

William Vanderbilt was raised on the west side of Cleveland where he met and married his wife Christine and started their family. In 2019, William and Christine returned to the area and joined First Church in Oberlin. William spent 30+ years teaching a variety of topics to adult students in classrooms all over the world. However, his passion for teaching and facilitating discussions is surpassed by his love for the Bible. So, being able to lead a workshop about the Bible...well, that's pure joy for William! William will lean on his own seminary education and decades of experience leading adult workshops to provide a historical and practical perspective on the Bible. Participants will engage in discussions about how and why the Bible was formed, what role it has played in history and how it is and can be used by Christians today. The workshop will meet at 11:00 am on the following Sundays:

- January 9<sup>th</sup> – A Historical Account: Biblical origins, writing and editing of the Biblical text and the forming of the canon and the Church
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Old Testament: The structure, languages, cultures, writers, themes and messages of the Old Testament and its relevance in 2022
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – The New Testament: The structure, languages, cultures, writers, themes and messages of the New Testament and its relevance in 2022
- February 6<sup>th</sup> – The Bible as a Whole: The canon and non-canonical books in the Old and New Testament, and the impact of the reformation and Biblical translations
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Applying the Bible: The Bible's role in First Church of Oberlin, society and the life of individuals

Please note, all are welcome to join any session, regardless of Biblical experience. Need to miss a session or two...no problem, come to the sessions you can. Feeling like you know the Bible well already? Great! Come share what you have learned about this most widely distributed book in history! Feeling like you know very little about the Bible? That's awesome! Let's dig in together! Young or not so young...churchy or not so churchy...strong opinions or still forming ideas...come join us. It's God's Word and it's written for you, specifically, for YOU!