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DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY
FALL 2014

*Transforming our world with
God's Word...one life at a time.*

 **First Baptist**
DALLAS

OUR VISION

*“Transforming our world with
God’s Word...one life at a time.”*



*Active Involvement
Spiritual Growth
Generous Giving
Empowered Ministry
Contagious Evangelism*

*Worship
Equip
Serve
Influence*

*Truth
Excellence
Connection
Influence*

A WORD FROM RYLAND

We are pleased to present another great line-up of courses for our Fall 2014 semester of Discipleship University. As you look through this catalogue you will notice discipleship opportunities for every age group and every member of your family. Our desire is to reach and develop each of our members to complete spiritual maturity. In doing so we will be able to continue to reach our ultimate goal of “transforming our world with God’s Word... one life at a time.”

Our fall semester begins on September 7, 2014 and concludes on November 16, 2014. All Discipleship University classes begin each Sunday afternoon at 5:30pm and conclude at 7pm. The semester will have nine sessions with two weeks off. Classes will not meet on October 5 as we will be having a special night of worship in the Worship Center, and then we will take off the night of October 26 for our Mission 1:8 Vision Night. You will receive separate information about both of these exciting events.

We will once again have our famous Cookie Fellowships each week at 7pm in the Criswell Center Lobby. These fellowships offer a great opportunity to spend time together as a church family and to make our guests feel welcome, too. We will also enjoy entertainment provided periodically by our preschool and children’s choirs.

As you browse through this catalogue you will notice some great new classes offered by some of the most gifted teachers in the state of Texas. We are blessed to have these leaders among us, and I know you will want to register for a class as soon as possible.

We will have two open houses on the Sunday mornings of August 24 and September 7. You will have the opportunity to meet all of our teachers, ask questions about the courses, and register your whole family for the course of your choice. You can also register online at firstdallas.org/du or by calling 214.969.2402. We look forward to seeing you at Discipleship University!

Ryland Whitehorn
Minister of Education

REGISTER

Register for classes online at firstdallas.org/du or call 214.969.2402.
(Materials can be purchased on the first day of class.)



OPEN HOUSE

**August 24
September 7**

KICK OFF

September 7



SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Chaos at Corinth

Dr. Charles Ryrie – Teacher

Factions, dissensions, lawsuits, food fights, dress code, ministry gifts, money, and heretical teaching created chaos in the church at Corinth. In this study of 1 Corinthians you will learn how the apostle Paul dealt with these and other problems and also learn how to respond when such issues arise today.

Once again, we are thrilled to have Dr. Charles Ryrie teaching in Discipleship University. Dr. Ryrie is a well-known Christian writer and theologian who served as Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of Doctoral Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. He is best known for his *Ryrie Study Bible* that has sold more than two million copies and enriched the lives of untold numbers of Christians.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	Truett Chapel

It Could Happen Tomorrow – Future Events that will Shake the World

Dr. Gary Frazier – Teacher

For years journalists have hyped predictions of the end of the world while Hollywood made fortunes on action movies on everything from 2012, ancient Mayan calendars, conspiracy theories, and apocalyptic descriptions from Nostradamus. All we need to know has been sitting in plain sight for thousands of years in the prophetic Word of God, the sacred scriptures known as the holy Bible.

We are pleased to have Dr. Gary Frazier join our Discipleship University faculty. Dr. Frazier is a much sought after speaker on the subject of Bible prophecy. He has traveled to Israel over 150 times teaching and lecturing. Dr. Frazier's passion in life is to motivate and teach Christians about the return of Jesus.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC504

Success in Self-Control

June Hunt – Hope for the Heart

Everyone wants to succeed in life. No one wants to fail. Everyone wants to have self-control. No one wants defeat! Why, then, do we struggle with a lack of control? And what can we do to change? In this power-packed course you will learn how to change any habit. June will let you vote on the specific topics you want to cover, topics like procrastination, perfectionism, overeating, sexual struggles, alcohol and drug abuse, codependency, gambling, anorexia and bulimia. And we will address the definitions, characteristics, causes, and solutions for each subject. Are you aware that all habits, whether good or bad, are learned behaviors? Therefore, no bad habit—no matter how deeply ingrained—is beyond God's ability to change. Since one of the fruits of the Spirit is "self-control," (Galatians 5:17), learn how to handle your habits God's way. In the end, this course will help you...and help you help others!

June is the CSO and Founder of Hope for the Heart. She is an author, teacher, singer, and one of the world's leading counselors. Her ministry offers biblical hope and practical help – through biblical counsel, coaching, and context for contemporary concerns.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials available for purchase)	CC511/521

How can the Old Testament be Made New? Problems and Issues in the Spirit of the Law

Dr. Harvey Solganick – Teacher

Each book of the Old Testament urges using the New Covenant to take on the whole counsel of God's inerrant Word. How can Christians obey the specific issues raised on the Jewish culture of the Old Testament without the dangers of legalism, ritualism, and generational changes? We will select specific issues in the Pentateuch books, Joshua, Judges, and Ruth and learn how to respond and confront our postmodern, contemporary culture today. We will also discuss how to address those issues with apologetics, a defense of the faith.

Dr. Solganick is a gifted professor and teacher at The College at Southwestern (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary). He is also a faithful member of our church and teaches the Mission Minded Sunday School class.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC508/510

Applied Christianity: The Study of the Book of James

Dr. Matthew McKellar – Teacher

Often called the "Proverbs of the New Testament," the book of James is an intensely practical manual that is packed with wisdom for daily life. Written to displaced and persecuted Jewish believers, it addresses the practical outworking of the Gospel in the details of daily experience. Its timeless appeal may be attributed in part to the fact that it addresses issues which believers encounter in every age, including the present one. Join us as we take an in-depth journey through this vibrant New Testament letter.

Dr. McKellar serves as Associate Professor of Preaching and Chair of the Preaching Department at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a member of First Dallas and teacher of the SonBurst Sunday School class.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC512/513

Mastering the Master Story: Israel as the Key to Scripture

Dr. Jim R. Sibley – Teacher

If you want the Bible to come to life, learn to read the Bible through Jewish eyes. This class will strengthen your grasp of the big picture of God's Word and sharpen your understanding of His redemptive purposes in history and in missions. This study also should equip adults to be better able to disciple their friends and their families.

Topics we will cover include:

- The Election of Israel and the Abrahamic Covenant
- The Land of Israel and the Covenant in Moab
- The Promised Seed and the Covenant in Jerusalem
- The Promised Blessing and the New Covenant
- The Blindness of Israel
- The Remnant of Israel
- The Relationship of Israel to the Church
- The Priority of Israel in Gospel Proclamation
- The Restoration of Israel

Dr. Jim Sibley served Southern Baptists as a missionary in Israel for almost 14 years, planting congregations in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. He was also Coordinator of Jewish Ministries for the North American Mission Board and is now a professor of Jewish Studies. Having received so much by growing up at First Dallas, Jim has had the opportunity to give back by teaching young adults in the past and now in Discipleship University.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC509/523

What a Catholic Needs to Know About Christianity

Robert D'Andrea and Jephthe Fanor – Teachers

This course is designed to help those who were raised in the traditions of the Catholic faith understand what the Bible teaches about major areas of Christianity, such as salvation, sin, forgiveness, baptism, and the authority of Scripture. If your desire is to better comprehend the Christian faith, to know the triune God, and understand why reconciliation with Him is the only way to be free, please come and join us.

Class Length	Cost	Location
7 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC423/425

Unlocking the Secrets of the Feasts

Mike Norten – Teacher

The prophecies in the Feasts of Leviticus, from Passover to the Feast of Tabernacles, have prophecies of God's plans for the world, embedded in them. Many of the things exposed in the feasts regarding the events of the first and second coming of the Messiah are shockingly explicit. God wanted His people to understand His plans through all their senses. Get ready to be stunned as you discover the intricate details of the prophecies illustrated in the observances of these feasts. You will definitely acquire greater insight into God's plans for the ages.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC501



IN MEMORY OF Dr. James W. Bryant

**Champion of DU and Dedicated Sunday School
Teacher at First Baptist Dallas**

Dr. James W. Bryant was born on September 24, 1936 in Atlanta, Georgia. He went to be with his heavenly Father on June 11, 2014. Dr. Bryant was an accomplished pastor and professor who served in many different churches in Dallas, Fort Worth, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Founding Dean of Criswell College, he most recently served as Distinguished Senior Professor of Pastoral Theology. He was an accomplished author as well as writing numerous publications. His most recent book, *The New Guidebook for Pastors*, is currently used in seminaries, colleges and churches across the country.

Dr. Bryant is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Ruby, two sons, and two grandchildren.

FOUR STEPS AT FIRST

First Step – FBD Orientation

Walter Guillaume

September 7 & 14

First Step is an introduction and orientation to involvement and membership in First Baptist Dallas. Hosted by Executive Pastor Walter Guillaume, First Step familiarizes guests and members alike with the beliefs, ordinances, ministries, and staff, as well as an opportunity for Question and Answer with our Pastor, Dr. Robert Jeffress.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

Second Step – Discovering Spiritual Maturity

Ryland Whitehorn

September 21 & 28

During two sessions we will discover the habits each of us as Christians need to learn to grow spiritually mature, including how to have a meaningful time of prayer and Bible devotion every day. We will also learn how to have enjoyable family devotions, how to study and understand your Bible, and much more. Discovering Spiritual Maturity will give you the tools you need to enjoy a lifetime of spiritual growth. You will receive a workbook that is a valuable tool.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

Third Step – SERVE

John Bernard

October 12 & 19

Through SERVE you will discover opportunities that allow you to share the unique gifts and abilities God has given you to serve the needs of others through the love of Christ. You will discover how serving others is a journey into a deeper level in your relationship with God. We will help you discover your spiritual gift, find where you might be best suited to serve, tour ministries and learn what they do behind the scenes, and help launch you into your service role.

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

Fourth Step – Influencing Others for Christ

Walter Guillaume

November 2 & 9

A practical, interactive, and simple training for sharing your faith that includes these benefits:

1. Developing personal confidence in sharing your faith
2. Understanding the biblical basis and motivation for sharing your faith
3. Learning to share your faith with your personal testimony and evangelistic tract
4. Learning how to deal with the top five objections to trusting Christ

Class Length	Cost	Location
2 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC403/404

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Defending the Faith

Kerby Anderson – Probe Ministries

Kerby Anderson and the Probe Ministries team of speakers will help you answer the questions people are asking today. They will provide illustrated presentations on apologetics so you will be prepared to give an answer to those around you (1 Peter 3:15). There will be presentations dealing with arguments for the existence of God, the deity of Christ, and the reliability of Scripture. There will also be sessions on how to respond to the arguments used by atheists, postmodernists, and other skeptics. Come and be equipped for ministry (Hebrews 13:21).

Kerby has more than 30 years of experience in ministry and currently serves as the President of Probe Ministries, as well as host of Point of View radio talk show. *Christianity Today* magazine called Point of View America’s “most popular live Christian call-in show.”

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC502/503

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Experiencing God

Karen Billman – Facilitator

Experiencing God, developed by Henry Blackaby and Claude King, will direct a believer toward a true personal relationship with the Lord, for which we were created. He guides us into a growing relationship, understanding the need for obedience with the goal of knowing Him more intimately. We were made for relationship. He is drawing each of us to a point of experiencing Him on earth as He lives and works through us. How amazing that He wants to involve us in His plans. How tangible and obvious He can be to us. How He desires to give us a full and purposeful life, using us mightily in His work. We gain eternal life at the moment we confess and accept Him as Lord, but what an incredible ride it can be as we take the steps listed in this study!

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$15/Book	CC514

Equipped for the Times

Sponsored by Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministry

Gary Bennett – Facilitator

Do you find yourself amazed at how quickly things are changing in our culture today? Do you often wonder what you, as a follower of Christ, can do to have a positive impact in your community? Ephesians 6:11-17 says to stand firm on our faith and put on the armor of God. Join us and find out what the armor of God looks like in our twenty-first century culture. Engage in spirited discussion on timely topics such as Israel, religious liberty, Islam, and sanctity of life. This is your opportunity to ask questions and learn how to put on the armor of God to have a positive impact in our world today. Special guests this semester include Jeff Mateer, General Counsel for Liberty Institute; Rafael Cruz; Carol Everett, nationally known pro-life advocate; and many more.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	Lovvorn Hall

Chiseled for Christ

Jay and Lin Johnson – Teachers

Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? Do you want to know how your body is designed to live? God’s Word says “to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship” (Romans 12:1). Chiseled for Christ is designed to dive deep into understanding how God designed our bodies to work for us and then learn steps to apply biblical principles to your health. You’ll discover how your body works and how to do your part in honoring your temple. Our body is our gift from God, and how we treat it is our gift back to Him.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$10	CC419

MARRIAGE & PARENTING

The Marriage Project

Andrew Jennings – Host

Between the pressures of homework, housework, and office work, it's becoming increasingly difficult for married couples to spend quality time together, much less have a fun and engaging date night. If this sounds like you, here's a solution! The Marriage Project is designed to give married couples a weekly date night with their spouse. Each week, couples will participate in a different project, each one designed to bring a smile to their face and a memory to their marriage. Best of all, it will help bring couples closer to each other, to God, and to others. Space is limited, so register early!

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$100/Couple (couples only) <i>Limit 25 couples</i>	CC421

Nearly Wed Seminar

Barry Ford – Teacher

The First Dallas Nearly Wed Seminar will equip you with training and resources to help you succeed and build a solid foundation as you move into a marriage relationship. You will travel this journey with gifted teachers, mentor couples, and other engaged couples just like you. We will cover topics such as...

- Roles in marriage
- Healthy communication
- Personality profiles
- Dealing with the in-laws
- Finances
- Discovering your love language

Graduating couples will receive tons of free resources, including a targeted couple's assessment and a certificate good for \$65 off their State of Texas Marriage License.

Class Length	Cost	Location
7 Weeks	\$150/Couple <i>Payment plans available.</i>	CC401

Marriage Mentor Training

Dewey Wilson – Facilitator

Marriage Mentoring is an effective way for healthy couples to learn how to help support couples at crucial crossroads in their marriage – those just starting out, those looking to maximize their marriage, or those in crisis. This course is divided into four, 75-minute sessions that will train and certify couples on the skills needed to be an effective Marriage Mentor. Couples eligible for Marriage Mentoring simply have:

- A relatively happy, but certainly not perfect, marriage of five years or more
- A shared motivation to be Marriage Mentors

At the end of training, certified couples will be eligible for placement with a Mentee Couple.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC422/424

Marriage Mentoring

Dewey Wilson – Facilitator

When your kid's grades are slipping, you may consider getting a tutor. Why not do the same thing for your marriage? Studies show that couples on the brink of divorce or in relational crisis who enroll in marriage education with follow-up mentoring increase their chances of staying together to 80 percent. In this class, trained Marriage Mentors will guide couples through specialized programs designed to help save, renew, and maximize marriages. Marriage mentoring applies to every phase and stage of married life and may help save thousands of marriages, including yours!

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$100/Couple, Training Workbooks & Materials	CC412

Just the Two of Us... Or Is It, Really?

(Targets the Boomer Generation)

Jim & Nan Haines – Teachers

In today's world, the transition to what's typically been known as Empty Nesters is not always as clear-cut as in past generations. Join us as we explore the exciting, yet sometimes challenging, stage of life as a married couple: The Empty or "almost empty" Nest, that time when the last child becomes an adult. This will be a fun, interactive class where you will hear from those who are right where you are and from others who are a few steps ahead. We will explore the uncertainties affecting marriages and families at this time of change. Best of all, we will discover practical ways to build a solid foundation for the most spiritually productive and emotionally fulfilling years ahead. A sneak peek at some class titles:

- It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To
- Do I KNOW You?
- They'rre Baaaack

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC524

Parenting on Purpose

Lynda Martyn – Parent Educator

Perhaps you're feeling inadequate to meet the challenges of raising a God-fearing child in today's culture. You've read the books, talked to your friends, and you're still unsure about your abilities to parent well. This class will equip and encourage you and offer practical strategies and relevant stories on how to deal with everyday struggles you face. We'll lay a foundation from God's Word and apply those principles to children six months to eleven years. No one is a perfect parent, but you'll discover what is most important in shaping a young child to be a strong and courageous teen and young adult.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	None (materials provided)	CC414/416

JUST FOR WOMEN

Redeemed, Rescued, and Restored

Shea Lowery – Author and Facilitator

This Bible study deals with restoration in your relationship with God. Together we will embark on a journey that will lead us to dive into the Word of God and learn life-changing truths on restoration. This study will deal with breaking free from a hurtful past and taking hold of the future God has for us. The enemy's mission is to keep people in bondage to their past. God's mission is to set them free and bring the healing needed for a restored life. God longs to use you greatly for His Kingdom, and He longs to set you free.

Shea Lowery is a passionate speaker, writer, and daughter of Christ. The main theme of her story is a life restored. Shea has personally walked this journey and has a strong desire to share the hope and restoration that Christ longs to bestow upon all of His beloved children.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$10	CC522

Hannah and Rachel

Betsy Howard & Gloria Pfeiffer – Facilitators

The goal of this class is to provide a safe and confidential haven for women struggling with infertility. We will purposely and carefully develop friendships and nurture the women in their time in the valley. Our goal in all our efforts will be to point women in their struggle to the cross and help them to see their circumstances and unique hurts in light of the cross through mentoring, sound biblical studies, and authentic relationships.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$12/Workbook	CC526

Women in Leadership Training

Lorraine Caldwell, Sue Groenteman, Dianne Warrington – Facilitators

This is a comprehensive study course offered to women who desire a leadership role through Women to Women Ministry of FBD. The course includes Spiritual Gifts Assessment, Personality Assessment, and topics related to servant leadership. Our time will include guest speakers, homework, and reading assignments. Class limited to 20 women.

Class Length	Cost	Location
9 Weeks	\$25 includes 3 textbooks	CC527



MUSIC

Worship Arts for Kids: You & Me Music | Wiggle Worship Kids Choir

Cheryl Bernard

We know that God has created each of us with unique personalities, talents, and interests. With that in mind, we have developed our Worship Arts for Kids ministry. Through You & Me Music for infants and their parent or adult caretaker, Wiggle Worship for preschoolers age three-five, and Kids Choir for grades kindergarten-sixth, we provide various experiences suitable to each age in music, art, drama, dance, and production.

These incredible, inspiring classes will help your child discover their best way to respond to God through worship. Your child will thrive in this creative and fun environment. Each semester will include opportunities for public presentations.

Location	HFC Level 2 and 3, Large Group Rooms
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Student Choir – Grades 7 – 12 Nicholas Costello

Location	Music & Worship Rehearsal Suite, WC Level 2
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Student Orchestra – Grades 7 – 12 Jarrod Blackstock

Location	Music & Worship Rehearsal Suite, WC Level 2
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PASTORAL CARE

GriefShare

Jo Anne Morgan – Teacher/Facilitator

GriefShare is a seminar/support group designed to help individuals work through grief after the death of a loved one. Each session includes a video seminar (featuring top grief experts) and group discussion.

Class Length	13 Week Cycle (Sept. 7–Dec. 7)
Cost	\$15 for workbook
Location	CC506

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Beginning September 10, 6:30 – 8pm

CHILDREN

Awana

Kelley Terrill – Director

Awana provides a solid foundation that our children need to grow and become adults who know, love, and serve the Lord. All classes are designed to minister to your child's developmental and spiritual needs.

Infant – 23 months (*Childcare provided with Bible learning activities*)
Check-in HFC Level 1

Two-year-olds – Second Grade (Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks)
Check-in and registration, HFC Level 2

Third – Sixth Grade (Truth & Training)
Check-in and registration, HFC Level 3

MEN

Men's Bible Study – Gods at War

Rob D'Andrea – Facilitator

This 8-week DVD series by Kyle Idleman takes a look at what modern day idolatry has become in contrast to the idolatry depicted in the Bible. This topic is often overlooked as a sin of a past era; however, it still flourishes today in different forms. While there are many gods at war for our hearts, this study focuses on four in particular—the gods of love, money, pleasure, and power.

Class Length	Cost	Location
Sept. 17–Nov. 5	\$5 for Study Guide	CC501

WOMEN

Pray Worship Pray

Janna Lynch

Join with other First Dallas women for a time of prayer for our church, families, nation, and our spiritual walk.

Cost	Location
None	Criswell Prayer Tower

WOMEN (CONT.)

Orar Adora Orar (*Pray Worship Pray – Spanish*)

Manuela Segura

Le invitamos a unirse a un grupo de mujeres de First Baptist Dallas para un tiempo de oracion por nuestra iglesia, familias, nacion, y nuestro crecimiento espiritual.

Cost	Location
None	CC506

Oasis – Refresh at Night

Donna Sparkman, Patty Lovvorn

Join us for the study, “Magnify: His Holy Names” Learn more and register at firstdallas.org/women.

Cost	Location
\$25	CC511/521

Women Mentoring Women

Tere Lippert

Get to know other women and study the Bible together with a practical approach to walking with God. Learn more and register at firstdallas.org/women.

Cost	Location
None (materials provided)	CC522

ALL AGES

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday nights are a great time to refocus in the middle of the week and join with other believers to study the Word. Each week, one of our gifted teachers will take you through an in-depth Bible study following a time of worship. Dinner is available for purchase in St. Paul Café beginning at 4pm, and Bible study begins at 6pm.

Cost	Location
None	Truett Chapel

ALL AGES (CONT.)

Celebrate Recovery

Gary Harris, Chris Kline

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian 12-step program (where we state clearly that our Higher Power is Jesus Christ), based on God's Word, which is God's road to recovery, wholeness, growth, and spiritual maturity. CR is for all hurts, habits, and hang-ups from people-pleasing to chemical addictions.

Class Length	Ongoing – 52 weeks a year
Cost	None (Materials available for purchase are optional. Those who join a step study are asked to purchase workbooks at \$16 per set.)
Location	Lovvorn Hall, Worship Center Level 1

Precept Course Luke Part 1 – Who Is This Man Who Forgives Sins?

(Chapters 1-16)

Eleanor Briley – Facilitator

The Gospel of Luke is a walk through events in Jesus's life. Watch how the Son of Man, the Savior, enters the homes of the suffering, visits tax collectors, and dines with sinners. Learn from His words, His walk, and His relationships with common people what it really means “to follow Him.” Hear what Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and how you can be prepared for the difficult times ahead.

Class Length	Cost	Location
12 Weeks	\$26	CC524

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Sundays | 5:30-7pm

Begins September 7

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