

Sunday School Directory

A Guide to Sunday Bible Study for All Ages

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Pre-School Division

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Babies & One-Year-Olds Teachers: Kristin Wilson	107 Administration Building
Two-Year-Olds Teachers: See Three-Year-Olds	101 Administration Building
Three-Year-Olds Teacher – Stacey Mott, Kayla Johnson	104 Administration Building
Four & Five-Year-Olds Teacher – Pat Barnett, Wendy Massey	103 Administration Building

We distribute a take-home sheet, do a craft, and teach the Bible story in active and age-appropriate ways. 

Coordinator –

Children's Division

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Grades 1 and 2 Grade 1 Teacher – McKenzie Jordan Grade 2 Teachers – April and Tom Anderson	305 Education Building
Grades 3 and 4 Teachers – Angie Guffey, Carissa Stephens	303 Education Building
Grade 5 Teacher – Marshall Sasser	301 Education Building

The Children's Sunday School division uses the *Faithweaver* Curriculum from Group Publishing. Each lesson is based on a central Bible point, such as “We are important to God,” “All people sin,” “God’s promises are always reliable,” and “God has good plans for us.” All lessons are hands-on, activity-based and filled with fun.

All *Faithweaver* lessons are based on the R.E.A.L approach to teaching, striving to be Relational, Experiential, Applicable and Learner-based, which means the children have an active, hands-on learning experience. We do such things as drama, art projects, have an “eat the lesson” once a month (where the children make a snack that teaches the lesson), make puppets, play games and do science experiments that illustrate the Bible point of the week.

The children begin the hour in large group assembly. We have a time of music with Elva Thomas, then Angie Guffey leads the group in an activity to introduce the lesson. We share prayer concerns, celebrate birthdays, then dismiss to our small group classes. 📖

Coordinator – Angie Guffey

Pianist – Elva Thomas

Student Division

Class

Location

Grade 6

3rd Floor Conference Rm, Administration Bldg

Teachers – Reggie & Cheryl Gosnell; Chuck & Adrienne Harrelson

Grades 7 and 8

307 Administration Building

Teachers – Avery Jones

Grades 9 - 12

309 Administration Building

Teacher – Scott & Michelle Thompson, Chris & Stacy Sansbury

Substitutes – Stuart Griffin, Joey Smith

Our Student Sunday School department is designed for students to experience God and explore God’s word. We provide a comfortable environment where students feel safe to ask questions, share thoughts, and build relationships. Our Sunday School teachers are encouraged to listen, guide, challenge, and pray for each student.

The department is divided into learning appropriate grade levels: 6th – 8th Grade, 9th & 10th Grade, and 11th & 12th Grade. 📖

Coordinator – Patrick Jones, Minister to Students

Young Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Young Adults Class

303 Administration Building

The Young Adults class is attended by both young couples and young single adults and addresses a variety of subjects for individuals and couples. For example, the class has studied *The Bible From Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners*, *Five Love Languages* and *Fearless* by Max Lucado. The class opens each Sunday with prayer time and study of the focus lesson. The class participates in the Street Reach Ministry of the church, and helps pack weekend food bags for local children in need through Smart Snacks. The class holds social functions throughout the year. Ages range from 30-50. Scott Harrelson and rotating teachers.

College/Career Class (Ages 18-25) **302 Administration Building**

Whether you are in college or working toward a career, we invite you to engage in a conversation, ask questions and share thoughts. We offer you a time to learn more about you and your relationship with God. Learn to see, love and serve the people and world around you. The class will be led by Patrick Jones.

Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Acts Class

205 Education Building

Ladies from mid-20's to the 50's in this class study in-depth various themes and books from the Bible with an emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit among believers. The group focuses on learning how to relate to God, as not only our Sovereign, but as our "Daddy" ("Abba") and how to walk by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit as that relates to our everyday lives as we mature in the teachings and love of Jesus. As an example, a recent study was taken from *Lord, I Want To Know You*, an Inductive Bible Study by Kay Arthur, on the names of God. The class participates in various mission projects of the church and tries to have a social at least twice a year. Diane Anderson is the teacher. We welcome new members who are eager to study the Word. 📖

Bass Class

212 Education Building

Couples and singles in their 30's, 40's, and 50's study various books of the Bible in this class. Members of the class support foreign mission involvement as well as local participation in ministries such as *Street Reach* and *Habitat for Humanity*. Teachers include Doug Smith and other volunteers. 📖

Carolina Sonshine Class**Beaty House – Middle Room**

(corner of 6th and Beaty)

This class studies selected books or topics from the Bible, using class discussion and outside reading. A recent study focused on the cross, using *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. Members participate in the Street Reach Ministry and other mission projects and ministries as needed. The class enjoys fellowship and breakfast together at least once a month. Adults from ages 30s to the 50s, including married couples and singles, attend this class. The class welcomes visitors! Teachers include Marion Shaw and other class members. 📖

Committed Class**302 Administration Building**

“I need to be “committed!” We have a desire to make God the center of our lives, to apply the timeless Word of God to our 21st century lifestyle and to discover the relevance of God’s Word for our daily lives. The class is a very relaxed class, and we begin class with a cup of coffee and maybe fruit or a pastry (or both) then at 10:00 we begin with a Webcast for 30 minutes then a time of community & discussion. We meet right after the Contemporary Service on the third floor of the administration building at 9:50 a.m. (You will see a sign.) This class is taught by Tommy and Cindy Rowe.

Forever 39 Class**308 Education Building**

The study emphasis of this class is based on material in the *Explore the Bible* Sunday School literature. Class members participate in the following ministries of the church: Street Reach, Habitat for Humanity meals projects and SOS projects for needy children at Christmas time. Couples and singles 50 and above are in the class. Elwin Miles serves as the teacher. 📖

The Hour Class**307 Education Building**

Haven’t been involved in Sunday School before? Try this class. A class of all ages, teacher John Poston is currently teaching in Hebrews, but the class will decide the next curriculum as they see fit.

“Mixed Up” Adults Class**Beaty House – Den (back door)**

(corner of 6th Ave and Beaty)

It has been suggested that spiritually-focused people come in two sizes: those who need answers to deep questions about life’s meaning and are attracted to religious organizations that provide those answers, and then there are those for whom answers remain unsatisfactory, don’t resonate well with their personal experience, and need to continue to explore the questions.

For the Mixed-Up Adults, religion deepens the questions, and there is no “once and for all.” For us, doubt and faith are forever bound as two sides of the same coin. We have difficulty with all exclusive interpretations of Scripture. Our tendency is to read the Bible as coming to us in layers, rich in allegory and metaphor – that is, larger than surface truth. We find scripture both Divinely-inspired, but perhaps more importantly, Divinely-inspiring. And, to boot, “some of it actually happened.”

Both metaphor and unfolding personal experience impact our understanding profoundly. We support neither a conservative “leave it alone” nor a more liberal “throw it all out” philosophy, and aren’t beyond recognizing the humor and paradox of it all. Our class is a laboratory for learning and practicing the language of respect, mutuality, and forgiveness in relationships. In the words of Alan Jones, belonging comes before believing. We celebrate mystery and the Kingdom in the here and now.

Much of our current study material comes from a recent collection of ideas, loosely labeled Progressive Christianity, which offers a creative framework for a new way of looking at Holy Writ in general and Christianity in particular, especially as it applies to post-modern life. We are asked to “reimagine Christianity.”

More than anything else, more than the theological debates, agreements and disagreements about how Jesus calls us to live our lives, we strive to discover an environment in which all who enter feel safe. We seek to build a world free of ridicule or persecution. We can argue with each other over the “Rules” of religion with the firm assurance that they are always trumped by the “Relationships.” We are a class open to anyone who wonders what a Christian is to do in the midst of the rapid-fire, post-modern world.

Class teachers are Charles Sasser and Michael Hedges.

Psalms Class

Beaty House – Living Room

corner of 6th Ave and Beaty)

The Psalms class is a class for women, especially for those in their 40s and older. The class uses book and books of the Bible studies to guide them. Prayer, sincere hospitality, and the arts are important to this class. For those women who have been without a regular Sunday School class for some time, or who have not had a regular class but are looking for a creative place to enter into Sunday Bible study, this class would be a particularly encouraging and welcoming place to be. Carolyn McIntyre is the teacher. 📖

Sunshine Class

207 Education Building

Ladies, generally ages 50 and above, in this class are dedicated Christians who study God’s Word and use God’s Word to serve others. The class uses *Uniform*, Smyth and Helwys’ Sunday School literature, and engages in discussions in which members are encouraged to give their input. Special mission projects and ministries of this class include participation in Street Reach, donations to CAP during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, FBC’s Operation Inasmuch and various mission projects of the Women on Mission program. Class socials are offered several times a year including a Palm Sunday breakfast at the home of Barbara Copeland. Five members rotate teaching duties, including Nedra Black, Jeanette Brown, Rhonda Etherden, Arlene O’Keefe, and Shirley Rizzolino. 📖

Senior Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Angler Class

306 Education Building

The study emphasis of this class is based in the *Explore the Bible* Sunday School literature, studying various books of the Bible each quarter. Members participate in the Street Reach Ministry of our church. Supper-social events are held occasionally. Class members are dedicated Christians who continue to grow in their faith and commitment to Christ and to this church. Members are primarily ages 65 and above. Ben Howell is the lead teacher. Mitch Godwin teaches the fourth Sunday of each month. Our pastor teaches the class on the fifth Sunday of the month. 📖

Dorcas/Lewis Class

104 Education Building

This class of women uses Smyth and Helwys' *Uniform Bible Study Series* which presents a mix of classic Bible study and contemporary insight to foster Christian growth. Class members ages 60 and above support and minister to each other, as well as support the monthly mission projects of the church. Among the church missions and ministries supported by this class are the WMU, the Friendship Medical Clinic, Office Angels, and visitation to the sick in the church and community. The class contributes financially to regular monthly mission projects in the church. Helen Records serves as teacher .

Service Class

210 Education Building

This class of women, from ages 60s to the 70s, uses the *Explore the Bible Adult Learner Guide*. Active in missions and various ministries of the church, the class is dedicated to serving others through volunteer projects, Street Reach, helping a family at Christmas, preparing and delivering food to the sick, and furnishing food for those who have experienced death in their families. The class members enjoy fellowship of their own in a social event every quarter. Jeanette Bryant is the teacher. 📖

Director – Betsy Helms (Dave Berry, Substitute)

Pianist – Linda Berry