

## **Gems of Truth from Philipians**

**WOW!** Searching for and mining gems of truth from St Paul's letter to the church at Philippi will embark on **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** and continue on **Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Church library.**

*The objective of the study will be toward new levels of biblical knowledge leading to enhanced Christian discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*The method of interaction will be dialogic and participatory to foster the most effective learning process. Historical, literary and theological areas will be explored to ascertain as accurately as possible what Paul was communicating to his letter's recipients in order to determine biblical truths and subsequently their application to our lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

*The facilitator for this adventure in the first century will be the Rev. Dan Zehnal (father of choir director, Jon Zehnal). Dan is a retired American Baptist clergyperson, having been ordained to the gospel ministry in 1962 by First Baptist Church of Chicago, the Chicago Baptist Association, ABCUSA. In 1965, his ordination credentials were transferred to the Presbytery of Mattoon, Illinois, wherein he served as pastor of two United Presbyterian congregations. Moving to Pennsylvania in 1968, Dan served as the Stated Supply of a small Presbyterian congregation and simultaneously as the assistant pastor of a larger Presbyterian Church in Christian Education and mission development.*

*In 1971, Dan began a career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Information Systems as a programmer and ultimately as a Project Manager of Software Development, Database Technology. Along with business responsibilities and his Baptist credentials reinstated, Dan served bi-vocationally several Baptist congregations which were unable to support fulltime ministry.*

*Dan retired from MetLife in 1998 and he and Janet, his wife, moved to the Villages that year. Dan has continued his ministry here with occasional supply preaching and the facilitating of several Bible classes over the past 11 years, especially in congregations where Janet ministered as church organist.*