

Going Deeper In Our Faith

Starting on Rally Day – September 7th!

We invite everyone to seek God in their lives, providing opportunities for creating authentic, active, thinking followers of Jesus who go out and build loving and just communities. We invite persons of all ages to go deeper in their faith, bringing their questions and exploring truth as a community. We seek to provide a place where your faith can be nourished, where spiritual enrichment can happen through study, discussion and action.

Our New Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15-10:15 a.m.	Adult Small Group Study Adult Sunday School Class Pastor's Class Having Faith during Turbulent Times Youth Sunday School Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration in Sanctuary
10:40 a.m.	Time with God's Kids Time
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School Pre-School Class (Ages 3-5) Elementary School Class (Ages 6-11) Children for Nursery (Ages 0-2)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

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Children's Sunday School Program

September 7th through November 23rd, 2014

Starting on Sunday, September 7th, the children will participate in the morning worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. up to the Kid's Time with the Pastor. After the Kid's Time, the children will be dismissed with their Sunday School teacher to go to class from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. The class session will end at 11:30 a.m. and the children will be invited to join the fellowship time happening in fellowship hall. There will be treats and drink for all.

Pre-School Class (Ages 3-5) - Meets in the Nursery

Taught by trained pre-school teacher & youth assistant

Will consist of lessons and play

Using "Jesus Loves Me!" lessons with Pray & Play Bible

Introduces little one to God includes story activities, singing, snacks, crafts

Elementary School Class (Ages 6-11) - Meets on the second floor of educational wing

Taught by Amy Buck & Rita Mealey

Using "The Way of the Child" lessons

Teaches the Bible, the basics of the faith, and spiritual practices

Deepens a child connection to God using prayer, reflection, story, music, activities

Children for Nursery (Ages 0-2) Parents are free to keep their children with them in worship or bring them to the nursery where they will be carefully watched.

***"You are a gift;
A precious gift of God!"***

Youth Sunday Opportunities

9:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School Class (Ages 12-18)

We'll start on "The Roman Road", walking shoes and beasts of burden not required.

Taught by Eric Buck, Youth Director.

During our 10:30 worship service

Our 6th-12th graders are essential in the life of our church community.

There are *many* opportunities for our youth to be involved

in our Sunday morning worship gatherings. Wanna be more involved?... Try any of *these* on for size: **Greeters:**

Welcome, assist and direct folks as they come in to our building before church

Acolytes: Light and extinguish the candles in church at the beginning and ending of worship

Sound Board: Monitor the sound system during worship

Liturgist: Lead pre-written prayers and read scripture

Elementary Children's (age 6-11) Sunday School Assistant: Help with the teaching of the children in this age group from 10:45-11:30

PreSchool Children's (age 3-5) Sunday School Assistant: Help with the teaching of the children in this age group from 10:45-11:30

Nursery (ages 0-2) attendant: Help monitor the babies and toddlers in the nursery from 10:45-11:30

Musicians/Singers: share your musical talent to lead songs or provide special music

Skits: Bring the message to life through skits (writers, directors, staging, performers)

Other: There may be other ways, please share your ideas

Adult Study on Sunday Mornings **9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**

Starting on Rally Sunday, September 7th, there will be three adult small group studies to choose from to go deeper in your faith. Please feel free to attend any of these studies either as a regular group member or drop in as when you can. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to join you. These are excellent opportunities to get to know more folks at the church and to learn more about the faith by bringing your questions. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, encouraged people to participate in small groups called "classes" to study, pray, support one another and to serve those in need.

Adult Sunday School Class meets in Lounge.

This class is taught by Gene Wandersee & Rev. Richard Harper.

The theme for this quarter is sustaining hope. Our lessons will be taken from six books of the Old Testament. Many times Jesus himself made the claim that the entire Old Testament was about him. As we study, we will look for God's message about Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and how insight from Scripture can be applied to our own life journeys. We usually begin each session with a hymn, followed by a time of joys and concerns, prayer, an offering, Bible verses, study from the student books, discussion, and fellowship. Our class averages 15-20 attendees each week, and we always welcome new people! We are an intergenerational group with an age range that spans approximately 70 years, so you are certain to fit right in.

Pastor's Class meets in Baitinger Room

This small group study is led by Pastor Dennis. We will begin with a six-week study on "Ways we encounter God in our daily lives". We'll explore experiencing God through prayer, trust, silence, accountability, justice, and grace. Bring your questions and experiences – there's always a lot of time for sharing.

Having Faith during Turbulent Times meets in Children's Library

This small group will be coordinated by Collin Cromwell. It is a study of the 12 steps of recovery and how they can be useful for anyone experiencing struggles in their lives. Each week, the group will find a Bible story related to one of the steps and examine how we might grow and heal. This study is for anyone seeking to understand God's will for their lives.

