

God's purpose for dance in worship

FRCC is starting a new dance ministry! The initial offering is a Sunday morning scriptural study on dance and Jewish folk dance, and a related class (day & time to be determined) in actually performing the dances. (Think of the 2nd class as the "workshop" for the Sunday class.) Come learn something new and have some fun! Here is the invitation and additional details:

Everyone, middle-school age and above, is invited to take part in a scriptural study on God's purpose for dance in worship. This study will take place on Sundays at 9 AM, beginning June 27th, 2010. The book for it is Dance! [God's Holy Purpose] by Dr. Ann Stevenson. Study participants are asked to buy their own copies; the text is available at several Christian bookstores, Borders, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.com.

Those who take part in the study, and those below middle school age (for whom the material might be a little too heavy), are also welcome to take part in a weekly dance class. This class will focus first on learning some basic Jewish folk dance steps and combinations, and then on learning a full, choreographed, messianic dance--or a number of them, depending on how things progress--to be shared with the congregation at some time(s) as yet to be determined. The day and time for the dance class will be set according to what is most convenient for the greatest number of people who are interested.

A quick note on Jewish folk and messianic dances: These types of dances are relatively simple in comparison to much of what we see today--making them accessible to people of all ages and levels of ability. In fact, the dance being considered as the first for the class to learn involves mostly walking in a circle, with a couple of slow and easy arm movements.

If you'd like more information, please contact the church office.