

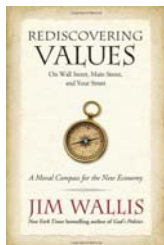
# Christian Education

## A Summer Education Opportunity

During June, July and August, Pastor Dave Van Arsdale will be leading a discussion of recent books on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The group will be meeting in the Iona Room, with cool comfort and an Informal setting. These are interesting books that are not best sellers. They will help us examine how and where our faith matters in this modern world.

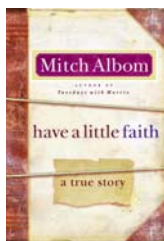
**Come, enjoy some fun conversation and get into several interesting books.**

### Tuesdays, June 1 and 8 at 10:00 a.m.



**Rediscovering Values, On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street, by Jim Wallis.** When we start with the wrong question, no matter how good an answer we get, it won't give us the results we want. Rather than joining the throngs who are asking, *When will this economic crisis be over?* Jim Wallis says the right question to ask is *How will this crisis change us?* Wallis contends that we need a new normal, and this economic crisis is an invitation to discover what that means. Some of the principles Wallis unpacks for our new normal are . . .

### Tuesdays, July 6 and 13 at 10:00 a.m.



**Have a Little Faith, by Mitch Albom.** The author of *Tuesdays with Morrie* has done it again and has a wonderful story revealing universal truths concerning tough questions about life and death. Albom's latest book follows an unusual request from Mitch's hometown Rabbi, "Would you deliver my eulogy." Albom becomes involved with a Detroit Pastor – a reformed drug dealer and convict – who preaches to the poor and homeless in a decaying church with a hole in its roof. Moving between their worlds, Christian and Jewish, African-American and white, impoverished and well-to-do, Mitch observes how these very different men employ faith similarly in fighting for survival: the older, suburban Rabbi, embracing it as death approaches; the younger, inner-city Pastor relying on it to keep himself and his church afloat.

# OSCAR NIGHTS AT FAITH

**2nd Thursday of the month**

**Movie - 4:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - \$6**

That's right! The Christian Education Committee has selected four movies for your summer entertainment. Each of these movies was honored in some way at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Academy Awards ceremony. The movies are distinctly different from each other. We think you will enjoy each one.

## **June 10th...“The Blind Side”**



“The Blind Side” was something of a sleeper. It opened small but grew big as people spread the word, “Go see it! You’ll love it!” Sandra Bullock won “Best Actress” for her role as Anne Tuohy, a thoroughly white, upper class Southern woman, who, seeing a homeless black boy alone on the street, takes him home with her. And therein begins a story of family, discovery and love. Anne’s own friends think she has done something weird. But her husband and two other children are just as open, welcoming and supportive as she is. You will be cheering as you watch Michael Oher grow from a bumbling, poorly educated boy into an All-American college football player and first round NFL draft pick. The Tuohy family are his biggest fans. This is based on a true story. Michael Oher now plays offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens.

## **July 8th...“Julie and Julia”**



“Julie and Julia” is the story of Julie Powell (Amy Adams), a low-level and bored employee of an insurance company. As a way of changing her life, she decides to cook her way through “Mastering the Art of French Cooking”, every recipe in the book in a year and blog about her experience. Side by side with this story, is the story of Julia Child (Meryl Streep) in France with her diplomat husband, Paul (Stanley Tucci). She, too, is looking for something to do.

After trying hat-making and bridge, she takes cooking lessons at Le Cordon Bleu and there she finds her passion. You will laugh at Julie’s cooking mistakes and feel real disappointment with Julia as she struggles to find a publisher for her cook book. Meryl Streep was nominated for “Best Actress” and you will be amazed at how perfectly she evokes the real Julia.

## **August 12th...“UP”**



“UP” won the Academy Award for Best Animated Film and was also nominated in the Best Picture category. It is the story of Carl (Ed Asner), a 78 year old balloon salesman. He is deeply saddened by the death of his wife, Ellie. Recalling the adventures they planned to have together, but now can’t, he ties thousands of balloons to his house and floats away with an 8 year old inept boy scout named Russell as an unwitting stowaway. The balloons float them to South America, to a lost world where they encounter strange and exotic animals and surprising characters. This Disney-Pixar film is full of hilarity, emotion and wild adventure.

## **September 9th...“Young Victoria”**



“The Young Victoria” won the Oscar for Best Costume Design. Emily Blunt plays the young Victoria, about to come of age and ascend to the throne. She is surrounded by those who wish to usurp her power, including her own mother and Sir John Conroy, who wants to be Regent. Her marriage to Albert was arranged long before they met. It isn’t until they throw away the script handed to them and speak from their own hearts that they fall in love. We know their great love story. Less well known are the mistakes the inexperienced Victoria makes as she seeks to consolidate her power and authority.

**The movie showings will begin at 4:00 PM. Lemonade and a snack will be provided. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00. You are invited to bring your own plates and utensils. Watch the bulletin for reminders each month.**