



Sunday School **For all ages**

Oxford UMC Education Program
2011

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am

Breakfast in the DeKing
Fellowship Center

9:15 am

Traditional Worship in the
Sanctuary

9:30 am

Children's Church in the
Family Life Center

10:30 am

Sunday School For All Ages

11:30 am

Contemporary Worship in
the Sanctuary

5:00 pm

YOUTH! Fellowship

Our Mission:

"To **bring** people to **Jesus** and the
church

Build them up to **Christian Maturity**

Train them for their **ministry**

And

Send them out in **mission**

That whosoever will may

Glorify God and enjoy **Him** forever."

Adult Classes

8:00 am

“In Search of God’s Plan”— An adult Sunday school class which meets early to study the Bible and contemporary Christian writing from authors like Max Lucado, Chuck Swindoll, Rick Warren, and more. This class is a great learning opportunity for Sunday school teachers who serve during the Sunday School Hour. Starting at 8:00 AM Sunday mornings the class listens to various writings and participates in discussions that center around the question “What is God’s plan? What does He want me to do?” **In Search of God’s Plan” meets in the Rooms 3—4 in the Education Building.** Van Clegg, Class Leader.



10:30 am

“Followers” - A mature group of adults that enjoy the traditional study of the Bible three chapters or so at a time. We use the Adult Bible Study distributed by Cokesbury publishing. We study with humor. We focus on what is ahead of us, not what is behind us. We believe that everyone is entitled to their own opinion and that no one’s opinion is wrong. We currently have twenty participants and we are always ready to welcome more to join us. The **“Followers” meet in the choir room located in the sanctuary building.** Jerry Mason, Class leader.

We Learn Together ; We Grow Together...

10:30 am

“Christian Living Today”- is an adult class dealing with the issues Christians face on an everyday basis. This is done through informal group discussion, DVD presentations, and small group (3-5 people) discussion. Previous topics have included the Social Principles of the UMC, Peacemaking, Talking to non-Christians about Christ, the “Backside” studies by J. Ellsworth Kalas, Tim LaHaye’s (from the Left Behind series) interpretation of the Book of Revelation, and other contemporary topics. All adults are welcome anytime, as most classes do not require prior knowledge of the topic for attendance. **“Christian Living Today” meets in the downstairs classroom in the gym.** David Holloman, Class Leader.

“The Spirit Seekers” - The Spirit Seekers class is a group of adults, both singles and couples middle age and up. It is a discussion type format where everyone’s ideas and opinions are valued. The class seeks to discover God’s will for our lives by investigating the Scriptures and publications of Christian leaders. We do so in a variety of ways; through studies of particular Books of the Bible, written topical studies, video presentations and others. We have explored such works as the Book of Revelation, the Nooma Video Series by Rob Bell, the movie presentation of the Gospel of John, and are currently doing a study of controversial issues that confront the Church and us individually. The class is always presented in a way where 100% Sunday participation, although desired, is not required, allowing for those who cannot attend every week to still be involved. The Spirit Seekers Class **meets in Room 6 of the Education Building.** Billy Ivens, Class Leader

Children and Youth Classes

Sundays at 10:30 am

“LILIES”

PRE-SCHOOLERS

Room # 1—Education Building

“MUSTARD SEEDS”

KINDER – 2nd GRADERS

Room # 2—Education Building

Teacher:

Diane Waldron

“DOVES”

3RD -- 5th GRADERS

Rooms # 3-4—Education Building

Co-Teachers:

Patsy Davenport & Susan Jarvis

“LAMPLIGHTERS”

6th-8th GRADERS

Conf. Room—Education Building

Teacher: Dave Sygeel

“SAMARITANS”

9th-12th GRADERS

DeKing Gym Upstairs

Teacher: Kay Wright & Dan Smith

Parenting & Marriage Classes

“The Pathfinders” - Raising Children is a journey— a journey God wants to guide us through. In the Pathfinders Sunday School class we gather together to learn about raising Christian kids. This is a class that studies various books, short programs, and biblical principles to focus on the challenges and rewards of Christian parenting. Some past studies include "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie Omartian, "The Parent You Want to Be" by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, and "Words Kids Need to Hear," by David Staal. The Pathfinders Class meets in the Pastor's office in the Education Building. Angee Shelburn, Class Leader

“Life Change University” - A fellowship and bible study group for young married couples (20's, 30's & 40's) Uses small group DVD curriculum by Chip Ingram and “Living on the Edge” Life Change University meets in Room 5 of the Education Building. Class Leaders: Paul and Sandra Peterson



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A Word From Pastor John

One of the purposes in our church's mission statement is that we "build [people] up to Christian maturity." We want people to become more and more like Christ and to act out of the love, understanding, and self-sacrifice he showed. Sunday School, whether it is for children, youth, or adults, is a major part of how that happens. And it contributes to our spiritual growth in more than one way.

Education as to what the gospel is, what the Bible teaches, and how we might act in light of that, would seem to be the most important aspect to Sunday School, and indeed, an educational agenda guides a class's time together. However, Sunday School is also a place where people come together for a sense of fellowship or community. Ideally, Sunday School is where one comes to know that he or she is loved. It has been said that Christianity is more "caught than taught." Children in Sunday School learn Bible stories and come to know God's love and intentions through them, but they also experience the love of their teachers and even the other pupils. Teen-agers and adults are enabled better to deal with the challenges of their lives both through what they learn and through the companionship along the way of their teachers and peers.

One never grows too old for Sunday School. It's one of the best means to be used in allowing one's self to become conformed to the image of Christ, to grow to Christian maturity. I encourage everyone to participate. Anyone not attending Sunday School is truly missing out on a rich blessing.