

## **GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE AND LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE ANNOUNCE NEW PROGRAM**

*Adult enrichment course on Dec. 1, 8 and 15 addresses Christianity and the Media*

**NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Nov. 9, 2010** — Garden Spot Village and the Institute of Biblical Enrichment of Lancaster Bible College (LBC) will offer an adult enrichment course titled “Christianity and the Media: Finding Biblical Truth in Our Media-Driven Culture.” Beginning on Dec. 1, the class will meet on three consecutive Wednesdays, from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., in the chapel on the campus of the retirement community at 433 S. Kinzer Ave.

“In this post-modern culture, Christians often wonder how they can live a life that pleases and honors God,” said Chet Yoder, director of pastoral services at Garden Spot Village. “The secular media often presents images and messages that can distract us from biblical truth.”

During the course, participants will examine the images that the media use to portray the holidays and will integrate biblical perspectives with those secular representations. Participants will also learn practical ways of maintaining the Christian worldview and keeping God as the focus when watching television or movies, browsing the Internet, listening to music, or reading books, newspapers or magazines.

The instructor for the course will be Dr. Mark Menga, associate dean of Continuing Education at LBC. A Lancaster County native, Menga is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University and holds master’s and doctoral degrees from Regent University.

“Mark is passionate about understanding the media and how it affects Christianity, so we can look forward to a fascinating and stimulating program,” said Yoder.

Class participants can earn 0.5 CEU through the LBC Institute of Biblical Enrichment. The class is open to residents of Garden Spot Village and the general public. The enrollment fee is \$13.50 for Garden Spot Village residents, and \$23.50 for the general public.

To register for the course, please call 717-560-8231 or register the first night of class at Garden Spot Village.

Garden Spot Village is home to all faiths and backgrounds. It is affiliated with the Lancaster Mennonite Conference of the Mennonite Church, the Atlantic Coast Conference of the Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Health Services. The community’s mission is “to enrich the lives of older adults as an expression of Christ’s love.” For more information, visit [www.gardenspotvillage.org](http://www.gardenspotvillage.org).

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