

2020 Course Catalog



New Creation Church **Beyond Sunday Academy**



To all NCC Partners

From Rev. Wendell M. Bass Jr., Pastor of Christian Education

I greet you in the mighty and matchless Name of Jesus Christ! Welcome to the 9th year of New Creation Church's Beyond Sunday Academy 2020 Course Catalog! God has truly blessed the Academy with a wonderfully gifted Faculty and amazing students! Since 2011, when the Academy started, we have offered over 170 courses with 1500 students having completed courses. Over the years, we have offered courses in how to study the Bible, courses specifically for women and men, courses in various books of the Bible, courses in leadership, Messianic Judaism, African presence in the Bible, a Young Adult Study course, a physical fitness/nutrition course and courses on evangelism. Over the last couple of years, our Women's Bible study courses been a huge hit! We are excited this year to offer a series of courses on **African American and African history**. We will be using curriculum and videos by authors like Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Ijeoma Oluo, Meagan Parker Brooks and others. Also, as part of our 2020 Academy, we will offer what we call **Summer Seminars on the Hill**, designed to offer short specialized courses at the end of July and throughout August!

Again, we look forward to serving you and helping you to meet God's commandment as written in 2Timothy 2:15- "Study to show yourself approved...! We believe that the Bible is the greatest book ever written.

"So, let us open our Holy Bibles, read and study from it with receptive minds and open hearts, the lessons about God, the world and mankind. The books of the Bible must become the source of instruction for our lives. Our eyes must be open to see the world surrounding us as God's world and that we are God's servants in His world. Our ears must be open to perceive history as a process of educating all mankind toward the service of God. The Hebrews said that one of the great purposes of mankind is to be involved in 'Tikkun Olam', that is, helping God repair the world. As we turn the pages of the Bible, let this be our goal. We are not studying 'history', though the Bible is surely an authoritative chronicle. We are not studying 'literature', though the Bible is surely prose and poetry of the highest order. We are studying God's Word as conveyed to us through the throats and quills of His emissaries. They spoke to their contemporaries and they still speak to us, for only the Words of Eternity were immortalized in the Holy Scriptures. Let us read with our eyes and listen with our souls!" (by Norman Scherman, Raphel Hirsch, and modified by Wendell Bass)

And, let our lives be transformed to what God intended them to be. May the Peace of Christ Jesus be upon you as you begin the journey of transforming your life through knowing God more intimately and applying His Word in your daily living!"



Winter Quarter (January 6- March 26, 2020)

Mondays (January 6- March 23, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Amos Hall, Room 1)

Equal in God's Eyes, not Man's: The Universal Struggle to Gain Human Rights for Women: Where Do You Stand and What Will You Do?

Since the **NCC Beyond Sunday Academy** began in 2011, this may be one of the most, if not most important courses we have ever offered? You do not want to miss it!!!

“There is a system of discrimination, extending far beyond any small geographical region to the entire globe; it touches every nation, perpetuating and expanding the trafficking in human slaves, body mutilation, and even legitimized murder on a massive scale. This system is based on the presumption that men and boys are superior to women and girls, and it is supported by some male religious leaders who distort the Holy Bible, the Koran, and other sacred texts to perpetuate their claim that females are, in some basic ways, inferior to them, unqualified to serve God on equal terms. Many men disagree but remain quiet in order to enjoy the benefits of their dominant status. This false premise provides a justification for sexual discrimination in almost every realm of secular and religious life. Some men even cite this premise to justify physical punishment of women and girls. Contributing to the abuse of women and girls is an acceptance of violence, from unwarranted armed combat to excessive and biased punishment for those who violate the law.” (by Former US President Jimmy Carter)

Join us for this most relevant and enlightening course. We are not FREE until everyone is FREE!

Text: A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power by Jimmy Carter; Vendor-Amazon.com; \$7.14 + T & S



Tuesdays (January 7- March 24, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Annex, Room 1)

African American History Course 1500- Present

The Lord Has Made Away: The History of African Americans in the United States (1500- Present)

For the first time ever at NCC, the Beyond Sunday Academy will be offering the first comprehensive course on the history of African American people. You do not want to miss this exciting, eye-opening course! We will be using the curriculum "**THE AFRICAN AMERICANS: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS**. "Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Donald Yacovone brilliantly recount the story of people of African descent in mainland North America, across some five centuries, with deep knowledge of the evolution of the African American experience (doing it) with great sensitivity to its complexity. Few accounts better capture the changing texture of black life, as black men and women remade their society on new ground." (**Ira Berlin, professor, University of Maryland, and the author of Making African America: Four Great Migrations**)

Topics include:

- **The Black Atlantic (1500-1800) Global experiences that impacted Africans**
- **The Age of Slavery (1800-1860) Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, Underground Railroad, Abolitionists**
- **Into the Fire (1861-1896) Civil War and Reconstruction**
- **Making a Way Out of No Way (1897-1940) Jim Crow**
- **Rise (1941-1968) World War II, Depression, Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Black Panthers**
- **A more Perfect Union (1968-Present) Martin Luther King's assassination, Black Power, Fair Housing, President Obama**

"The United States has been shaped by four centuries of the African American experience on these shores, in our fields and cities, and in our legislative halls. Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr and Donald Yacovone provide a distinctive vision and voice that carries a huge and complex story. Our language, our migrations, our music, our art and poetry, the ways we walk and talk, our



dreams and nightmares, our social movements, the great pivots and changes in our political and constitutional history, our very imaginations as Americans are forever products of the African American stories flowing through our bloodstreams and moving across our landscapes. Everyone in the US are products of the slavery and the hard-fought struggle for freedom that makes America what it is!" (Quote from Amazon.com and modified)

Join us for this incredible class and learn about the powerful history of African American people and their mighty contributions to the United States of America!

Text: [The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross](#) by Henry Louis Gates Jr; Vendor- Amazon.com; \$23.74 + T & S

Thursdays (January 9- March 12, 2020) [10 Weeks] (Women's Study) [Amos Hall, Room 1]

The Book of Revelation as Jesus the Messiah Told It to John the Apostle

"While in exile, John experienced an amazing vision that gave him a glimpse of heaven.

He saw the final battle of good and evil. He saw God's justice. He witnessed the assured victory for believers in Christ as all hell broke loose and all heaven came forth. "Join us as we study the book and word of God from D.A. Horton's book, "*Letters of the Revelation*".

Together, we will delve into the book of Revelation, not in fear, but in trust, as God reveals His Word to us!

Text: [Letters of the Revelation](#) by D. A. Horton; Vendors- Amazon.com; \$15.15 + T & S or Lifeway.com; \$13.99 + T & S



Spring Quarter (April 6- June 25, 2020)

Mondays (April 6- June 22, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Amos Hall, Room 1)

Every Round Goes Higher and Higher

Looking to live your “best life”? This may be the course for you! With God, everything is possible! In his intimate book of inspiration, Tyler Perry writes of how his faith has sustained him in hard times, centered him in good times, and enriched his life.

“Higher Is Waiting” is a spiritual guidebook, a collection of teachings culled from the experiences of a lifetime, meant to inspire readers to climb higher in their own lives and pull themselves up to a better, more fulfilling place.

Beginning with his earliest memories of growing up a shy boy in New Orleans, Perry recalls the moments of grace and beauty in a childhood marked by brutality, deprivation, and fear. With tenderness he sketches portraits of the people who sustained him and taught him indelible lessons about integrity, trust in God, and the power of forgiveness: his Aunt Mae, who cared for her grandfather, who was born a slave, and sewed quilts that told a story of generations; Mr. Butler, a blind man of remarkable dignity and elegance, who sold penny candies on a street corner; and his beloved mother, Maxine, who endured abuse, financial hardship, and the daily injustices of growing up in the Jim Crow South yet whose fierce love for her son burned bright and never dimmed. Perry writes of how he nurtured his dreams and discovered solace in nature, and of his resolute determination to reach ever higher.

Perry vividly and movingly describes his growing awareness of God’s presence in his life, how he learned to tune in to His voice, to persevere through hard times, and to choose faith over fear. Here he is: the devoted son, the loving father, the steadfast friend, the naturalist, the philanthropist, the creative spirit—a man whose life lessons and insights into scripture are a gift offered with generosity, humility, and love.” (From Amazon.com)

Join us for a great course that will help you grow stronger in Jesus, so that you can live out the



Scripture that says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!”

Text- Higher is Waiting by Tyler Perry; Vendor- Amazon.com; \$18.18 + T & S

Tuesdays (April 7- June 23, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Annex, Room 1)

Caught in the Throes of Race: America’s Quandary and Quagmire

Race! What is it? What is Racism? Does Race and Racism exist? Is Racism America’s original sin? How do I talk about Race? What is White Privilege? Is Police Brutality about Race? What are Micro and Macro Aggressions? What is Affirmative Action? I just got called a Racist, what do I do now? What is the Christian Church doing to address Racism? Our Nation is caught in the throes of an intensive racial struggle that seems to be tearing the country apart. What can we do other than talk about it? Are their solutions! Join us for this extremely important course and discover solutions for building bridges to other racial and cultural groups so that reconciliation can happen!

Text: So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo; Vendor- Amazon.com; \$14.58 + T & S

Thursdays (April 9- June 11, 2020) [10 Weeks] (Women’s Study) [Amos Hall, Room 1]

Real Talk: The Book of James

“**James, a pastor, confronts the** confidence we place in our own capacity for wisdom and faith. He challenges us to instead receive God’s wisdom-freely given and available to all-to fill in what we lack. Discover the practices of faith and wisdom to help us grow in Christian character and encourage our sisters and brothers around us to join Gods spirit filled walk in faith and wisdom.”

Text- TBA



Summer Seminars on The Hill (July 28- September 3, 2020)

Tuesdays (July 28-August 25, 2020) [5 Weeks] (Amos Hall, Room 1)

African America History Course

A Change Has Come!

Sam Cooke wrote and sung a song called “A Change is Gonna Come!” Praise God, “Change” has come as it relates to who can become President! This course will take you from Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to President Obama and what made it possible for him to become President of the United States. Using a video series called “**Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise**” by Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. and the book “**Obama: The Historic Presidency of Barack Obama**” by Ken Burns and Mark Greenburg, we will exam the factors that led to the historic election of one of the, if not, the greatest President of the United States. The following book description sheds light on what will be covered in this exciting course:

“In January 2017, Barack Obama concluded two terms of his historic presidency. Through stunning images by White House photographers and beyond, as well as notable essays and quotes from a broad spectrum of people, Obama looks back at President Obama’s journey—from his remarkable victory to his final days in office and the significant milestones along the way.

“Obama” features rare and unseen photographs, along with iconic images and newspaper front pages from the President’s 2,920 days in office. It includes dramatic pictures, including the iconic shot from the situation room as the president and his staff watched the live unfolding of the Bin Laden raid; day-to-day images of Obama in his roles as a world leader, policy maker, Commander in Chief, and Father; lighthearted photos from the White House Correspondents’ Dinner; late-night television appearances; and moments with the entire Obama family.



Included are excerpts from seven historic speeches and contributions from notable historians, community leaders, journalists, academics and business leaders—including Sir Richard Branson, Laurie Garrett, Tweed Roosevelt, Anastasia Somoza and others whose lives have been touched by Obama’s actions and initiatives. Obama is truly a keepsake memento of a beloved president.” (Amazon.com) This is a “must take” course for those wanting to learn African American history! See you this Summer!

Text: [Obama: The Historic Presidency of Barack Obama](#) by Ken Burns and Mark Greenburg; Vendor- [Amazon.com](#); \$17.46 + T & S

**Thursdays (July 30- September 3, 2020) [6 Weeks] (Women’s Study) [Amos Hall, Room 1]
Women Resting in Jesus: The Sabbath Principle**

Harriet Tubman said, “If I could have convinced more slaves that they were slaves, I could have freed thousands more!” How do you free yourself from the world’s problems and Satan so that you can rest in God? Learn what the Sabbath Principle is all about. How do you rest in Jesus and become free of hobbies, negative people, ungodliness etc.? COME AND LEARN HOW TO “BREATHE”!

Text: [Breathe: Making Room for the Sabbath \(Member Book\)](#) by Priscilla Shirer; Vendor- [Christianbook.com](#); \$10.99 + Tax & Shipping



Fall 2020 (September 14- December 3, 2020)

Mondays (September 14- November 30, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Amos Hall, Room 1)

America: One Nation Under God?

Is America truly “one Nation under God?” Do we really believe in and practice the slogan “In God we trust?” Are we really a Christian Nation? Are we the “City on a Hill”? Daily, somewhere in America, answers to these questions are being debated! These and other questions will be answered in this course using the powerful text by Gregory A. Boyd called “The Myth of a Christian Nation.” Would Christ condone our use of power, violence, racism, trade wars and manipulation to control the world? Join us as we discuss these and other questions.

Gregory Boyd says in his book, ***“AS WE HAVE NOTED, MANY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT AMERICA IS, OR AT least once was, a Christian nation. We have argued that this notion is inaccurate for the simple reason that Christian means “Christlike,” and there never was a time when America as a nation has acted Christlike. Indeed, we have argued that it’s impossible for any version of the kingdom of the world to be Christlike for the simple reason that they participate in a system of domination that necessarily places its trust in the power of the sword. It may use this power in just or unjust ways—and we should certainly do all we can do to influence the former and resist the latter—but in neither case can it be said to be acting like Christ.***

The kingdom of God, which always looks like Jesus, is not simply an improved version of the kingdom of the world, for a version of the kingdom of the world may be relatively good, but it cannot be beautiful. In my opinion, nothing has been more damaging to the advancement of the beautiful kingdom in America, and to a significant degree around the globe, than this myth that America is a Christian nation.” (Boyd, Gregory A. *The Myth of a Christian Nation* (p. 107).

Zondervan. Kindle Edition.) **Don’t miss this powerful class!**

Text: The Myth of a Christian Nation: How the Quest for Political Power is Destroying the Church by Gregory A. Boyd; Vendor- Amazon.com; \$15.41 + T & S



Tuesdays (September 15- December 1, 2020) [12 Weeks] (Amos Hall, Room 1)

Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: The Life and Times of Fannie Lou Hamer

Fannie Lou Hamer often said that she was *“sick and tired of being sick and tired”* living in a land where Civil Rights and Human Rights were all but non-existent for Black people in Mississippi and the United States! Maegan Parker writes in the introduction of her book about the amazing Fannie Lou Hamer, *“I never thought in a million years that Fannie Lou Hamer would be on a postage stamp,” Vergie Hamer Faulkner exclaimed as the United States Postal Service included her mother among the twelve civil rights pioneers honored in celebration of the NAACP’s one hundredth anniversary. The previous week, on February 17, 2009, the International Slavery Museum recognized Hamer as a “Black Achiever,” hanging a portrait of her in their permanent exhibit next to one of President Barack Obama. For many, placing Hamer’s portrait next to Obama’s made good sense—during his 2008 Presidential campaign, national commentators pointed out that Obama’s successes were made possible by the forerunning dedication of activists like Hamer. Her tireless advocacy of voting rights was also recognized in 2006, when Congress named the reauthorization of the 1965 Voting Rights Act after Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King. A decade earlier, Bill Clinton invoked Hamer’s trademark refrain, “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired,” to roaring applause when he accepted the Democratic Party’s 1992 presidential nomination.”* (Brooks, Maegan Parker. *A Voice That Could Stir an Army: Fannie Lou Hamer and the Rhetoric of the Black Freedom Movement (Race, Rhetoric, and Media Series)* (p. 3). University Press of Mississippi. Kindle Edition.)

Being a deep believer in Jesus Christ and a powerful social justice warrior, Fannie Lou Hamer fought with and led others to change the political landscape in the state of Mississippi and the United States in the 1960’s and 70’s. She continually put her life on the line so that African Americans and other disenfranchised people had the right to vote and exercise their Civil and Human Rights! Join us as we learn about this incredibly inspiring American heroine!



Text: A Voice That Could Stir an Army: Fannie Lou Hamer and the Rhetoric of the Black Freedom Movement by Maegan Parker Brooks; Vendor- Amazon.com; \$29.10 + T & S

Thursdays (Sept. 17- Nov. 5, 2020) [8 Weeks] (Women's Study) [Amos Hall, Room 1]

The Power and Peace in Waiting on The Lord

Once again, we are offering another incredible course written by author, speaker, songwriter and singer Kelly Minter, a powerful woman of God. "Trace the path of Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. His provision is enough, His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable." (**Lifeway.com**)

Topics for the course are listed below:

- **Session 1: Set Apart**
- **Session 2: The Unlikely Path of Blessing**
- **Session 3: Faithful in Brokenness**
- **Session 4: Faithful in Abundance**
- **Session 5: Extravagant Mercy**
- **Session 6: The Process of Forgiveness**
- **Session 7: A Redemption Story**
- **Session 8: A Faithful Finish**

Please do not miss this incredible class! Sign up today!

Text: Finding God Faithful (Bible Study Book) by Kelly Minter; Vendor- Lifeway.com; \$13.99 + T & S

