

Bible Study Groups

9:45 AM – Sundays

LITERATURE DESCRIPTION

1) LifeWay (Publisher)

a) Explore the Bible

Curriculum is based on a multi-year study plan to explore both the Old and New Testaments

b) Bible Studies for Life

Curriculum designed for 3 stages of life: Young Adults, Adults, or Senior Adults

Monthly Themes Have Included: Extraordinary Wisdom for Everyday Living; Life At Its Best

c) Masterworks

Curriculum is a continuing series from leading Christian authors and their key messages designed for developing and maturing believers who desire to go deeper into spiritual truths of God's word. The lessons are designed for facilitator guided interactive learning.

Recent authors of quarterly material include Gary Chapman and Tony Evans.

2) Smyth & Helwys (Publisher)

a) Formations

Curriculum includes in-depth background study specifically designed to encourage class participation and encourage opportunities for group discussion.

Monthly Themes Have Included: Worship: An Act of Stewardship; Being in the World; Advent Virtues

b) Uniform

Curriculum designed to assist in growth in faith, discipleship and knowledge of the Bible. This curriculum is a mix of classic Bible study and contemporary insight.

Monthly Themes Have Included: The Birth Of A New Community; the Development and Work of The New Community, Commitment To the Messiah

3) DVD Driven Curriculum (Various Publishers)

Curriculum is usually DVD driven designed to encourage class participation. Topics vary in duration and topic. Recent studies have included "Prayers" by Phillip Yancy; "The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg; and "The Miracles of Jesus" by Matt Williams.

2016 Bible Study Groups

Teachers	Age	Location
Linda Vaughan, Tab King, Roger & Dianne Hinson <i>The GIFT Class: Growing in Faith Together</i> * See attached for more info.	all ages with young children	Parlor
Paul Laroche, Jimmy Brewton, Shannon Cornelius * See attached for more info.	40-60	230
Lynn Holmes * See attached for more info.	47-61	223
Pete Askins * See attached for more info.	50-83	221
Marie Meeks, David Poster <i>Samaritan Class</i> * See attached for more info.	50 & up	232
Alex Luc (with class committee) <i>Bible Expeditions</i> * See attached for more info.	40 & up	202
Bill Hartin * See attached for more info.	70+ years	214
Jack Maguire * See attached for more info.	57-84	218
Betty Douglass <i>Faith Class</i> * See attached for more info.	69-100	205
Al Walker, Tom Sheets * See attached for more info.	mid 20's to early 70's	226
Tara Heil, Gena Moore * See attached for more info.	40-60	228
Judy Mills, Dianne Minasian * See attached for more info.	30's – 70's	234

Teachers	Age	Location
Jewel Young, Harriett Sparks <i>Joy Class (Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last)</i> * See attached for more info.	69-87	216
Jane Poster, Sandra Brannon, Olivene Hicks <i>Mary & Martha Class</i> * See attached for more info.	upper 70's to almost 90	212
Beau Thompson * See attached for more info.	47-87	220
Jack Braswell <i>Bible Fellowship Class</i> * See attached for more info.	71-90	207A

CLASS INFORMATION

The GIFT Class: Growing in Faith Together

Teachers:

Age Range of Members:

Life Station

Single Married Couples New Parents
Parents of Elementary & Youth Age Children

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Facilitator Lead DVD or Audio Driven

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

A short paragraph describing your class:

CLASS INFORMATION

Teachers:

Paul Laroche, Jimmy Brewton, Shannon Cornelius

Age Range of Members:

40-60

Life Station

Married

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style:

Facilitator Lead

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

During Christmas season meals to homebound.

A short paragraph describing your class:

A group of caring individuals with busy lives coming together on Sunday to learn more about God's principles and applying these lessons among our group and those we encounter throughout the week.

CLASS INFORMATION

Samaritan Class

Teachers:

Marie Meeks, David Poster

Age Range of Members:

50 & up

Life Station

Single Married Couples

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Facilitator Lead

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Our outreach plans are evolving. Currently we are looking toward choosing an outreach coordinator and having that person work with our established groups. Our class is very welcoming and inclusive when new people visit.

A short paragraph describing your class:

The Mission Statement of the Samaritan Class is “achieve Christian growth through Bible study and celebrate the love of God through service and fellowship.” Each of our teachers possesses a unique style, which keeps our study time together fresh and interesting. Fellowship is important in strengthening personal relationships in our class as we meet monthly to share a meal together and as we go on our annual retreat each fall. A very special key to our class is our emphasis on service, which has been important to our members since its earliest days. We continue to partner with our Honduras mission team as we pack hygiene kits, clothing, and medicine for them to use in this annual mission trip. Many of our members are volunteers at H. B. Rhame Elementary School and in our church’s Kids Cafe program. Recently our focus at Christmas has been to help families of Veterans. We also provide funds to send children and youth to camp and to meet other needs that are presented to us.

CLASS INFORMATION

Bible Expeditions

Teachers:

Alex Luc and Teaching Committee

Age Range of Members:

Currently 40 and up

Life Station

Single Married Couples

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Lecture Style Facilitator Lead Smyth & Helwys Dated Curriculum

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Co-ordinated by outreach leader, has a plan that involves all members to reach all visitors and other potential people.

A short paragraph describing your class:

The class is led by an outstanding and gifted biblical scholar, Dr. Alex Luc, whose technique in setting each of Christ's teachings in its historical place makes it more meaningful to our present day. He truly brings scriptures to life. Regardless of your Biblical knowledge, you will grow in the Word. Each session is an educational experience, blending Old Testament with New Testament teachings. Dr. Luc's ability to identify helpful Bible verses for a subject under discussion is truly astonishing. The study group is a large family whose members are loved and cared for by each other. (By class committee)

CLASS INFORMATION

Teachers:

Bill Hartin

Age Range of Members:

70+ years

Life Station

Couples/Coed

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Lecture Style/Discussion

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Prayer, neighborhood alert, contact with church area residents, use of church promo. materials

A short paragraph describing your class:

Member comments: true Christian love for everyone, established in faith concern for church and its growth, serving others, caring mature adults, a mature group who love each other and the Lord, fun loving active senior adult couples (coed) class with quite a few women who are now widows

CLASS INFORMATION

Teachers:

Tom Sheets, Al Walker

Age Range of Members:

Mid 20's to early 70's

Life Station

Single Married Couples New grandparents
Parents of Elementary & Youth Age Children (occasionally)

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Facilitator Lead DVD or Audio Driven Discussion

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

A short paragraph describing your class:

Our class started when Tom & Al sent a letter to every member in our church who was not a Sunday School member back in the mid 2000's when our entire church went through a study of Purpose Driven Life which was a video based study. The group wanted to continue meeting and studying similar material. We have been in existence about 10 years and are probably the most eclectic class in Sunday School. We have inspiring and insightful discussions every time we get together.

CLASS INFORMATION

Teachers:

Judy Mills, Dianne Minasian

Age Range of Members:

30 something to 70 something

Life Station

Single Married New Parents Parents of Elementary & Youth Age Children

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Lecture Style Lifeway Dated Curriculum

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Tucker Center – cupcakes for birthdays & gifts at Christmas, Joan Surratt, gift bags for kindergarten assistants at Rhame, \$100 quarterly to food pantry, birthday cards to homebound, special project at Christmas, and other things that are needed

A short paragraph describing your class:

A caring group of women of all ages, single and married, who seek to learn more about our daily walk with God through the study of the Bible and fellowship with each other.

CLASS INFORMATION

Joy Class (Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last)

Teachers:

Jewel Young, Harriette Sparks (2 co-teachers alternating each month)

Age Range of Members:

70 – up

Life Station

Single (widowed) Married

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Lecture Style Facilitator Lead Lifeway Dated Curriculum

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Fall Festival, support to Loving Service Team, help at Rhame Elementary School/school supplies, help at VBS, adopting family at Christmas, Easter Egg Hunt

A short paragraph describing your class:

We have known almost everyone in our class for years and have shared our life experiences with each other. We are a loving and supportive class always ready and willing to help each other in times of need. We openly welcome visitors and new members to join our class. We have 42 members on roll and have between 26 and 32 active members. We have 2 co-teachers alternating each month sharing 2 different styles of teaching.

CLASS INFORMATION

Mary & Martha Class

Teachers:

Jane Poster, Sandra Brannon, Olivene Hicks

Age Range of Members:

Upper 70s to almost 90

Life Station

Single Married

Most Common Literature & Teaching Style: (circle all that apply)

Lecture Style Smyth & Helwys Dated Curriculum

Current Outreach Activities/Plans That Involve Entire Class

Most of our outreach activities are to class members who are in declining health. We continue to have an increasing number of homebound.

A short paragraph describing your class:

Senior adult women with many dealing with significant health issues—either theirs or a spouses. Very faithful in attendance when they are able. Strong commitment to their church and class.