

BRINGING SPIRITUALITY INTO CHURCH AND LIFE

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Instructor: N. Graham Standish, Pastor, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, Pa., and Author

Dates: Monday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. - Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m., 2014

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