>The Alpha Course</b>	This study consist of a series of 15 video presentations dealing with essential questions of life, such as: Who is Jesus? How can I be sure of my faith? How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? What does the Holy Spirit do? and How can I make the most of my life? Each weekly gathering begins with a meal and group fellowship time. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly, 12 weeks plus weekend retreat	3 hours each week
<b>Couples' Journey</b>	The focus of this ministry is to help couples understand that the marriage relationship is deeply connected with discipleship and spiritual enrichment for the individual, the couple, and the greater community. It is for couples who desire to journey through life together and who desire to share with other couples about that journey for the mutual edification and encouragement of all. This group meets the first Sunday of each month from 6-8pm. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Monthly, Sept.-May	2 hours each month
<b>Crown Ministry Financial Study</b>	This study combines Bible study and practical applications to help participants put their financial houses in order from a biblical perspective. This study involves daily reading and practical applications as well as weekly class sessions. <i>Contact persons: Larry Webb (419-229-9728) and Dick Schroeder (419-229-6922)</i>	Weekly, 10 weeks	2 hours each week plus personal preparation
<b>Disciple Bible Study</b>	This study is aimed at developing strong Christian disciples through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple I provides an overview of the Bible while Disciples II, III, and IV focus on specific themes and books of the Bible. This study involves daily reading and weekly class sessions. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly, 32-34 weeks	2 ½ hours each week plus personal preparation
<b>Emmaus Walk</b>	This 72-hour retreat experience is designed to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Once in a lifetime!	Thurs. evening-Sunday evening
<b>Small-Group Studies and Fellowship</b>	These opportunities use a variety of resources for Bible study and/or topical discussions, particularly in relation to how it can or should impact our daily living. Currently, we have three such groups, Monday Morning Men, Wednesday Morning Men, and Monday Morning Women, but groups on other days and times can easily be formed to provide for the needs of others. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly	1-2 hours each week
<b>Sunday School Opportunities</b>	Currently, Trinity offers four Sunday morning study opportunities. The Serendipity class shares in Christian fellowship and discussion based on a variety of resources while the Challengers class uses the UM quarterly curriculum to study selected Biblical passages. The Dust Walkers class utilizes a variety of resource for study and encouragement focused on becoming better disciples of Christ, and the Awesome Adults class shares in fellowship and resources dealing with contemporary yet timeless issues. Other classes can easily be formed to meet the needs of others. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly	1 ¼ hours each week

<b><i>Weekend Retreat for Families</i></b>	This retreat provides a concentrated time for fellowship and sharing that focuses on helping family members better connect with God, with one another, and with other families. Grandparents as well as parents and their children are welcome and encouraged to attend. <i>Contact person: Jackie Johnson (419-227-0800)</i>	Annually, The last weekend in April	Friday evening through Sunday afternoon
<b><i>Weekend Retreat for Women</i></b>	This retreat provides a time in the midst of winter for women of all ages to get away and be rejuvenated in body, mind, and soul. The retreat is developed around three key components: the truths of Scripture, Worship, and fun. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Annually, The 4th weekend of January	Friday evening through Sunday afternoon
<b><i>Other</i></b>	Perhaps there are other spiritual growth opportunities in which you are engaged or in which you would like to engage that are not listed here. If so, please list these on your commitment card.	Varies	Varies