

What is a CHRISTIAN BELIEVER?

Do you want to learn more about Christian faith? Do you want to understand its sources and beginnings, transitions, traditions, and doctrines? Have you ever wondered where United Methodist beliefs come from? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, you will definitely want to take the **CHRISTIAN BELIEVER** class. Whether you have taken any of the Disciple series (I,II,III,IV) classes, or even if you have little knowledge of the Bible, this is a perfect class to begin/continue your faith journey and enhance your understanding.

Christian churches have a body of beliefs and doctrines that have been developed, debated and taught over the course of almost 2,000 years. **CHRISTIAN BELIEVER** is a study that integrates Bible study, those beliefs and doctrines that are at the heart of Christianity. **CHRISTIAN BELIEVER** aims at addressing uncertainty about the substance of the Christian faith and the connection between believing and living.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER study begins with the Bible, and adds the voices of early Christian and modern church philosophers, scholars, educators and leaders (*Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, et al.*), reflecting our biblical and historical connections, teachings and content that connects the doctrines to our life and church at present.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER will be presented using two 10 week “semesters.” The study will provide an excellent opportunity for open discussion on what binds us and differentiates us within the Christian family. The two hour format and style will be familiar to those who have taken Disciple classes. The class will involve scripture and historical readings, video presentations, group discussions, and interesting commentaries and information from one another and class leaders.

Cary Bartlow and **Craig Henry** will be the class facilitators. Their combined experience teaching Christian Believer and Disciple classes, their wealth of knowledge and teaching styles makes for a lively, fun, informative and fascinating learning experience.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER begins September 19, and the anticipated ending date for the first “semester” is November 28, 2010. The class will meet Sundays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.