

**Gospel-Centered Marriage** – Christian marriage is a mystery that calls a man and a woman to “become one flesh” for a lifetime. But that journey is no fairy tale – it requires that a couple get real about their sin and brokenness, and lean together into the hope of Jesus’ gospel as they navigate faith, communication, conflict, sex, gender roles, and mission.

**Teacher:** Brandy Moore & HCBC team  
**Dates:** Sept. 11-25, Oct. 9-23  
**Place:** Room 219

**Developing a Shepherd’s Heart** – Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves, nurtures, nourishes, protects, and guides His sheep for their joy. Learn how Christians who lead can intentionally shepherd the people in our sphere of influence in the same way.

**Teacher:** David Head  
**Dates:** Sept. 11-25, Oct. 9-23  
**Place:** Room 224

### **Equip Weekender, Saturday, Oct.29**

The weekender provides full training in an accelerated format. Lunch provided; no child care.

**Discovering Hope: Life with the Living Hope Family** – Christianity is not a solo faith. Jesus calls us to life together as a faith-family. In this one-time course, required for membership, explore Living Hope’s vision, mission, strategy, values, structure, beliefs, covenant responsibilities, and more.

**Teachers:** Jeremie Wade & Chad Fultz  
**Time:** 9am-1pm **Place:** Room 207

**Gospel Parenting Foundations** – Parents have the God-given calling & joyful privilege to be the primary disciplers, or faith-trainers, of

their children. In this study, parents will be trained to develop the convictions and a rhythm of life that enables them to faithfully pass the baton of faith to the next generation.

**Teacher:** David Head  
**Time:** 9am-3pm; **Place:** Room 224

**The Treasure Principle** – Every resource we possess is a gift of God – and there is great joy and eternal benefit to be found in giving to God’s Kingdom work on earth.

**Teacher:** TBA  
**Time:** 9am-3pm; **Place:** Room 219

### **Equip a la carte**

Additional training courses available this fall.

**Divorce Care & Grief Share** – These two study and support groups are offered through the Hope Center for Biblical Counseling. Both begin meeting Sunday evening, Sept.11. Call 270-282-2808 for more information.

**The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We’re Aching For** (ladies only) explores the life, compassion, and power of Jesus and how it still impacts us today. Peggy Duncan will lead this 7-session study at 9am on Thursdays, beginning Sept.15.

### **Family Discipleship Summit Saturday, Sept.10**

This is a one-day event that trains parents for the next step in raising their children to know, treasure, and follow Jesus. In addition to our basic training in Gospel Parenting Foundations, our Next Gen discipleship team will lead practical 90-minute seminars preparing families for each of the key Milestones, by which parents mark aspects of their child’s growth as a disciple of Jesus. Register at [livehopeful.com](http://livehopeful.com).



### **Fall Session, 2016**

**EQUIP ACADEMY (EA)** provides short-term (4-12 week) courses designed to provide foundational Biblical and practical training to help Living Hope disciples apply the gospel in order to live hopeful and be helpful, both in the church and in the world.

**EA** training is not reserved for the spiritually elite or Bible scholars. It is for stay-at-home moms, senior adults, men and women of all generations, deacons, Connect Group shepherds, businessmen and women, marrieds and singles – anyone who wants to grow stronger as a disciple of Jesus and a leader in His kingdom.

**COURSES:** Nearly thirty **EA** courses are arranged in four tracks that correspond to growth needs of disciples and leaders: *Disciple Basics, Foundations, Shepherding, and Kingdom Leadership*. Courses are offered on a rotating cycle, so that most will be offered a couple of times every two years. The complete **EA** catalog with course descriptions is available at [livehopeful.com](http://livehopeful.com).

**RESOURCES:** Courses will be free of charge, except for needed books or optional resources, which will be available at discounted rates when the class meets.

**FACULTY:** **EA** has a standing faculty composed of pastors, ministers, elders, and church members. God has blessed Living Hope with uniquely gifted teachers who have a love for God, His Word, this church, and our mission, along with broad experience and focused passions for certain areas of the Christian life. You will be blessed to explore and learn with them!

**SCHEDULE:** **EA** offers 12-week sessions in the fall and mid-winter. Courses will be offered on Sunday mornings (hosted by ongoing Equip /ABFs, but anyone can attend) and Sunday evenings. *Equip Weekenders* in the fall and spring will offer some courses in an accelerated format. We will also offer a limited number of additional Bible studies each session on an a la carte basis.

**REGISTRATION** for EA courses is available through the form in this brochure, on Sundays at Next Connect, or at [www.livehopeful.com](http://www.livehopeful.com)

### **Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:45am**

***Follow Me: A Disciple's Journey*** – What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? To be Christian is to enjoy an eternal, life-defining relationship with Him. Get to know all Jesus meant when He said, “Come, follow Me,” and how He provides all we need to become all He intends. (4 sessions)

**Teacher:** David Head

**Dates:** Sept. 11 - Oct. 2

**Place:** Room 224

***Doctrine Matters: Key Christian Beliefs*** – The Bible is our authority for faith and life. What we believe will shape how we live. This study will summarize and harmonize what the Bible teaches about 20 key truths about God, the world, the church, and the gospel.

**Teachers:** Dennis Strom

**Dates:** Sept. 11 - Nov. 27

**Place:** Room 223

***Promises Kept: Getting to Know the New Testament*** – The New Testament revolves around Jesus Christ and the gospel movement that was unleashed through those who first knew and believed Him. Explore the background, author, style, themes, personalities, and teaching of the 27 New Testament books - and how they tell the Bible's one magnificent story.

**Teacher:** Steve Henry

**Dates:** Sept. 11 - Nov. 27

**Place:** Room 219

***Spiritual Leadership Boot Camp*** – Leadership is evidenced anywhere we have influence, but there is a unique motivation and means of leading for the sake of Christ. Learn

how to lead like Jesus - with wisdom, courage, clarity, a servant heart, and eternal focus.

**Teacher:** Thomas Weakley

**Dates:** Oct. 9 - Nov. 13

**Place:** Connection Center main

***Holy Habits: Bible Intake and Prayer*** – God reveals Himself and guides our lives by His Word and through prayer. This study helps disciples develop practical ways to read and study the Bible, and embrace the delight of regular conversation with Jesus.

**Teacher:** David Head

**Dates:** Oct. 9 - Nov. 13

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00pm**

***Talking About Jesus and Making Disciples*** – Jesus sent His disciples to love and make disciples of the spiritually lost people in their sphere of influence. *Three Big Things* is a tool to guide your conversations about Jesus and His invitation to believe, be baptized, belong to His family and become like Him.

**Teacher:** Jason Pettus

**Dates:** Sept. 11-25, Oct. 9 - Nov. 6

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

***Steps: Pursuing Redemption in Christ from Sin & Suffering*** – Jesus intends to transform us to be like Him. *Steps* helps all Christians apply the gospel to the heart-deep issues of sin, idolatry, pain and brokenness that prevent us from fully experiencing the abundant life Jesus promised.

**Teacher:** Bill Wade & HCBC team

**Dates:** Sept. 11-25, Oct. 9 - Nov. 20

**Place:** Room 223