

Sunday School Directory

A Guide to Sunday Bible Study for All Ages

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Pre-School Division

Class	Location
Babies/ One-Year-Olds Teacher – Buffy Smith/ Kristin Wilson	107 Administration Building
Two-Year-Olds Teacher – Vanessa and Tony Shalosky	101 Administration Building
Three-Year-Olds Teacher – Donna Massey	104 Administration Building
Four and Five-Year-Olds Teacher – Pat Barnett Teacher – Adrienne Harrelson	103 Administration Building 102 Administration Building

We distribute a take-home sheet, do a craft, and go over the *Bible* story. 

Michelle Thompson is the greeter/floater in the preschool area.

Katie Jones – Coordinator

Children's Division

Class	Location
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/Karen Griffin/ Matt Nicholson	303 Education Building
Grades 5 and 6 Teacher – Marshall Sasser	301 Education Building

The Children's Sunday School division is using the Faithweaver Curriculum from Group Publishing. This fall we will be studying stories from the Old Testament, including The Creation Stories, Noah and the Great Flood, The Tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael.

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,” “God has good plans for us.” 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. 📖

Angie Guffey – Coordinator

Student Division

Class	Location
Grades 7 and 8 Teachers – Stuart Griffin/Gail Harrelson/ Avery Jones	307 Administration Building
Grades 9 and 10 Teacher – Scott Thompson	309 Administration Building
Grades 11 and 12 Teacher – Joey Smith	Old Conference Room Administration Building

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: 7th & 8th Grade, 9th & 10th Grade, and 11th & 12th Grade.

During the Fall of 2008 students will be exploring the book of Genesis. In the winter they will be exploring New Testament stories of Jesus’ birth and early ministry. 📖

Patrick Jones Minister to Students – Coordinator

Young Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Young Adults

302 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 *Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman and *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. 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 prepares baskets for special events in the lives of families, such as the birth, adoption, and foster care of a new baby. The class holds social functions throughout the year. Teaching rotates throughout the class. 📖

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. Our most current and on-going study is 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

Lovell Library (2nd Floor 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

Activity House (1104 Sixth Avenue) (directly across Elm Street from the Sanctuary)

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 30's to the 50's, including married couples and singles, attend this class. The class welcomes visitors! Teachers include Marion Shaw, Becky Hubbard and other class members. 📖

Discipleship Class

307 Education Building

We are a class of adults of all ages, both singles and couples, who use the *Uniform Bible Study Series* as the basis of our study. This study offers a chance to grow in Christian faith, discipleship, and in knowledge of the Bible. Members participate in various missions projects and groups throughout the church. We love to fellowship together and welcome all visitors! Serving as teacher is Monica Altman, with Donna Bodie and other class members serving as substitute. 📖

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. 📖

Joy Class

108 Education Building

Adults of all ages in this class base their study on *Formation Learner's Study Guide* and have guest speakers periodically as they seek to grow in their Christian faith and love of God. The class supports several church ministries: CAP, SOS, Street Reach, and Children's Recovery. Various class members serve as teachers and discussion leaders. 📖

Lighthouse Class

303 Administration Building

Open to all adults, this class is focused on the growing relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of His Word and through prayer. Class members believe that their walk with Jesus is strengthened by fellowship with other believers. Special ministries of this class include *CAP*, *Street Reach*, and other mission projects adopted by the members. There is intentional effort in this class to study the Bible and apply its principles to everyday living. Teachers are Arnold Houston and Robbie Watkins. 📖

"Mixed Up" Adults Class

Beaty House (corner of Sixth Ave and Beaty)

As described by the class, the class focus is as follows: "We begin with doubt: the realization that we are not God and therefore may be wrong. Furthermore, as we look back at our lives of gradually unfolding insights and revelations, we are quite aware of the possibility that any truth we vehemently hold to today may get tossed tomorrow. At the same time we believe that God speaks to each of us in our own language and we hold truths proposed by each in the highest regard while holding each accountable for any attempts to impose personal truths on another. We

do not seek answers to life's great questions; we only aspire to refining the questions. We seek truth in scripture but are wide open to various styles of interpretation. We are particularly interested in scripture that is directly relevant to contemporary experience (which is most of it)."

The class has had many mission and ministry projects over its 20 plus years. Many members have individual ministries, but the one group ministry the class is committed to is Street Reach. "Much of our ministry is in support of each other. That keeps us very busy," says a class spokesperson.

For the age parameters of this class, the group states, "You must have lived long enough to have experienced tragedy and loss as well as joy and accomplishment. You do not have to be married, or if married, to attend with your spouse. If you conclude that the teacher(s) [has} have completely missed the point and you could do a better job teaching the class, this is the class for you." "Every theological neurosis is respected, challenged, and added to the caldron of collective confusion," according to the "Mixed Up" Class. Teachers include Charlie Sasser, Wayne Chestnut and others. 📖

Psalms Class

Beaty House

The Psalms class is a new class for women, especially for those in their 40s and older. The class uses book and books of the Bible studies to guide them. The class is currently completing a study of the Psalms. 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. Marsha Sasser is the teacher, with assistance from Linda Anderson. 📖

Sunshine Class

207 Education Building

Ladies, generally ages 40 and above, in this class are dedicated Christians who study God's Word and use God's Word to serve others. The class uses 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, the police department's project "Teddy Bear" to give to children during domestic disputes, adoption of needy families during Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Habitat for Humanity meals program. Class socials are offered four times a year. Several members rotate teaching duties. 📖

Senior Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Angler Class

306 Education Building

The study emphasis of this class is based on material 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. 📖

Dorcas 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. The class teacher is Helen Records. 📖

Jamie Lewis Class

211 Education Building

The class uses the weekly Bible lesson in the *Explore the Bible* Sunday School quarterly. Lively discussions are a part of the class sessions. 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. Women in their 70’s attend this class, but we welcome women of any age. Betty Howell is the 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. Various members serve as substitutes. 📖

Adult Division – Short Term Classes

Class

Location

Contemporary Explorations Class

Church Parlor

The Contemporary Explorations Class uses a short-term study approach to explore the intersection of biblical themes and stories with current trends in biblical studies, archeology and popular media. Studies are supported with video curriculum resources. Tommy Rowe is the teacher.

“The Bible From Scratch” Class:

A Beginning Bible Study for Adults

15-weeks, Date and Place tba