

Attention: Brotherhood of Saint Alban's Parish
2012 Lenten Study Group - "What Jesus Meant"

When: On the First and Third Tuesday Mornings of Lent at 7:30 AM (5 meetings)

- (1) February 7th
- (2) February 21st
- (3) March 6th
- (4) March 20th
- (5) April 3rd

Where: Jessie's Diner, Highway 127, Viewmont area, Hickory

Leader/Teacher: The Rev. Dr. Gilbert Beeson, LMFT

Dr. Beeson (Gil) is an Ordained United Methodist Minister, Retired US Air Force Chaplain, and a graduate of High Point University (BA), Vanderbilt University (MDiv) and UNC - Greensboro (PhD). While an Air Force Chaplain, he helped pioneer the expansion of Chaplain Services to include family counseling and family support services. After retiring from the Air Force, Gil and his wife Barbara retired in Fayetteville where he organized and directed the _____ Center (affiliated with Wake Forest University's Pastoral Counseling Program). In 2010, Gil and Barbara moved to Mountain View to live near their daughter and son-in-law (Sumerall and Patrick Van Meter) and grandchildren (Jacob and Claire).

Book/Text: What Jesus Meant (Penguin Books, 2006) by Dr. Garry Wills

A NY Times best-selling book, What Jesus Meant has been praised in reviews. Episcopalian Jon Meacham (Sewanee alumnus, former editor of Newsweek and author of the acclaimed American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation - etc.) called What Jesus Meant: "Fascinating . . . Like a long, rich conversation with a learned friend . . . that engages, the heart and mind to the ultimate benefit of both" (NY Times). The Chicago Tribune's review noted the book as: "Prophetic . . . Compact, coherent, and clearly written . . . Engaging and provocative reading."

Garry Wills, PhD, is a Pulitzer Prize winning author. He first studied for the Catholic priesthood, but later chose a career in academics. After earning a doctorate in classics from Yale University, Dr. Wills taught at Johns Hopkins University and is now Professor of History Emeritus at Northwestern University. In recent years, Dr. Wills has focused upon and gained recognition as a respected New Testament Bible scholar, and has written a number of Christian-oriented books.

Our teacher, Gil Beeson, encourages each participant to read the text (only 142 pages long) in 5 installments. Gil will provide notes to stimulate discussion.