

February 17, 2002 (Revised March 24, 2002)

Dear Parents,

Beginning April 7 and running for 11 weeks we are considering offering a new communicant's class for young people at Valley Presbyterian Church. This class is for children who want to make a public profession of faith, join as communicant members of our church and begin participating in Holy Communion.

We do not want to put pressure on anyone to take this class so pray with your child about this opportunity. If after praying about it you believe it is an appropriate time in your child's spiritual walk to consider making a public profession and receiving communion come and join us for an introductory meeting. Please note that this is a class with a serious objective and will require regular attendance, homework, and personal commitment by each child.

Upon completion of the class, children will be given the opportunity to share their faith with the Elders. A genuine profession of faith before the Elders should aid you and your child in deciding if this is the appropriate time for them to join the church as a communicant member, receives communion and is baptized (if necessary). We encourage you to support your child and the session in this endeavor should you decide to pursue this opportunity.

There will be half an hour introduction and information meeting after the worship service at 12:45pm on Sunday, March 3rd in the Fellowship Room. The decision about whether or not we should hold this class will be based upon the results of this meeting together. Please plan to attend with your child.

Elders Bruce Mateko and Norm Herr will teach the class. Please contact me if you have any questions. The following is the tentative syllabus:

Week 1	April 7	The Bible (Part 1)	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 2	April 14	The Bible (Part 2)	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 3	April 21	Attributes of God	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 4	April 28	The Trinity	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 5	May 5	Christian Character	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 6	May 12	Man	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 7	May 19	Jesus	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 8	May 26	Atonement & Salvation	TBD
Week 9	June 2	The Church	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 10	June 9	The Sacraments	Elder Bruce Mateko
Week 11	June 16	Review, Q&A	Elder Bruce Mateko

A class party will be scheduled for all participants following the completion of the class. Meetings with Elders for children desiring to profess their faith and receive communion will also be scheduled with those who are interested upon completion of the class.

Yours in Christ,  
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