

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE 101/102**

Continuing until Dec. 9, Great Room

This Adult Education Offering is the same one that Greg Landrey offered in January of 2003. The series of sessions is intended for those who would like to equip themselves to read and study the scriptures in an informed manner and with reasonable ease. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary, just a genuine interest to know the basic information that will help you to make effective use of this Book. This series is intended to be personal and presented in a way that will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation of the scriptures.

Eight weekly sessions will include: An orientation to the Scriptures, History and Writers, Authority of Scripture, Translations, Personal Reading and Study. These classes will be led by Greg Landrey and Bobbie Dukes.

Getting To Know Your Bible 102 will follow the initial 8 classes and be led by Bobbie Dukes. Kenneth C. Davis, in the intro to his book "Don't Know Much About the Bible" states: "Millions of people around the world own a bible, profess to read it and follow its dictates. ...According to one survey, nine out of ten Americans own a bible, but fewer than half ever read it. ...Why? It's hard to understand, confusing, contradictory, boring."

It is time for a new perspective. Come and Listen. Come and Explore. Come and Share. I look forward to journeying with you in this adventure into the Bible.

## **SIMPLY CHRISTIAN – WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE**

By N. T. Wright

Continuing until December 9 in the Seminary Room

Led by Suzanne Singles, Karen Schuldt, and Amy Lane

Why do we expect justice? Why do we crave spirituality? Why are we attracted to beauty? Why are relationships often so painful? And how will the world be made right? These are not simply perennial questions all generations must struggle with, but, according to N.T. Wright, are the very echoes of a voice we dimly perceive but deeply long to hear. In fact, these questions take us to the heart of who God is and what He wants from us.

For two thousand years, Christianity has claimed to solve these mysteries, and this renowned biblical scholar and Anglican bishop shows that it still can today. Not since C.S. Lewis's classic summary of faith, *Mere Christianity*, has such a wise and thorough scholar taken the time to explain to anyone who wants to know what Christianity really is and how it is practiced. Wright makes the case for Christian faith from the ground up, assuming that the reader has no knowledge of (and perhaps some aversion to) religion in general and Christianity in particular.

*Simply Christian* walks the reader through the Christian faith step by step and question by question. Wright challenges skeptics by offering explanations for even the toughest doubt-filled dilemmas, leaving believers with a reason for renewed faith. For anyone who wants to travel beyond the controversies that can obscure what Christian faith really stands for, this class is the perfect vehicle for that journey.