

# Chautauqua

Summer Sunday School  
at Seventh & James

## Session 1

### The Ten Commandments

Rosalie Beck  
June 4–June 25

Continuing the examination of the 10 Commandments, this class will study Commandments 5-8, one for each week of June.

### Exploring "The Call"

Ways that God Called Leaders in the Bible and the Ways God Calls Us  
Mary Darden  
June 4–June 25

God has frequently Called people to do the work of The Kingdom and is Calling us still. We will explore common ways that God Calls us to do important and needed work in the world. We will discuss the signs, signals, and pathways of our "Call" and ways that people of the past, and we in the present, tune into those signals to best hear and respond.

### Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World?

Ashley Cruseturner  
July 2

The Declaration of Independence invokes "Nature's God," posits a "Creator," and calls upon "divine Providence." Who is the God of this founding attestation?

### Black Sacred Music

A Musical Journey—Spirituals, Gospel Music and Freedom Songs  
Bob Darden  
July 2–July 23

### Chautauqua Book Club

"The Spiral Staircase: My Climb out of Darkness" by Karen Armstrong  
Ann McGlashan  
July 9–July 23

Perhaps you have heard of Karen Armstrong, author of such groundbreaking books as "A History of God," "The Gospel According to Woman," and "Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet." But did you know that before finding her vocation as a best-selling theological author, she was a "failed" nun and a "failed" academic who suffered from a serious misdiagnosed illness that made her doubt her sanity? Join Ann McGlashan as we read this compelling memoir in which Armstrong chronicles her career from that 17-year-old rebellious nun to the author who contends that all true religions must be rooted in compassion.

Armstrong, Karen: [The Spiral Staircase: My Climb out of Darkness](#), 2004. ISBN 0-385-72127-7

July 9: Preface and Chapters 1-3  
July 16: Chapters 4-6  
July 23: Chapters 7-8

## Session 2

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## Session 3

### Finding God in the Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States

Ashley Cruseturner  
July 30–August 13

July 30: Part I: George Washington to Abraham Lincoln. “Invoking the divine hand of Providence.” A young and vulnerable nation calls upon the Great Author of the universe.

August 6: Part II: U.S. Grant to Franklin Roosevelt. “With gratitude to the Giver of Good.” A rising nation basks in the blessings of unity and achievement.

August 13: Part III: Harry Truman to Joseph R. Biden. “Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong....” A powerful nation imagines itself an instrument of God’s will.

### Biblical Foods, or Food Your Sunday School Teacher Would Recognize

Mark Brickhouse  
July 30–August 13

July 30: “Martha's Pantry” - basic biblical foods such as unleavened bread and lentil stew.

August 6: “Joseph of Arimathea’s Table” - fancier foods such as kibbeh, a lamb casserole.

August 13: “Curry of the Magi” - introducing some of the new foods that appeared in the Holy Lands in the First Century.

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Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 AM