

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: Buffy Smith & Kristin Wilson	107 Administration Building
Two-Year-Olds	101 Administration Building
Three-Year-Olds Teacher – Donna Massey	104 Administration Building
Four & Five-Year-Olds Teacher – Pat Barnett & Chrysti Watford	103 Administration Building

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

Coordinator – Eunice Rabon, Joann Hodges

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, <i>Kayla Johnson (substitute)</i>	303 Education Building
Grade 5 Teacher – Marshall Sasser, <i>Kathy Oberlin (substitute)</i>	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

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Grade 6 Teachers – Reggie & Cheryl Gosnell; Chuck & Adrienne Harrelson	3 rd Floor Conference Rm, Administration Bldg
Grades 7 and 8 Teachers – Stuart Griffin, Avery Jones	307 Administration Building
Grades 9 - 12 Teacher – Scott Thompson, Carol Chestnut, <i>Joey Smith (substitute)</i>	309 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: 6th – 8th Grade, 9th & 10th Grade, and 11th & 12th Grade. 📖

Coordinator – Patrick Jones, Minister to Students
Substitute – Carol Chestnut

Young Adult Division – Ongoing Classes

Class

Location

Young Adults Class

3rd floor Conference Room

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 *The 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. Teachers are Scott Harrelson and Arnold Houston. 📖

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

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

Committed**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 Foundation Class**211 Education Building**

This class will begin studying the book of Romans in September. Couples and singles 35 and above are in the class. Teachers include Chris & Michelle Graney, Stan Stephens, John Poston and Julie Livingston.

Joy Class**108 Education Building**

Adults 50 and up 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. Teachers include Saundra London and other class members. 📖

Lighthouse Class**303 Administration Building**

Open to all adults, this class is focused on the growing relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of God's Word and through prayer. Class members, whose ages range from 30-60, believe that their walk with Jesus is strengthened by fellowship with other believers. Special ministries of this class include Shepherd's Table, area school support, and other miscellaneous 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 rotating class members. 📖

"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. "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 and other class members. 📖

Psalms Class **Beaty House** (corner of Sixth 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. 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 *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, Nancy McGuigan and Arlene O'Keefe. 📖

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 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. Teachers are Helen Records and Betty Howell.

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. 📖

Coordinator – Mary Ann Stalvey

Pianist – Nancy Hendrick