

Sunday School Classes

Women of Worship - Bldg. 3, Room 216

Gender: Female

Age Span of Class: 40 - 80

Contact: Laura Preller (lpreller@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Theology, Bible Book/Character Study, Topical, Christian Living/Application, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Ann Voss, Evelyn Cookley, Janice Jordan, Mary Brisbois, Jody Senkbeil

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class is for women of all ages and all walks of life – single, divorced, widowed or married. We focus especially on the needs of women who might prefer the security and intimacy of an all female group. Women of Worship seeks to provide a comfortable place for open discussion. Wide ranges of study resources are used."

Second Mile - Bldg. 3, Room 202

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 40's to 60's

Age Span of Members' Children: 10's to 30's

Contact: Bruce Richards (richardsb906@earthlink.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Cokesbury International Bible Study Series

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture and Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Chris Glover, Mark Mitchell, Mark Shoemaker, Mitch Hicks

What we want you to know about our class: "We are the Second Mile class because of our desire to follow Christ's urging to 'go the second mile' from Matthew 5:41. We are a friendly, eclectic, family-oriented class comprised of both married and singles, who consider themselves 'pretty cool for old people.' Our outlook is casual, with an active participation in projects and ministries both within and outside the class setting."

Several ministry focuses for our class are Kamp Kirksey, dishwashers on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays for Sunday Evening with our Neighbors and 5th Sunday Sponsor of the Hospitality Room.

Disciple Class - Bldg. 3, Room 221

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 45 - 70

Age Span of Members' Children: Teens & Up

Contact: Tom Liner (linertom@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Book/Character Study, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture and Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Rotation among members

What we want you to know about our class: "We started from members who had taken the Disciple 1 class and desired to continue with in-depth Bible study. As the name

implies, our emphasis is on growth through the study of God's Word but our weekly agenda also includes prayer requests and sharing. We accept and welcome any and all who come through our doors. We care for the needy and support Kairos (a prison ministry), the Rescue Mission, the Lord's Pantry, and Sunday Evenings With Our Neighbors."

Edith Knowles Discussion Class - Bldg. 3, Church Library

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 50's to 90's

Age Span of Members' Children: Adult

Contact: Bill Burger (ohdalbany@aol.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Topical, Book Discussion, Christian Living

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Rotation among class members

What we want you to know about our class:"Our emphasis is just what our name implies. We select books of interest and as we read and study each Sunday, we share in critical conversations concerning Christianity. We frequently use videos to lay the foundation for our discussions."

The Fellowship Class - Bldg. 3, Conference Room C

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 55 & Up

Contact: Keith Henderson (229-883-0922)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Cokesbury International Bible Study Series

Predominant Learning Environment: Caring and Togetherness

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Brenda Adams, Margaret Rowe, Alan Pendleton, Mary Brown Heritage

What we want you to know about our class:"We are a caring class and each week we enjoy the 'togetherness of friends'!! We minister to many shut-ins as well as support the Methodist Children's Home and the senior adults at Magnolia Manor in Americus."

Georgia Cochran Class - Bldg. 3, Room 210

Gender: Coed Age Span: 50 and Up

Age Span of Members' Children: Grown

Contact: Bill Alford (w.alford@mchsi.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Theology, Bible Book/Character Study, Topical, Christian Living/Application, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture and Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Nan Jones, Jerry Brimberry, Ellen Harris, Tim Yates, Carl Williams

What we want you to know about our class:"We are a very ministry-oriented group, serving in The Lord's Pantry, The Children's Home, Magnolia Manor, Wesley Glen Ministry and other organizations. We are very friendly and caring!"

Elnora Hawk Class - Bldg. 2, Room 154

Gender: Female

Age Span of Class: 70's to 90's

Contact: Jean Garabedian (229-436-7841) or Sharlene Stephens (229-439-2771)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Cokesbury International Bible Study Series

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Nan Jones, Margaret Brannan, Kaye Walden, Bill Robinson, Sonny Deriso

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class is a loving, devoted group of older professional (and other) ladies who are committed to attend as long as they are able. Our goals are friendship, fellowship, stewardship, and service to others in Jesus' name. We especially support the Methodist Children's Home, Vashti, Bereavement Ministry, and several charities at Christmas."

Littleton Class - Bldg. 3, Room 208

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 50 to 80's

Age Span of Members' Children: 14 to 50's

Contact: Van Knowles (wvck@prodigy.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Topical, Christian Living/Application

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Ann Voss, Alan Pendleton, Bob Wallace, Gene Smith

What we want you to know about our class: "Service is synonymous with our class. A special ministry focus for our class is the 'Silent Servant Award' presented annually, and recover mission trips and the India Medical Mission and Nursing Scholarships that we support through fund-raising such as the yearly Bake Sale. We are 'lightly' senior adults who remain quite active and are involved in virtually all areas of First United Methodist Church."

Monk Thompson Class - Bldg. 3, Room 223

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 50+

Age Span of Members' Children: Young Adults (20's and 30's)

Contact: Alan Dismuke (moreemotor2@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Topical, Christian Living/Application, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture and Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Carol Marbury, Chris Glover, Ruth Henry, Sonny Deriso, Ellen Harris

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class is named for a beloved youth minister who impacted many of the members' lives. We are a 'close knit' class that is really like a family. We are always there for each other in good times and bad, supporting each other and our church. We support diverse ministries including Project Redemption House, Sunday Evening With Our Neighbors, Lifeline Ministries, and the

Methodist Children's Home."

New Horizons Class - Bldg. 3, Room 212

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 40's & Up

Age Span of Members' Children: mostly Young Adult

Contact: Layne Cox (layne.cox@mchsi.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Topical, Christian Living/Application, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Class Members

What we want you to know about our class: "We are an informal class that enjoys discussion, sitting in a circle, with leadership rotating among members. We explore a wide variety of topics. We also serve quarterly at Sunday Evening With Our Neighbors."

The Ark Class - Bldg. 3, Room 214

Gender: Coed Age Span of Class: 22 to 60's

Age Span of Members' Children: 3 to 40's

Contact: Bill Wright (bwright1960@gmail.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Study

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Bill Wright, Gary Unger

What we want you to know about our class: "Our group is called the Ark class because we see ourselves as 'young couples coming two by two.' We enjoy a variety of outreach ministries, including Serving the Neighbors on Sunday nights, as well as celebrating Christmas with the Rescue Mission and the Methodist Children's Home. Though a diverse group, we are very close knit and enjoy teasing each other occasionally."

The River Class - Bldg. 3, Room 215

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: Mid 20's to late 30's

Age Span of Members' Children: No children to 8 yrs

Contact: Justin Strickland (jus10strickland@yahoo.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Book/Character Study, Christian Living/Application

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Glenn & Dawn Clack, Justin Strickland, Tina Marbury

What we want you to know about our class: "We are a group of young adults – some married and some single – who are seeking to grow together through Bible Study and Fellowship. We think of ourselves as * young * active * mobile * growing."

Mary Horton Roundtable Class - Bldg. 3, Room 206

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 50 & Up

Age Span of Members' Children: 20's and Up

Contact: Gary Ham (hambargar@bellsouth.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Theology, Topical, Christian Living/Application

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Rotation among Members with occasional guests

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class was originally named to recognize the members' desire to follow a 'round table' discussion format. In the early 1990's the name was expanded to honor Mary Horton, the wife of former pastor Dr. John Horton, who had been a member and frequent teacher. We recently celebrated our 30th Anniversary as a class. We support a variety of ministries including Vashti, Angel Tree, and church-sponsored Habitat for Humanity work projects. We study the Cokesbury International Bible Study material but will also interject lessons of issues of personal or current interest. Our 'penthouse level' room is just steps away from the elevator!"

The Welcome Class - Bldg. 3, Room 222

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: mid 30's to mid 50's

Age Span of Members' Children: 3 years to College Age

Contact: Rick Pavlik (pavlikrg@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Book/Character Study

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Ben Anderson, Jeff Askey, Bob Haas

What we want you to know about our class: "Our name derives from the intriguing challenge in Hebrews 13:2 which states 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels unawares.' As the name implies, we are a friendly bunch, but at the same time we believe that Sunday school is THE best place for study and learning about the Bible. We are a small, lecture-style group."

Pathfinders Class - Bldg. 3, Room 201

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 30's and 40's

Age Span of Members' Children: Elementary to High School

Contact: Tina Hood (tinahobbshood@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Book/Character Study, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: Lecture, Discussion, Video

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Rotates

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class prides itself on support of each other and people in the community. As parents we all find a common bond in raising our kids and sharing the joys and trials that come with that journey. We are heavily involved in the church's children's ministry program and local missions such as the Village House."

The Library Class - Bldg. 3, Room 207

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 50's to mid'60's

Age Span of Members' Children: Late teens to young marrieds

Contact: Jim Rusin (jdrusin@bellsouth.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Christian Living/Application, The New International Bible Study series

Predominant Learning Environment: Good mix of lecture and discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Kathy Wooten, Steve Sample, Lee Palmer

What we want you to know about our class: "No one is a stranger in our class! Visitors are met with open arms and hearts. We are vocal, engaged, committed to learning God's will in our lives, nurturing of each other, energetic, and we love to laugh. Our teaching and discussion is engaging and thought-provoking. We are engaged in many diverse areas of ministry and service both within the church as well as supporting children, families in need, and homeless. One of our favorite annual activities is a full day of Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army in December."

Serendipity Class - Bldg. 3, Room 227

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: 30's to mid-40's

Age Span of Members' Children: Infant to 21 years

Contact: Allen Twiggs (zantwiggs@att.net)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Christian Living/Application, Book Discussion

Predominant Learning Environment: A mix of Lecture, Discussion, and Video

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Joel Vandenberg

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class grew out of a study entitled 'Serendipity' that we studied together. We focus on life application in a small group setting because we seek to learn and apply God's truths in our daily lives. We are also service-oriented and serve at Sunday Evening With Our Neighbors quarterly as well as adopting a special Christmas project and at least one other project per year."

Communion Class - Bldg. 3, Room 224

Gender: Coed Age Span of Class: mid-30's to 60's Age Span of Members' Children:

Teens to Young Adults Contact: Jeff & Lillie Sinyard (l_sinyard@yahoo.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Bible Book/Character Study, Topical, Christian

Living/Application Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion Name(s) of

Teacher(s): Rotation among members who enjoy teaching What we want you to know

about our class "Our class is made up of couples and singles. We are family-oriented and enjoy each other. We get together socially outside of class quarterly. We are very nurturing of each other and we love lots of humor! Our service areas include Sunday Evening With Our Neighbors and supporting Graceway, a ministry to women in need."

The Bridge - Bldg. 3, Room 220

Gender: Coed (Married and Single)

Age Span of Class: 30's - 60's

Contact: Mike May (mmay6488@gmail.com)

Type of Study Preferred: Christian Living

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion

Name(s) of Teacher(s): Class Members

What we want you to know about our class: "Our class exists because we believe that Jesus is our bridge that helps us overcome the world. 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may know peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' John 16:33. We are a class for all ages, those who are looking for a continuous adult class and for those who help with the children and youth Sunday school classes. Our class has several members that rotate teaching as we study the Bible. We hope to encourage and nurture one another as we learn all that God has planned for us."

The Connection Young Adult Class - Bldg. 3, Room 219

Gender: Coed

Age Span of Class: mid 20's - mid 30's

Age span of Members' Children: infant - 5 years

Contact: Scott Stanfill (scott.stanfill@gmail.com)

Type(s) of Study Preferred: Christian Living and Application, Book Discussion, Bible Study

Predominant Learning Environment: Discussion and Video Name(s) of Teacher(s):

Scott Stanfill What we want you to know about our class: The Connection is a new young adult Sunday school class of people in their mid 20's to mid 30's. Many of our lessons are video based with time for discussion as we talk about engaging the Christian faith amidst the things that keep us on the go - particularly young children, work demands, and social life. It is an informal, relaxed atmosphere - perfect for getting to know other young adults in the church.