

## **Strong Where We're Weak: Anxiety, Depression, & Our Kids**

Between 2007 and 2012, there was a 20 percent increase in reported anxiety among adolescents and students in the United States—and early signs are that this has only increased in recent years. Anecdotally, we all know that the pressures are continuing to grow as technology, performance pressure, and everyday life add more and more challenges on the students in our families and community. How can we anticipate and come alongside the people in our life to help them thrive in this environment?

To help us understand and respond to these challenges we'll be joined by three local counselors who work with adolescents. They'll each speak on one aspect of the mental health of teenagers and adolescents, and they'll be space for people to interact with them and receive concrete advice. Whether you're looking ahead at raising a teenager or in the middle of the journey right now, this time will help us to begin a conversation about how our community can thrive in the face of the pressures of modern teenage life.

**Beth Capecchi** is a counselor with Grounded Counseling.

**Bill McGee** is a counselor with the Henegar Counseling Center and a faculty member at Richmond Graduate University.

**Liz Edrington** is a counselor with Summit Counseling and a youth worker with North Shore Fellowship.

## God & Money

We believe money is an important part of the Christian life. It can make us and break us. But not as much as God can and does. Over our four weeks together, we will present the topic of money as it relates to each one of us in our faith, life, and heart in order to open space in our hearts for God to do his work in bringing us closer to him.

Each week should provide at least one or two practical take-aways that you can connect with and implement in your own life. We'll cover topics like the Big Picture (God's part/our part); Budgeting & Saving; Stewardship & Generosity; and Ordinary Life.

**Tom Francescon** is a disciple of Jesus Christ, husband, father, grandfather, financial advisor, businessman, Money Map Coach, Kingdom Advisor, and Crown Biblical Financial Study facilitator.

**Banning Stack** is a husband, father, worker, and friend who hopes his story of how God has worked in his life can help you in any way see how God may be working in your life.

## **God Among the Nations: Gospel Ministry Around the World**

What in the world is God up to? We've heard hints of how the Church is growing around the world. In this class we'll hear about the work that God is doing in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and East Asia. We all have our opinions about how the Christian faith is doing in the United States, but there are amazing stories about what God is doing through local churches and gifted leaders all across the globe.

Five representatives from the Maclellan Foundation will share about their work visiting indigenous leaders and partnering with them to support Gospel ministry. There are amazing stories to be heard about people at work in trying circumstances, faithfully serving and making disciples. Each speaker will give a portrait of the state of Christian faith in the region where they work and then will share about the projects that they're privileged to partner with through the Maclellan Foundation.

**Maclellan Foundation Representatives:** Matt Ashton, Lee Behar, Josh Davis, Randy Kennedy, and Ehab Youssef.

## Orphan Justice

Christians are clearly called to care for orphans, a group so close to the heart of Jesus; however not everyone is called to adopt. In this series based on the book Orphan Justice by Johnny Carr, we will explore the various ways that Christians can fulfill God's call to care for orphans beyond adopting.

Together we'll discover the problems that go hand in hand with the orphaned children of our world—human trafficking, AIDS, poverty, racism, and more, and learn steps we can take as a church and community to alleviate and eradicate these problems. Indeed, caring for the orphan requires us to care about these issues. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

**Amy Scott** is Chattanooga Branch Director at Bethany Services. As an adoptee and the domestic and international adoption specialist and post-adoption support specialist, Amy knows that adoption is a lifelong journey and strives to support families throughout their journey. Amy has been employed with Bethany since 2007. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1997 and a master's in marriage and family therapy in 2007. She has received specialized training in Trust Based Relational Intervention. Amy resides in North Georgia with her husband and three daughters.