



# SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

Sunday School is a place for children, youth, and adults to hear the Biblical story, to unite as members of the body of Christ, and to grow in the knowledge of God's love and grace. It is a place where we discover what it means to offer our minds, our hearts, our bodies, and our gifts to God as a holy and living sacrifice to God. Join us every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship, learning, service, and growth.

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## **Circle of Friends, C-350**

The purpose of our class is to learn, live, and share the scriptures and lessons provided in the Adult Bible Studies series. Our relationships with each other are based on friendship through our social activities and community service. We enjoy sharing our praises and concerns, as well as meaningful Bible discussions in our Sunday lessons. For a good time while learning to walk in God's eyes, join the Circle of Friends.

## **Cornerstone Class, C-260**

We are a class that truly reflects the diversity of our congregation, i.e. multi-generational young parents to great grandparents, singles and married couples. What we hold in common is the love of the Lord and each other. We start a bit later than most at 10:00 and run until 10:55. Our curriculum includes books on parts of scripture as well as topical studies. Each Sunday, we begin with prayer requests and a psalm followed by the lesson and business as needed. Quarterly we have social functions as well as opportunities for service. Cornerstone provides an Advent devotional, which aides us in our yearly party for Fayette County Foster Families. We like to say that we "learn, laugh, love, and live as Christ."

## **Family Class, C-210**

The Family Class is made up of members from all walks of life. Our class is composed of singles and married couples and the ages range from 40 something to 70 plus. We concentrate on nourishing the mind and strengthening the family through our study of the Bible. Our lessons vary and are decided on by the class. We tend to study the books of the Bible individually with lecture and discussion as our class format. We have several socials during the year. In the Family Class, we always welcome all!

## **Fellowship/Discipleship Class, Fellowship Hall**

We are a coed class of senior citizens with an average attendance of 60-75 each Sunday. We use the International Bible Series and have five teachers who rotate. Every 2-3 months a social activity is planned which is usually a covered dish meal with entertainment. For Christmas, we have a catered meal with all the trimmings and entertainment. Poinsettias are used as part of our decorations and are then taken to our members who are shut-ins. Each month we contribute to Fayette Samaritans, Methodist Children's Home, Meals on Wheels plus other concerns as needed.

## **Foundations Class, B-320**

Our class chooses different studies throughout the year including both scriptural studies and topical studies. Our format usually involves a video introduction followed by discussion. Some of our most recent studies include the Gospel of John from the short-term Disciple series and *Becoming a Good Samaritan* featuring Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rob Bell, Shane Claiborne, Eugene Peterson and many more. Come and join us!

### **Genesis Class, B-315**

We have a core study on the Old Testament with video lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine and the New Testament with lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman. Seasonal materials are used throughout the year such as *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* by Richard B. Wilke and *Easter from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We are currently studying *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. Socials are planned throughout the year. Are you searching for a small group? Join us - there is a place for you here.

### **Genesis to Revelation Class, C-200**

This adult coed class meets each Sunday using United Methodist materials to facilitate study and discussion. Over time, the class plans to study the entire Bible with emphasis on three questions: (1) What does the Bible say? (2) What does this passage mean? and (3) How does the Scripture relate to my life in the contemporary world? We are the newest class formed at FFUMC and would love to have your voice as part of our discussions!

### **Lighthouse Class, C-240**

Our class uses the Adult Bible Study series with five teachers who rotate each Sunday. We plan quarterly social events, usually consisting of dinners out at night. Our class consists of friendly, caring members who donate to various missions such as Samaritans, Meals on Wheels, etc. We continually support our prayer list through prayers and active support. We would love to have you join us!

### **Murphy Bible Class, Bride's Room**

The Murphy class was formed in the 1920's. We use the Adult Bible Studies International Series each week, and begin each class with baked goodies and coffee. We continue to support members who are ill through regular visits to church members in nearby personal care and nursing facilities. We are a small class that is large with love.

### **Parrish Class, C-230**

The Parrish class is an inter-generational group led by Ed Steil. Studies include in-depth assessments of the books of the Bible, Methodist Doctrine, and contemporary social concerns. Outreach projects and social gatherings add purpose and fellowship, making this a friendly and involved class. Come visit us any time!

### **The Upper Room Class, C-270**

We are a discussion group class and welcome all ideas and thoughts. Our members take turns presenting information and leading the discussion each Sunday. Sometimes the class studies topics focused on a part of the Bible, and at other times we deal with major Methodist and contemporary issues. We have just finished an interesting and thought-provoking study entitled *Serious Answers to Hard Questions* published by the Wesley Ministry Network and we are looking at new material by Adam Hamilton to begin soon. The class also focuses on missions. In addition to our support of the Friday-Johnson home, we contribute to Heifer International, the program designed to fight world hunger. Several members also volunteer at the Thrift Shop and Samaritans. We also support the mission projects of FFUMC. We have a get-together each quarter, ranging from a paddle wheel boat tour down the Chattahoochee to a picnic at Lake Horton to an outing at the lake.

### **Wellspring Class, B-345**

Wellspring is primarily a group of young adults, many of us with children but some without. Our class studies a variety of subjects ranging from Rob Bell's Nooma series to Shane Claiborne's *Economy of Love*. We have a number of adult and family socials throughout the year. We hope you will join us!

*If you have any questions, want to be involved in a small group outside of Sunday mornings, or just aren't finding the class you are looking for, please contact Rev. Kristin Heiden, Minister of Christian Formation.*

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