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for you  
in Sunday School.  
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

*Sunday School is a place for children, youth and adults to hear the Bible story. It is a place for us to sense our belonging as God's children, to unite as members of Fayetteville First, and to grow in the knowledge of God's love. It is a place where we use and discover our gifts, nurture our faith, and support each other as disciples of Christ.. Take time to find the class that is right for you.*

## Did you know?

- Adult Bible Study lessons are available on CD if anyone is interested in purchasing them for their class or for those who are homebound. One set of 3 CDs is \$12.
- Various studies are available in the Library if your class or small group is looking for something new and would like to borrow instead of purchase.
- Joyce Mucha needs to audit financial records for all Sunday School classes once a year. It is that time to turn in all of your 2008 records. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Mucha, [jmuhca@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jmuhca@fayettevillefirst.com) or 770-461-4313.
- The 2009 Pictorial Directory should be available mid October.
- Do you have any extra books in your classroom? Turn in your unused curriculum to Laura Cox. Cokesbury will take them back and give the church credit. Dated material must be returned within the first month of each new quarter to receive full credit. Non dated material can be returned at any time.

*Ever feel as though you are disconnected in our large congregation? Small groups are a perfect way for you to get to know Fayetteville First UMC members personally and **feel more at home. Jesus Himself was a part of a small group.** We are created to be in relationships with one another!*

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*We are determined in our mission to help people become disciples of Jesus Christ. These "cornerstones of faith" - worship, education, missions, music, and study - are designed to assist you in your journey to becoming a person of faith. We believe the church can make a difference - in the world and in the hearts and minds of believers - and we invite you to become a part of our church family.*

Julie and Danny Beck work hard to help publish this quarterly newsletter. Thank You!!

**Circle of Friends** meets in Room B340 in the old education building. We use the Adult Bible Studies: International Series each week. We strive to provide a forum for discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing Christian men and women today. We have socials throughout the year including a Derby Day party, Super Bowl Chili night, Christmas social, and breakfasts at IHOP. Our primary focus is on becoming a "bright" light in which the confused world can clearly see Jesus Christ.

**Genesis** meets in Room B315 in the old education building. During August and September, we are conducting a sermon series. We take notes on Mark's sermons on one Sunday and discuss our notes in class the next week. Starting in October we have chosen *Love as a Way of Life: Seven Keys to Transforming Every Aspect of Your Life* by Gary Chapman. The members of Genesis are huge supporters of the Fayette Youth Protection Home. Are you searching for a small group? Join us - there is a place for you here.

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**Family Class** meets in Room 210 on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. This upcoming quarter, we will be studying different books of the Bible. We are beginning this next week with Ruth. Family Class provides the donuts and coffee each week in the kitchen area of the Family Life Center. Money raised goes to local families in need throughout the year. A recent cookout was a great success! We provide a forum for singles and parents with older children.

**Fellowship/Discipleship Class** meets in Room A20/30 in the old fellowship hall. We use the Adult Bible Studies: International Series each week. We strive to share their time, talents, and monies with those who are in need.

**Foundations Class** meets in Room B320 in the old education building. Currently they are studying *Putting Faith to Word*. Come join this adult class that seeks to apply scripture and faith to daily life.

**The Lighthouse Class** meets in Room C240 on the second floor of the Family Life Center. They use the Adult Bible Studies: International Series each week. This class supports the Fayette Samaritan Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and Project Hope. Members of this class share their faith, learn from the experiences of others, and express their love through prayer, service, and stewardship. This class will welcome you with open arms.

**Wellspring** We are currently studying "Paul the Apostles" with David Nassar. In September we plan to study "Let Story Guide You" with Donald Miller. "If your life was made into a movie, would you want to go see it?" We plan to begin Parenting in the Early Years after we finish Let Story Guide you. We have both adult and family socials. In July we met in Beaverbrook for swimming and a cookout. On August 22nd families are invited to camp for the weekend at High Falls. We have some who love to camp and others that have never tried it. It should be a good time for all.



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**The Upper Room** meets in Room C270 on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. We have just finished an interesting and thought-provoking study entitled, "Prayer & Devotional Life of United Methodists" by Steve Harper. On August 15th we will culminate this study with a day-long retreat at the river home of Asden and Ted Johnson in Clarkesville, GA. It will be a time of prayer, meditation, singing and communion. We will end with lunch and an opportunity to visit and enjoy our classmates in a beautiful setting. Next we will focus on "Being United Methodist In the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused United Methodists". In addition to our support of the Friday Johnson home, we have recently started to contribute to Heifer International, the program designed to fight world hunger. We also look forward to working with the Genesis and Cornerstone classes on the Christmas Tour of Homes in December.

**Cornerstone** meets in Room C260 on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. Currently we are studying "*Being United Methodist in the Bible Belt*" By F. Belton Joyner Jr. Our next series is called "*Creation Care,*" which will begin August 23. We will learn what the Bible says about being *Green*. Cornerstone will celebrate the end of summer with a Redneck Luau on August 29th. Come join us for coffee and snacks at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. The door is always open.

**Murphy Bible Class** meets in the Bride's Room in the Narthex of the main sanctuary. We were formed in the 1920's. We use the Adult Bible Studies: International Series each week. We support the church blood drive by donating blood and running the canteen. Each Sunday our class starts with baked goodies and coffee. We continue to support members who are ill. We regularly visit church members in nearby personal care and/or nursing facilities. We are a small class that is large with love. There is a place for you here.

**Parrish Class** meets in room C230 on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. Currently we are studying "What's in the Bible About God." This is part 3 of the overall study "What's in the Bible and Why Should I care?" Our next study will be "What's in the Bible About the Holy Spirit." We are on the move. **Do you need an idea for a small group outing?** Recently we had a birthday celebration at Barnstormers in Williamson, GA. We hosted a farewell dinner in the Bella Sera room at Baci's. We also had a breakfast supper in Lifsey Springs and quarterly movie nights at the Nostalgia Cinema (the home of a close friend) . Come be a part of our class, where you will find a warm welcome, fellowship, and friendship in a small group setting. In October we are headed to Colquitt, GA for an overnight trip to attend "Swamp Gravy."

## Short-Term Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- Methodism and Membership** September 2, 9, 16, and 23.  
On Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Facilitators: Mark Westmoreland and Julie Harp
- Becoming a Love and Logic Parent** 8 week study beginning September 2  
On Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Facilitator: Laura Cox
- Conversation Peace** 7 week study beginning September 4  
On Fridays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.  
Facilitator: Laura Cox
- Body Recall** Next 10 week session begins September 28th  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Instructors: Laura Cox and Joyce Mucha
- Financial Peace University** 13 weeks beginning September 13  
On Sundays from 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Facilitators: Pete and Charlcie Neal
- Dave Ramsey's Generation Change** for High School Youth  
4 weeks beginning September 13  
On Sundays from 4:30-5:45 p.m.  
Facilitator: Lynn Deason

## Long-Term Spiritual Growth Opportunities

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| <b>Stephen Ministry Training</b> | 40 Hours beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Christian Believer</b>        | 32 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Disciple I</b>                | 34 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Disciple II</b>               | 32 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Disciple III</b>              | 32 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Disciple IV</b>               | 32 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Jesus in the Gospels</b>      | 30 weeks beginning September 2 | Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. |



*If you have any questions, want to have a small group other than a Sunday morning or you just aren't finding the class you are looking for, please contact Laura Cox. We are always open to starting new classes. Laura Cox, email: [lcox@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:lcox@fayettevillefirst.com) phone: 770-461-4313*