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**nurture**  
II Peter 3:18

### **Small Group Opportunities**

God calls us to dig deep into the roots of our faith in order to  
“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18).

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We offer Bible studies, smalls groups, Sunday school, and fellowship events for people of all ages to engage in meaningful spiritual formation and flourish in the abundant life God has called us.

### **Children (4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

Children (from 4 years old) gather in age-appropriate groups to explore the Bible and faith through music, activities, and lessons. Contact Rev. Lawrence for current Sunday and Wednesday afternoon meeting times.

**Wednesdays Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Club Night from 6 – 7 p.m.**

After dinner students Kindergarten through second grade have music club, called Kids Crescendo, in B-320. 3rd through 5<sup>th</sup> graders start with a Bible story in B-215, then choose between Art and Video Game Club.

**Nursery, easily accessed from Parking Lot C**

Nursery is open Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for birth through 4 years.

### **Youth (middle school and high school students)**

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m., The Foundry C-280**

Students in middle school and high school gather each Sunday to share time together and discuss faith, the Bible, and issues that shape their lives.

**Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Worship/Small Groups from 6 – 8 p.m.**

Students meet after school for snacks and study. After supper they experience praise and worship, games and fun, and small group time to share with and encourage one another.

### **Adults**

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

**Circle of Friends** — Older and senior adults who learn, live and share the Biblical lessons provided in the International Bible Series.

Format: Lecture, some discussion

Location: Room C-230

**Cornerstone Class** — Diverse and multi-generational group who study Biblical themes and topics from various books and authors.

Format: Discussion with volunteers leading the sessions

Location: C-260

**Family Class** — A mix of singles and married ranging in age from the 50s to the 80s, this group concentrates on nourishing the mind and strengthening relationships through study of the Bible.

Format: Lecture with some discussion

Location: C-210

**Fellowship/Discipleship Class** — This group is a close and caring group of senior citizens who use the International Bible Series and contribute to the missions of Fayette Samaritans, The UM Children's Home, Meals on Wheels, and are in service to one another.

Format: Hymns and time of prayer followed by lecture

Location: Fellowship Hall

**Genesis to Revelation** — Not defined by age or life situation this group seeks a stronger spiritual relationship with God and connection with one another.

Format: Teacher led with discussion

Location: C-250

**Murphy-Lighthouse Class** — This class of seniors studies the International Bible Series and supports church members through regular visitations and prayer.

Format: Lecture with some discussion

Location: Brides Room

**Book Study Class** — Participants read a book chosen by the class and then join together in discussion for six to twelve week sessions. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence for session schedule.

Format: Discussion

Location: C-200

**Wellspring Class** — This is a fun-loving group of people made up of singles, married couples, and a mixture of parents with children preschool-aged to high school.

Format: Teacher facilitated discussion

Location: B-355 and on Zoom

## Senior Adults SAGE:

**Senior Adults Going Everywhere** — Day trips are planned nearly every month as our seniors travel together to museums, events, and a variety of interesting places.

**Titus II** — This lunch and learn program features special guests who provide helpful information while the group enjoys lunch together on our campus. Meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month.

## Weekday Gatherings:

**Table Groups** — Table groups are a small group meeting with the goal of spiritual transformation ... a place for real, honest, and deep conversations about life and faith. Groups meet throughout the week and at various locations.

Current Table Group options:

Wednesday, 10 a.m. (women only); Thursdays (men only) 10 a.m.

Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence for locations.

**GriefShare** — Griefshare is a 13-week program where caring individuals walk with others through the journey of grief. New sessions generally begin in February and August. Contact the church office for the current schedule.

**Choral Groups** — Choirs lead worship on Sunday mornings and special services throughout the year.

**The Chancel Choir** practices on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. to prepare to lead worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

**The Seasoned Singers** is a group of older adults who practice each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and share their joy through song at various locations and times.

**FFUMC Orchestra** — With a great mix of young musicians and adults who love to play their instruments, this group frequently adds to our 11 a.m. Worship Service.

**United Women in Faith** — The United Women in Faith provide an outlet for women to channel their involvement in missions both at home and abroad while nurturing friendships within the group. Organized in circles, groups meet at various times with each group supporting missions of their own choosing.

**United Methodist Men** — The United Methodist's Men's purpose is "to help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ." All men are invited to a monthly potluck dinner, usually on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. for a meal, meeting and program.

**Flower ministry** — On Sundays, flowers are often given to enhance our worship experience. Those who donate them can either take them or give to the flower ministry. This team separates the arrangements and takes them into our community where they continue to spread love.

**Amplify Media** — This is a free online resource for adults, children, families, small groups, and individual study on current Christian teaching. For access, go to: <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify> and use our Congregation Access Code: CPWHSB

**Funeral Meal Ministry** — This group provides meals and encouragement when our church family experiences a death. This ministry works in teams.

**Hospitality and Encouragement** — Send cards and encouragement for a variety of occasions and situations: celebration, sympathy, sickness, etc.

**Shawl Ministry** — This ministry provides knitted or crocheted shawls or lap robes to those in our church and community who are ill or sick at heart. The group meets regularly, and new members are always welcome. No experience or expertise required. Contact the church office for information.

## Nurture Resources

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**Resource Library** — Study materials are available in C-200 for small groups and individual use.

Investigate and explore these great opportunities.  
There's a place for you to nurture your faith and grow at Fayetteville First UMC.

## Next Steps to Connect ...

If you have any questions, want to be involved in a small group or are looking for a class not yet offered, contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence, Associate Minister, at 770-461-4313 or [alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com).



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