



BEN HILL TRAINING INSTITUTE (BHTI) FALL 2023 CLASS SCHEDULE



All Classes are Virtual

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who
needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
2 Timothy 2:15



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ABOUT THE BEN HILL TRAINING INSTITUTE

MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ by providing biblical and life skill training: Bible Study, workshops and Christian resources, designed to increase individuals' spiritual growth and knowledge of God's Word, thereby equipping the people of God for godly living and service.

VISION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ and to enhance the spiritual growth of believers in the church and throughout the community.

OUR CHURCH'S VISION

To share God's love and make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people to God and one another wherever they are and across generations.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE 2023

All classes will be held virtually via Zoom.

Class Title	Facilitator	Start Date	Day/Time	# of Weeks
Disciple Fast Track I – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study	Angela McClung	Sept. 13	Wednesdays 7-9pm	26
Disciple Fast Track II – Into the Word Into the World – <i>Must have taken Disciple I</i>	Gloria Parker Mike Watkins	Sept. 13	Wednesdays 7-9pm	26
Disciple Fast Track III – Remember Who You Are <i>Must have taken Disciple I</i>	Rev. Brenda Presha Bernadette Hartfield	Sept. 13	Wednesdays 7-9pm	26
Disciple IV – Under the Tree of Life <i>Must have taken Disciple I</i>	Dwayne Sullivan	Sept. 13	Wednesdays 7-9pm	32
Jesus in the Gospels	Karlise Grier Jeanette Williams	Sept. 13	Wednesdays 7-9pm	30
A Disciple's Path	Contact Denise Robinson disciplemaking@benhillumc.org	Sept. 18	Mondays 6:30-8pm	7
PLACE – Finding Your Place in Life and Ministry (limited participants)	Deaconess Gloria Parker	Sept. 13	Wednesday 9:00-11:00 am	6
The Sermon on the Mount	Rev. Brenda Presha	Oct. 3	Tuesdays 7-8:30pm	6
OTHER -- UMC North Ga. Conference Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Preach Lead Worship	Contact Cynthia Holland disciplemaking@benhillumc.org	Nov. 4 and 11	9am-3pm All Classes in person @ Hapeville UMC	

[REGISTER HERE](#) for Fall Classes

ONGOING CLASSES

Class Title	Facilitator	Start Date	Day/Time
WISE – Women in Search of Excellence	Rev Genetha Singleton Gail Stafford	Sept 11	Mondays 7 – 9pm
Brother to Brother	Von Logan Patrick White	Sept 12	Tuesdays 7– 9pm
Wednesday Midday Bible Study	Pastor Derrick Rhodes	Sept 13	Wednesdays 11:45am – 12:45pm
Evening Corporate Bible Study	Dr. William Shepherd	Sept 13	Wednesdays 7– 8pm

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

[REGISTER HERE](#) for Children/ Youth and Adult Classes

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING CERTIFICATION

Next Class: (Last Class for 2023)
Saturday, Oct. 21 | 10am - Noon

[REGISTER HERE](#) for Next Safe Sanctuary Class
(VIRTUAL)

Course Descriptions:

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK I BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Provides a viable option for those busy people seeking a comprehensive engagement with the entire Biblical text. Participants meet for a total of 24 weeks, 12 weeks each the New and Old Testaments. The class also offers the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts and assessment to determine meaningful ways you can serve and live out your discipleship commitment.

*Book cost \$30. Purchase from Cokesbury.
Facilitator: Angela McClung
disciplemaking@benhillumc.org*

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK II INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Helps to deepen our understanding of Scripture and make connections between what we already know and what we are studying. In every session, you commit to how you will respond to Scripture in terms of ministry in the world. Each week you will be guided in experiencing the gift of Sabbath rest and renewal and prayer. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks, 12 weeks each for Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. Must have completed Disciple Fast Track I. Daily preparation is manageable with 3-5 chapters of the Bible to read each day.

*Book cost \$26. Purchase from Cokesbury.
Facilitators: Gloria Parker
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Mike Watkins*

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK III REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

The Study retains the familiar Disciple format with its theme word, theme verse, statement of the human condition, daily and weekly assignments and prayer. In the study manual there are 12 sessions in the Old Testament major and minor prophets (except Daniel), and on the 13 New Testament letters traditionally attached to Paul. The study examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community. Must have completed **Disciple 1**.

*Book cost \$26 available at Cokesbury.
Facilitators: Rev. Brenda Presha
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Bernadette Hartfield*

DISCIPLE IV UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

The final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program. The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living to completion. Must have completed **Disciple 1**.

*Book cost \$32. Purchase from Cokesbury.
Facilitator: Dwayne Sullivan
disciplemaking@benhillumc.org*

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness is what we commit to when we become members of the United Methodist Church. This 6- week study is perfect for new-member groups and also for long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your life and to the lives of others and the world. This class is recommended for new members and those who are still developing or want to enhance their spiritual practices.

Facilitator: Contact Denise Robinson
disciplemaking@benhillumc.org

PLACE FINDING YOUR PLACE IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

It can be confusing to find your place in ministry. Society or even your family says you "should be serving in your church in one way, but this leaves you feeling discouraged and unfulfilled. You feel stuck in a role and are prayerfully seeking answers. In this six-week course called PLACE, we believe that when you know who you are and the gifts God has given you, you'll be more fulfilled and more effective in your ministry. God created you for a purpose. Let's discover it (class size limited to eight participants).

Facilitator; Deaconess Gloria Parker
[gparker@benhillumc.org](mailto:gpark@benhillumc.org)

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

This six-week study is a beginner's guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. It will explore the teachings of Jesus from Matthew 5-7

which includes the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the "Golden Rule" and what it means to live into the Kingdom of God from a historical perspective as well as reflections on our current cultural context. Participants will be inspired to lean in and listen to the greatest teacher of Scripture, Jesus, the Christ.

Book cost \$12 purchase from Cokesbury.
Facilitator: Rev. Brenda Presha
bpresha@benhillumc.org

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS: GOSPEL COMPARISONS

In Christian Scriptures, the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the primary sources of information about Jesus. This class focuses on the central figure if Christian Scripture – Jesus. No other figure in history has had more influence on shaping many of the religious and cultural norms of the world today. Regardless of one's faith, possessing a knowledge of Jesus and the Gospels is important for religion, history and culture today.

Books cost \$50, available on Cokesbury
Facilitator: Karlise Grier
disciplemaking@benhillumc.org



WISE – WOMEN IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE

Women In Search of Excellence (W.I.S.E.) is a Bible study dedicated to helping women grow, explore and be shaped by faith. Scripture is the basis of the study, and is used to engage issues that impact women: current events, popular culture and more. W.I.S.E is held on Mondays at 7pm.

Facilitator: Rev. Genetha Singleton
grace-singleton@benhillumc.org

BROTHER TO BROTHER

Brother to Brother is a male based fellowship, which overlays the Holy Scripture with our current lives. We apply biblical principles to today's challenges men face every day. Our study methodology varies, as we use biblically based study guides, the Holy Bible and other relevant texts. We welcome adult men of all ages, every Tuesday, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Facilitator:
Von Logan
disciplemaking@benhillumc.org

CORPORATE BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we explore the books of the Bible in a corporate setting. We will explore the chapters of the Bible and how they relate to us today. This study is open to everyone no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. It is a great time to fellowship with other learners and strengthen your spiritual growth as we strive to become Disciples of Jesus Christ.

NOON DAY CORPORATE BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator:
Pastor Derrick R. Rhodes

EVENING CORPORATE BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator:
Dr. William Shepherd



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