

OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION

*Formation  
Leaders' Lunch*

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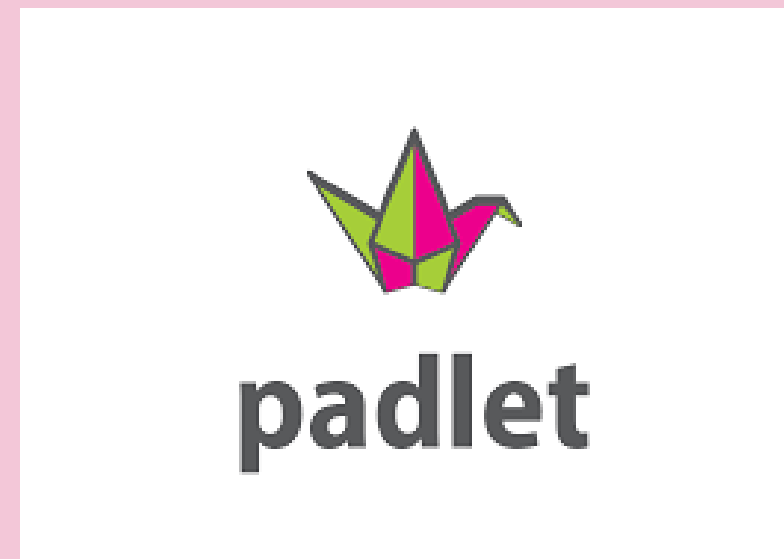
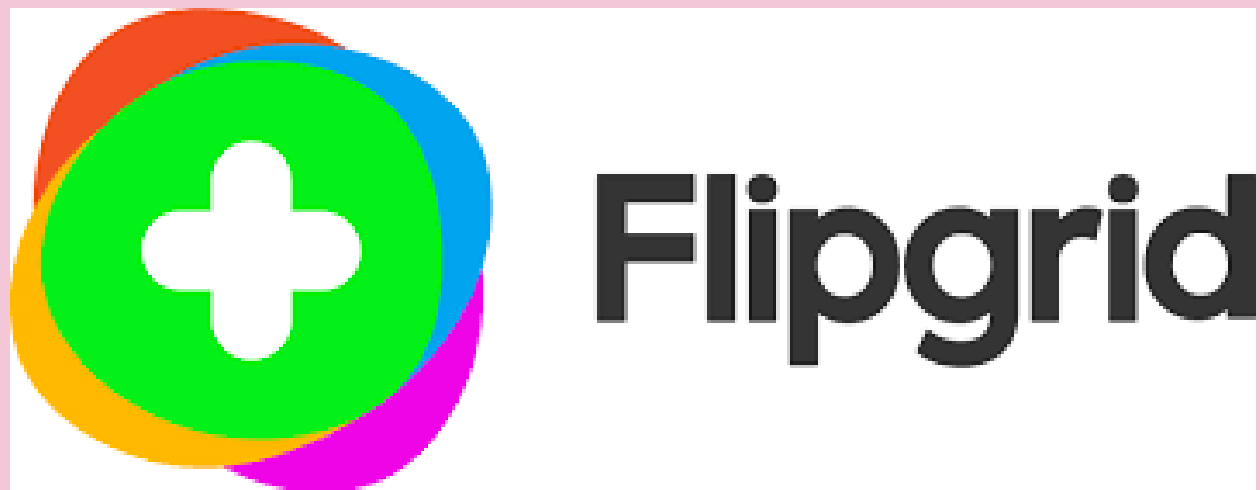
# "A Quiet Life" by Baron Warmser

What a person desires in life  
is a properly boiled egg.  
This isn't as easy as it seems.  
There must be gas and a stove,  
the gas requires pipelines, mastodon drills,  
banks that dispense the lozenge of capital.  
There must be a pot, the product of mines  
and furnaces and factories,  
of dim early mornings and night-owl shifts,  
of women in kerchiefs and men with  
sweat-soaked hair.  
Then water, the stuff of clouds and skies  
and God knows what causes it to happen.  
There seems always too much or too little  
of it and more pipelines, meters, pumping  
stations, towers, tanks.

And salt - a miracle of the first order,  
the ace in any argument for God.  
Only God could have imagined from  
nothingness the pang of salt.  
Political peace too. It should be quiet  
when one eats an egg. No political hoodlums  
knocking down doors, no lieutenants who are  
ticked off at their scheming girlfriends and  
take it out on you, no dictators  
posing as tribunes.  
It should be quiet, so quiet you can hear  
the chicken, a creature usually mocked as a type  
of fool, a cluck chained to the chore of her body.  
Listen, she is there, pecking at a bit of grain  
that came from nowhere.

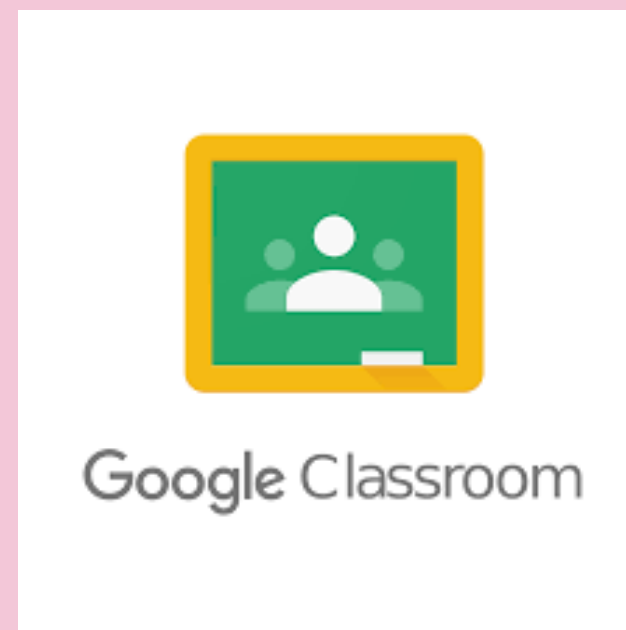
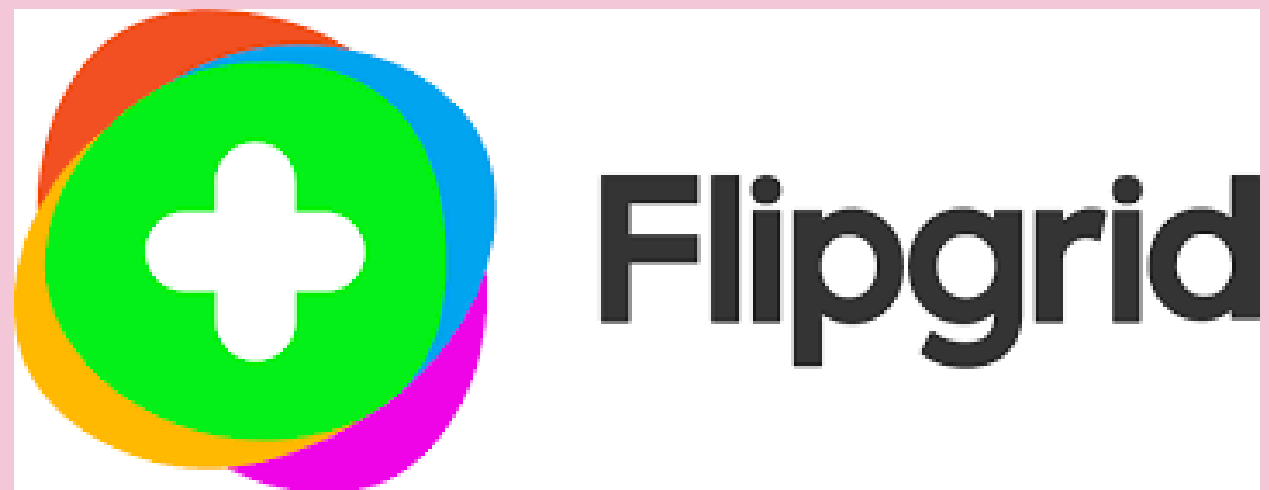
# Fall Tool Kit: Community

- Padlet: collaboration, feedback, brainstorming
- FlipGrid: short reflection video sharing
- GroupMe or other group texting app
- Phone calls, snail mail, care packages, lawn signs, drive-bys



# Fall Tool Kit: Education

- Padlet: collaboration, feedback, brainstorming
- FlipGrid: short reflection video sharing
- Google Classroom: share resources w/ timelines
- HyperDocs: digital lesson plans
- Kahoot!: gameified learning



# Fall Tool Kit: Content Creation

- Mintimeter: dynamic presentations
- Canva: design anything
- Smore: easy, good looking newsletters
- Screencast-o-matic.com: video editor
- Storyblocks: royalty-free stock images, videos & sounds
- Genially: turn data into vibrant content



# *Others Agree!*

- Christine V. Hides
  - Must Have Online Ministry Tools
  - Two Alternatives to Fall Planning
- Ministry Architects
  - Online Engagement: Moving from 1000 Competing Ideas to One Clear Plan
  - Virtual Technology Recommendations

# *Small Groups*

In your small group, talk about the tools for ministry you like to (or hope to!) use.

This could also be a good time to explore some of the resources OCF shared and talk about how they could be used to support your ministry this fall

# *Small Groups*

In your small group, share your HOPES and your PLANS for fall formation.

What age groups do you serve?

What are people hungry for in your congregation?

Share with each other both your big ideas... as well as the lingering questions or worries you have.



# *Additions From Y'all*

- ThingLink
  - see Malinda's Virtual Easter Egg Hunt
- PursueGod Kids & Weaving God's Promises
  - Joan and Diane are considering these curriculums for Sunday School

# Resources We're Diggin'

- Sierra
  - SALT Project - especially their blog
  - The Beatitudes from Illustrated Ministry
- Paris
  - This great article from Vibrant Faith
  - In the Shelter by Pádraig Ó Tuama



# WCF Fall Schedule

WEDNESDAYS @ 12:30

- Formation Leaders' Lunches (Monthly Teaching)

- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

- Formation Cafe (informal)

- September 9 + 23
- October 7 + 21
- November 11
- December 9

*Open! One More Thing...*



Formation Circles are communities of practice for formation leaders. Stay tuned for how you can get connected with others in our shared ministry!



**SHAPE**

**- THEM -**

**AS YOU WILL**