



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes For Everyone



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- **ALDERSGATE CLASS:** Meets in Room M105 on the ground floor of the educational building (the room with beautiful stained glass memorial windows). Aldersgate is a friendly group of senior adult couples and singles with average attendance in the 20s. They enjoy the class fellowship, Bible study and the opportunities to be Christian neighbors. Sunday studies are from the International Lesson Series and teachers may lecture or lead a discussion of the scripture. The class has 4 regular teachers but brings in guest teachers from time to time. New members are always welcome! Come join us!
- **BELIEVERS CLASS:** Meets in Room M302 in the main educational building. Their lessons include both Bible studies and inspirational book review. Janie Weber is the class teacher. This is a small, informal class of both singles and couples. We welcome visitors and new members.
- **CHAPEL CLASS:** Meets in Roebuck Chapel M106. We welcome all ages; couples and singles. We have teachers from our class, and throughout the church and community. We are involved in mission in our community. We provide breakfast the last Sunday of every month with all donations going to the “Backpack for Children” program that feeds hungry children over the weekend.
- **CHOSEN CLASS:** Meets in Room FLC101 in the Family Life Center. A diverse group walking through the Bible with Jesus and sharing in His love.
- **CORNERSTONE CLASS:** Meets in Room M311 in the main educational building. In the beginning there were a few people seeking to create a new adult Sunday School class. Bill and DeDe Hutcheson helped get us started in the early 1970’s. We enjoyed a long period of time with Tom Condren as our regular teacher. When we decided to try being more of a discussion class, we began using the Adult Bible Series, recruiting our discussion leaders from both inside and outside our group. We also enjoy doing focused studies on all types of scriptural topics. We support several on-going outreach programs with our offerings, including Inter-Faith Pre-School, “Backpack for Children” program, Food at First, and mission trips. We are a circle of friends averaging 60+ years old, who enjoy coming together to pray, study, and worship. We help each other better understand the teachings of the Holy Scripture, sharing both our questions and our enlightenment. We share our life experiences with each other and open our hearts to reveal our cares and concerns. We love and support each other and seek daily to be better witnesses to those around us.
- **DISCIPLES CLASS:** Meets in Room M315 in the main educational building. The class is taught in a mixed lecture and discussion format, usually led by Kyle Parker, who offers his insightful knowledge of contextual history to supplement the weekly text. Lessons are generally based on the Methodist Adult Bible study, with focused studies on books of the Bible, or Christian books that the class or teacher selects. Class members welcome people of all ages, and most members range in age from “30ish to 50ish”. Open discussion is always welcome, with sometimes lively discussions from members of diverse denominational backgrounds sharing their faith. The Disciple class encourages you to join them and share in their fellowship!
- **DISCUSSION CLASS:** Meets in Room M312, with an average attendance of 50. Attending the class are singles, couples, talkers, listeners, philosophers and fanatics of all ages. It began as a couples class in 1964, meeting under the stairs of the sanctuary, and has since moved to many different locations in the church. The class uses a discussion format and draws from a variety of resources (Bible, history, and literature) to guide class discussions in applying Christian learning to everyday living. Dr. Pat Phillips, Dr. Taylor Prewitt, Carl Hill, Sherron Shuffield, and Delores Chitwood, as well as other guest teachers lead the class.
- **ENCOURAGERS CLASS:** Meets in Room M303 in the main educational building. The Encouragers Sunday School class began several years ago with a study called Growing Kids God’s Way. At the time, we were a group of parents with younger children. Over time, we’ve grown into a more robust group of adults, both single and married, age 30-50 with and without children. We’ve completed a variety of Biblically based studies on topics such as prayer, faith, spirituality, family, and children. We’re always looking for new and interesting suggestions, ideas and opinions. We enjoy getting together for lunch after church and other outings such as, bonfires, bowling, movies, dinner, swimming, etc. We meet in room 303 and would love to have you join us!

- **FRIENDS CLASS:** Meets in Room M103 in the main educational building with an average attendance of ten to twenty people who range in age from 45 to 60. The class is led in discussion by our teachers, Ben Shipley, Jim Pryor, and Eddie Walker. They use a lecture format and the International Adult Series. The class specializes in Bible history and background to aid in understanding of the Scriptures and how that applies to our lives today. Members consider fellowship to be the key to the success of this class.
- **GOOD NEWS CLASS:** Meets in Room M202 in the main educational building. The Good News class started as a study following the church lectionary. It evolved to a Bible study that delved into the early books of the Old Testament, Acts, Romans, and Isaiah, with seasonal side trips through various Advent and Lenten studies. Participation and discussion are encouraged, but if you prefer to listen and take it all in, that's great too. As a class, we are curious about our faith and we look for studies that help us explore the Bible, and also how we express our faith.
- **LE MÉNAGE CLASS:** Meets in Room M306 in the main educational building. Le Ménage is a discussion class that seeks out challenging books, covering a wide range of spiritual pilgrimages. And sometimes we watch movies too! In the past we have read and discussed Karen Armstrong's "The Battle for God", Elaine Pagel's "The Gnostic Gospels", and the life and teachings of John Wesley. We have most recently wrestled with Reinhold Niebuhr's "The Nature and Destiny of Man". Throughout our studies we have found an enduring fellowship of seekers and a deep connection among a diverse group of individuals which has been meaningful, fulfilling and sustaining. The average age is around 65, created by a relatively wide range of ages.
- **ROUNDTABLE CLASS:** Meets in Room M201 in the main building. The class was organized in August 1967 by a group of young married couples who felt they were too young to be in a class with folks about the age they are now! The original teachers were Dr. William Klusmeier, Jim Hill and Don Flanders. Don, being a furniture manufacturer, furnished a "round table" for the members to sit around, hence the name Roundtable Class. The class today is made up primarily of folks in the mid-sixties to mid-seventies age groups with a few somewhat younger or older than that. The Roundtable Class also uses the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons for Adult Bible Study.
- **SEEKERS CLASS:** Meets in Room M107 in the main educational building. The Seekers Class consists of a group of seniors and was formed in 1968. Our first teacher was Larry Morgan who was a Bible scholar. We used the Bible, primarily the New Testament, as our lesson source. Some time later, Dr. Hugh Lewing would alternate with Larry. Our class has seen many teachers in its years including Christina Alter, Clifford Davis and now Charlie Moffett. Our mission projects include donations to the Food at First ministry and donations every month to the Clearinghouse and the Gospel Rescue Mission of Van Buren.
- **UPLIFTERS CLASS:** Meets in Room M205 in the main educational building with an average attendance of twenty who range in age from 30 to 90 years of age. We have rotating teachers and use the International Lesson Series. The members of this great class invite you to join them for Sunday School.
- **YOUNG ADULT CLASS:** Meets in Library/Study on 2nd Floor in the main educational building. This is a Sunday School class for young adults and young professionals. Our group includes singles, folks who are just out of college, and people who are a little further down the career path and/or leading a family. Anyone in the 20s, 30s, or 40s are more than welcome. This group meets in the Library/Study on the 2nd floor. This space is convenient to the nursery, children's ministry, and worship areas. Weekly discussion lessons vary in content and focus. Guests are more than welcome!
- **THE GATHERING CLASS:** Meets in the Narthex in the main building. This relatively new group of Christian singles, married couples, 30 somethings and including our wiser friends studies pop culture and the bible. We utilize the YouVersion app on our smart devices to have discussions about music and bible, television shows and the bible, faith and science and other topics that we decide on as a group. The Gathering began as a group of faith followers seeking a safe place to discuss Jesus as He leads us in the millennium. Because we use the YouVersion app, studies can be done either prior to our Sunday School time or as you go. Joining us is simple and easy. We look forward to discussing Him with you!