

## EXPLORING 'THE 7 DEADLY SINS' IN TODAY'S WORLD & IN SHORT STORIES

Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am (9/24/17 to 12/10/17)  
Location: 318 MLK  
Facilitated by: Prof. Luvon Roberson

What is "Sin"? Our calling as Christians is to dismantle systems of injustice and institutions that discriminate against marginalized populations. This class will look at the evolution of our notion of sin as it evolved from the Book of Genesis through the early church writers to contemporary sources like Ghandi and Howard Thurman. Each week this class will uncover our notion of "sin," "injustice," "personal action & thought," by sharing our responses to a variety of short stories.

Required texts: *The Seven Deadly Sins*, by Great Books Foundation

## THE COLOR OF WHITENESS: ENGAGING WHITE PRIVILEGE AND IDENTITY IN FAITH AND SOCIETY

Thursdays @ 7:00 to 8:30 pm (10/26/17 to 11/16/17)  
Location: 330 MLK  
Facilitated by: Rev. J.C. Austin

White people in the United States often struggle to engage the dynamics of race in our culture, and particularly the unique identity and privileges that white people hold in society. This class will create a positive and brave space in which to unpack why this is such a struggle; provide resources for overcoming that challenge and engaging the realities of white racial identity and privilege in America; and consider how Christianity can and must play a positive role in this work.

Required texts: *None*

## FROM DREAM TO REALITY: A RADICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS, PT. 2

Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am (9/24/17 to 12/17/17)  
Location: The Meditation Chapel  
Facilitated by: Prof. Monique J. Fortune

How can you move a divine dream to blessed reality? How might we be able to use our gifts and talents to be Christ's witnesses? This class will study the Book of Acts and consider how we might learn from the narratives of the early church so that we can be proactive in the here-and-now. Join this group as they connect to God's unlimited grace and guidance through prayerful bible study, intentional journaling, and covenant creation.

Required texts: *The Holy Bible*

## THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of the month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: The Riverside Church  
Facilitated by: Various Guest Facilitators

The Riverside Book Club meets on the second Saturday of each month from the months of September to June. The group engages in lively and critical discussion of a selected book together. Everyone is welcome to attend the book club and the group draws people of all ages, genders, and racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Required texts: *Books will be assigned the month prior to the discussion group*

## OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am (Ongoing every week)  
Location: 330 MLK  
Facilitated by: Various leaders and guests

Open Bible Study welcomes all to gather together for an in-depth look at the Scriptures used to deliver the sermon each week at The Riverside Church. This first-look experience can serve to deepen appreciation of worship overall. We invite you to explore any questions as well as your reflections that may arise from our first-time reading of the lectionary texts in our Open Bible Study circle. No prior experience in reading the Bible is required.

Required texts: *The Holy Bible. Additional materials will also be provided free of charge.*

## STRUGGLING AGAINST DOMINATION AND VIOLENCE WALTER WINK'S THE POWERS THAT BE

Sundays @ 9:00 to 10:30 am (9/24/17 to 12/3/17)  
Location: 316 MLK  
Facilitated by: Rev. Dr. Alan Bentz-Letts

How do Christians fight the system of domination and violence in our world? Biblical scholar Walter Wink looks at Jesus' "Third Way," nonviolent resistance, and prayer in his powerful and profound study. Join us for an in-depth discussion of this book, which will also feature excerpts from a video series with Wink, Dr. James Forbes and Rev. Janet Wolff.

Required texts: *The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium* by Walter Wink

# Small Groups and Classes

Fall 2017



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

**To register for a small group, we encourage you to visit [www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups](http://www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups).**

As an alternative, you may fill out this form below and drop it off in the envelope marked, "Small Group Registration" located near MLK 417 or mail it to: The Ministry of Education, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of The Riverside Church?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Which class(es) would you like to register for?

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Questions? Please contact Lennith Santos-Santana at [lsantana@trcnyc.org](mailto:lsantana@trcnyc.org) or 212-870-6833

## RIVERSIDE BIBLICAL LANGUAGES COURSES

Location: 314 MLK

Facilitated by: Ms. Laura Harris

The Riverside Church Education Ministry is pleased to offer the following classes designed to help individuals study the Hebrew Scriptures in their original language. Our excellent facilitators will help to expose students to the breadth of the Hebrew language while offering instruction on the grammar, vocabulary, and syntax of the Scripture text.

An Introduction to Biblical Languages  
Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am, (9/17/17 to 9/24/17)

Absolute Beginner's Hebrew  
Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am, (10/1/17 to 12/17/17)

Intermediate Hebrew  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 to 8:30 pm,  
(9/20/17 to 12/6/17)

Advanced Biblical Hebrew  
Sundays @ 1:00 to 4:00 pm, (9/24/17 to 12/17/17)

Required texts for all classes: *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar: Second Edition* by Miles V. Van Pelt and Gary D. Partico, and *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook* by Gary D. Partico

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Sundays @ 1:30 to 2:30 pm (10/1/17 to 11/5/17)

Location: 316 MLK

Facilitated by: Ms. Eldonia Goode

This class will meet to discuss women who play a major and minor role in the story of God told through Scripture. No prior experience with reading the Bible is required.

Required texts: *The Holy Bible* (Copies will be provided)

## PAINTING THE STARS:

### SCIENCE, RELIGION AND AN EVOLVING FAITH

Sundays @ 9:30 to 10:30 am (11/5/17 to 12/17/17)

Location: 320 MLK

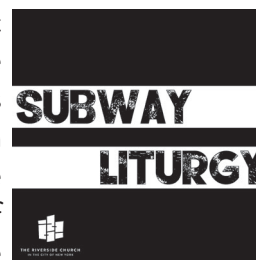
Facilitated by: Dr. Ronald Lonesome

This group will explore the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality while celebrating the communion of science and faith. This course includes video presentations by over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers. Each session includes conversation around various readings and a 20-minute video presentation. Individuals do not need to have a background in science or religion in order to appreciate this class. All are welcome to join us on this journey!

Required texts: None

## SUBWAY LITURGY PODCAST

Subway Liturgy is a podcast produced by the Riverside Church that invites listeners to reflect on their own spiritual lives through the stories and experiences of other people. Episodes are available on iTunes, Stitcher or at [www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship](http://www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship).



Pastor's Pub

Join the clergy of The Riverside Church for theological exploration in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Future dates are announced a month in advance. Refreshments are served and a small donation is requested from attendees.

## PASTOR'S PUB



**All texts for small groups are available for purchase in the Riverside Church Welcome Center off of the Claremont Street entrance**