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AN INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



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... **JOIN US EVERY WEEK** ...

SUNDAYS

MORNING WORSHIP

BRIDGE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | CHITWOOD HALL
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP | SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.

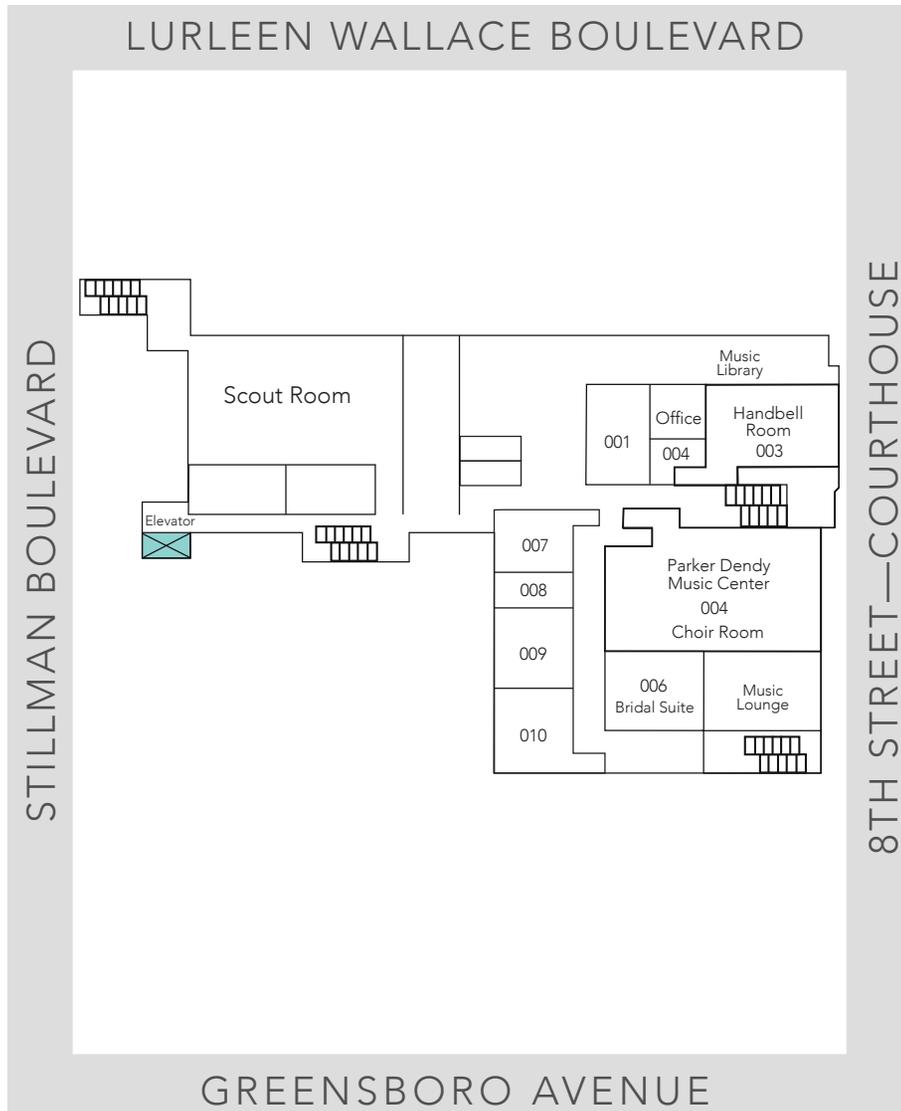
WEDNESDAYS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ALIVE
MEAL | 5:00 P.M.
CLASSES | 6:00 P.M.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

LOWER LEVEL BUILDING GUIDE

■ Elevator



Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to join us for one of our Sunday school classes. If you have never been part of Sunday school at First Methodist, then you should know you are in for a great experience.

First Methodist's Sunday school classes are comprised of people who spend time learning, praying, eating, playing and serving together. These classes allow you to deepen your faith in God and get connected to some great people at the same time.

We have a number of different classes that you can choose from—depending on age and topics of interest. As you read through this booklet, you will find descriptions of these classes and you are free to choose the class that you feel would be most helpful for you.

I hope that you will join a class and discover what hundreds of others around here have discovered—Sunday school is a great place to connect with others and take the next step in your walk with Jesus.

Jesse

Rev. Jesse Tosten

Pastor of Contemporary Worship

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL FAQ'S ...

WHY JOIN A CLASS?

Here are four great reasons to sign up for a Sunday school class:

- You will grow spiritually and learn more about the Bible...
- You will meet new friends...
- You will give and receive encouragement and care...
- You will have a lot of fun.

WHAT DO THE CLASSES DO TOGETHER?

There are three common elements to most classes. First, we catch up with one another. We eat, talk, listen and laugh. Secondly, we spend time discussing some kind of Bible-based curriculum. Thirdly, we usually spend some time praying for one another (no one is pressured to pray out loud). All classes meet for around 50 minutes. All classes are encouraged to discuss and decide how they can serve together in the community at least once a semester.

WHO ATTENDS THE CLASSES?

Anyone! Not just members of First Methodist, but anyone who expresses an interest is welcome.

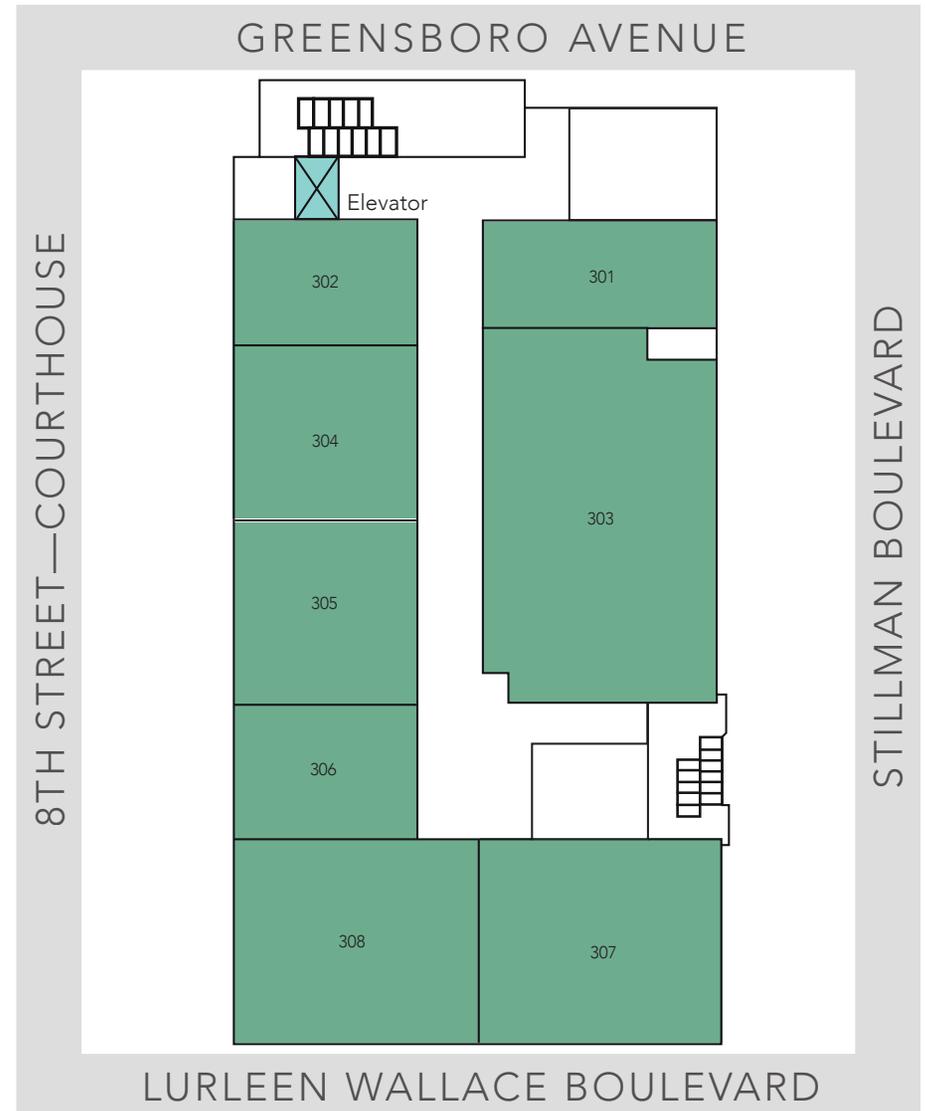
HOW DO I SIGN UP?

No need to sign up—just head to the location of your class of choice.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

3RD FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

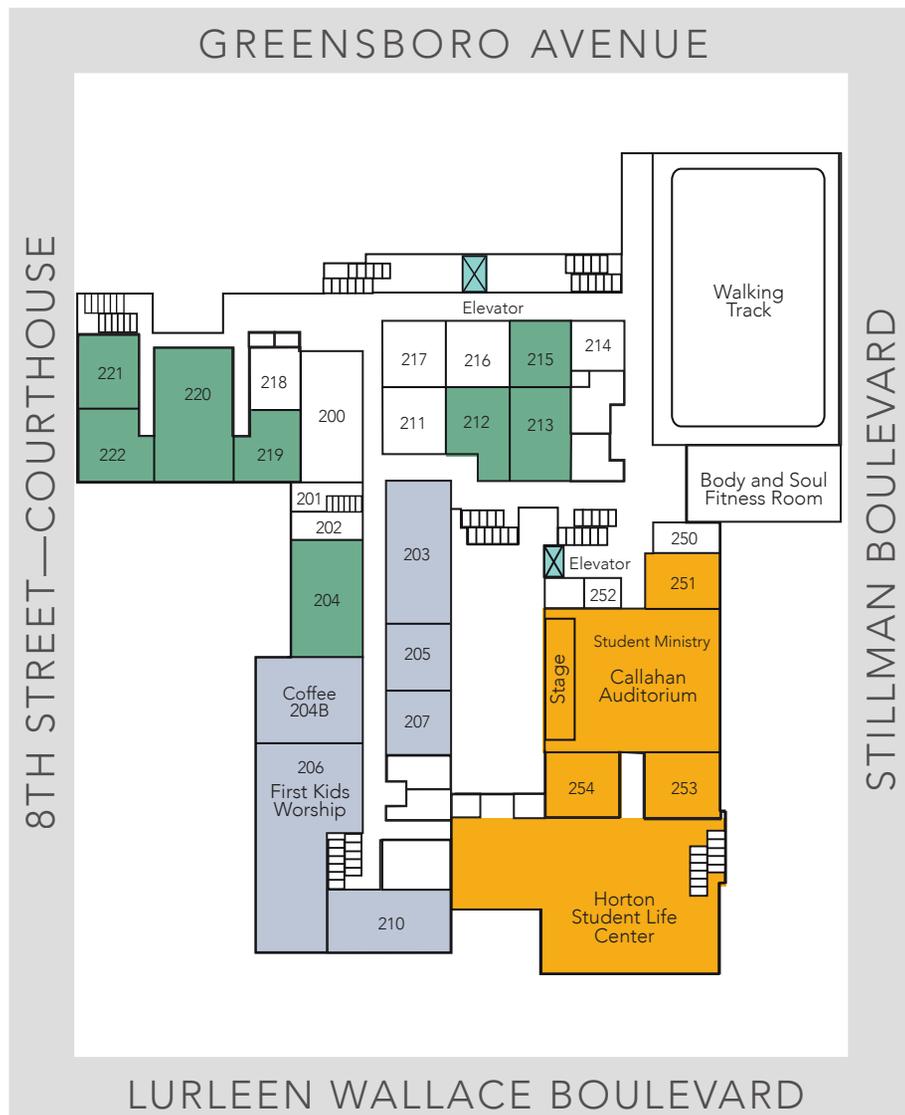
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WHERE IS MY CLASS?

2ND FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

- Children's Ministry
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- Student Ministry



WHY DO WE HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

We believe there are three core relationships that every follower of Christ should be developing: our relationship with God, with each other, and with the world around us. Sunday school classes are designed to facilitate the development of these relationships.

WHEN DO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET?

All of our classes meet at 10:00 a.m. between our worship services. If you're an early morning person you can attend the 9:00 a.m. service, grab some coffee and head up to a class. If you're a late riser, you can still get your coffee and then come first to Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., then join us in worship at 11:00 a.m.

DO CLASSES TAKE TIME OFF?

Each individual class decides when they will stop meeting for a time (summer break/Christmas). You are welcome to attend any class whenever your schedule allows. In fact, any week your regular class does not meet, you're welcome to join another class for that day.

WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN & YOUTH?

We have great programs for your children and youth while you are attending a class of your own. A nursery is available for birth through 2 years old:

PRESCHOOL (3-4 YEARS)

Preschool Sunday school is for your 3–4 year-old and meets on the preschool hall (first floor). Each age group has a volunteer who engages the children in meaningful Bible activities. Your 3-4 year-old will spend 15 minutes during Sunday school in music class.

KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

Kindergarten - 3rd grade Sunday schoolers gather in the Welcome Center on the elementary hall (second floor) for fellowship, singing, and a video to introduce the lesson for the day. They then break out into classes for a Bible lesson:

- Kindergarten meets in room 207
- 1st grade meets in room 206
- 2nd grade meets in room 205

PRETEEN (4TH-5TH GRADE)

4th and 5th grade Sunday school gather in a class called "Souled Out". They meet in room 203 each week for fellowship and a Bible lesson. This class is geared to the older elementary children and includes deeper conversations and social activities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school students (6th-8th grade) meet every week in the Horton Café (second floor) at 10:00 a.m. This class is a great time for students to meet one another in a smaller setting to discuss God's word. The class is led by our student director and student interns.

HIGH SCHOOL

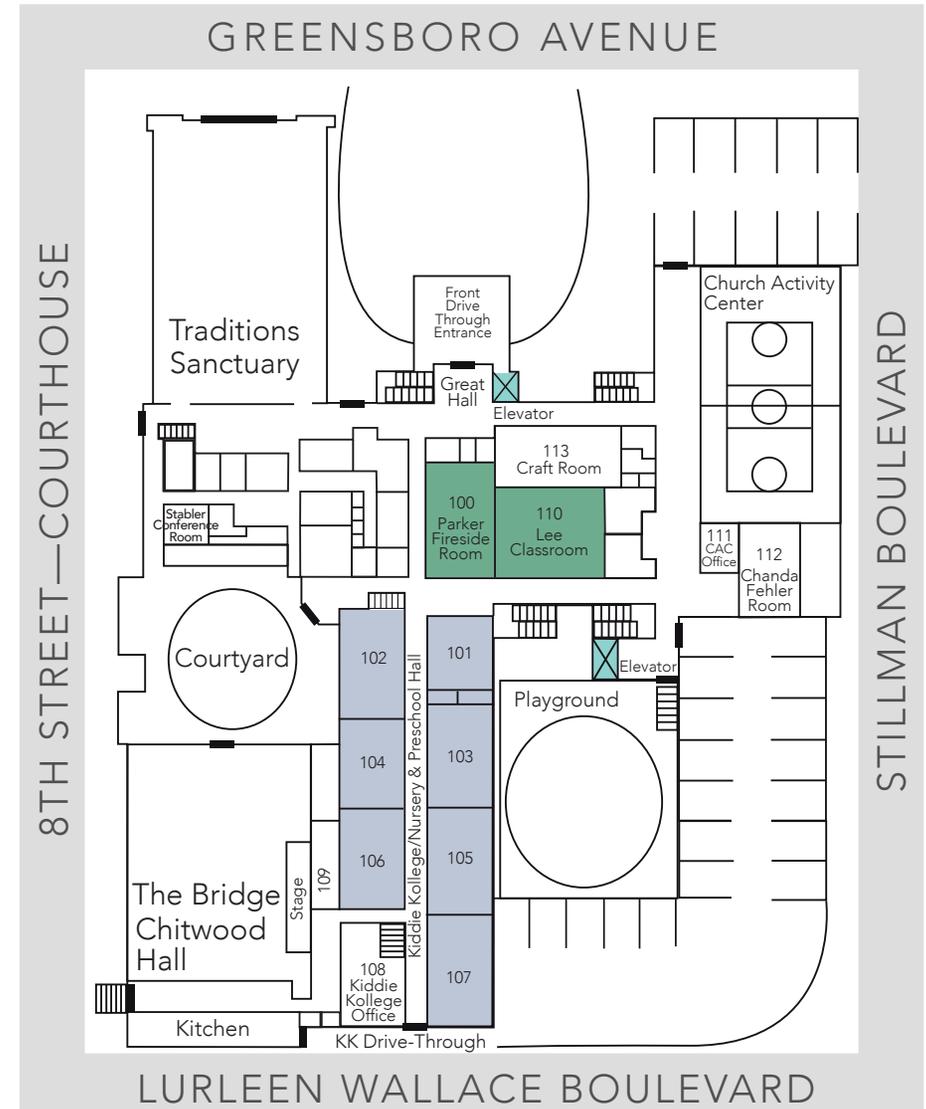
High school students (9th-12th grade) meet every week in the Horton Café (second floor) at 10:00 a.m. It is a great time for students to be more involved in a small group discussion on God's word and develop relationships with other students. Studies consist of books of the Bible and various contemporary topics.

*Room 204B is open every Sunday for parents to gather for fellowship and coffee. Information is available for visitors regarding Adult Sunday school classes and church activities. Please feel free to come and go each week.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

1ST FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

- Preschool Rooms
- Sunday School Classes
- Elevator



| GENESIS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 60'S+ | ROOM 304 | LED BY REV. DAN KILGORE

Our class consists of both singles and couples who are growing in their faith. Our class usually consists of lecture and discussion based teaching on a biblical topic. We support many service projects, including Cooking for Christ. We value social gatherings throughout the year. We invite you to come grow and serve with us.

| ARTOS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 65+ | ROOM 220 | LED BY PASTORAL STAFF & LAY LEADERS

Our class seeks to study a wide variety of topics, including Bible study, spiritual growth, social issues and church issues. We are a group of people who are single, married, widowed and divorced—all are welcome. We have a diverse membership where we care for each other and participate in numerous mission and social events. We welcome new members and would love for you to come and be a part of our class.

| FRIENDSHIP |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 65+ | ROOM 215 | LED BY WADE MILLER & ANN CURRY

Our class consists of single, married, widowed and divorced folks who care for one another and value each other. We study the Bible, spiritual issues and the social issues of today. We enjoy social events where we grow together as a community. We would love for you to join us.

| LEE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50+ | ROOM 110 | LED BY PASTORAL STAFF & LAY LEADERS | CURRICULUM: ADULT BIBLE STUDY FROM COKEBURY

Our class consists of people from all walks of life – single, married, widowed and divorced. We feel strongly about studying the Bible and in caring for one another. We are faithful in keeping in touch with each other and caring for each other in times of difficulty. If you want to be a part of a caring group, the Lee class is for you.

| COLLEGE |

SINGLES | AGES 18-22 | ROOM 213 | LED BY STEPHEN STROUD & JOSHUA DAVIS

Our class seeks to bring college students together to discuss important and relevant topics surrounding faith, culture and life. During our college and young adult years, it can be difficult to find a safe space to talk about faith and life. Join us as we honestly discuss relevant topics centered around issues that impact young adults and college students.

| YOUNG PROFESSIONALS | NEW!

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 20-35 | ROOM 219 | LED BY DAVIS SPARKS & ELIZABETH ALLEN

Our class connects in a casual setting with other young adults who want to make a difference in the world. Whether married or single, if you're in your 20's or 30's, join us as we pursue God's best for our lives. We talk about the Bible and how it's relevant to us today. We eat, hang out, laugh and get to know each other. Sometimes we go out and do something purely social. Other times we put our faith to work by doing a service project for the church or the community. Everyone's welcome.

| WESLEY |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-40'S | ROOM 308 | LED BY GREG GAMBRIL

Our class seeks to create a space not only where you can learn more about God and grow in your faith, but also a place where a group of people care for one another and grow as a community. We grow deeper in our faith through Bible-based studies. We connect as a community through semi-regular gatherings in class members' homes over a meal, and we serve through various missions and service opportunities.

| CONVERSATIONS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-40'S | ROOM 302 | LED BY DAYNA & KRIS STRICKLAND

Our class is new and we welcome anyone interested in visiting or joining. Our class acts more like a "small group"—we discuss relevant issues about life and faith in an informal atmosphere. Using Bible studies from popular authors, we explore how the teachings of the Bible apply to today's struggles.

| GRACE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-40'S | ROOM 221 | LED BY ADAM LANG & DR. LEWIS COLE

Our class seeks to form disciples of Christ by Bible study, with a particular focus on the New Testament. We also use other spiritually based books. Through our study of scripture, we discuss what it looks like to practice what the Bible teaches us about being a Christ follower and living out our faith in everyday life. Join us as together we explore how the Bible is relevant and important for our lives today.

| SUNDAY SCHOOL 101 |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-50'S | ROOM 212 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class seeks to come together to study scripture-based material that is designed to facilitate honest discussion of matters related to faith, life, social issues and personal concern. We select short term (6-8) week studies that often use a DVD format. We encourage you to join us as we grow in our faith and in our friendship with one another!

| SEEKERS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-40'S | ROOM 301 | LED BY BOB & DENA PRINCE

Our class consists of single and married folks with young and teenage children at home. We believe in the power of Scripture for our lives, therefore, we study the Bible through discussion and video-based curriculums. We are blessed to have outstanding Bible teaching and a community of people who care for each other and make each other feel like family. We would love for you to join us.

| ADVENT |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-50'S | ROOM 306 | LED BY CYNTHIA ALMOND

Our class draws people from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences and views. We are judges and lawyers, bikers and professors, architects and electricians! We value the importance of free and honest discussion, open dialogue and loving disagreement, all tied to spiritual growth and active discipleship. All are welcome!

| FRIENDS IN FAITH | NEW!

COUPLES & SINGLES | ALL AGES | ROOM 204 | LED BY PAUL ROBERTS

You are invited to be a part of a caring, loving, praying, serving and forgiving spiritual journey with the formulation of a new Sunday school Class, Friends In Faith. As the class begins, we will use the 53 Stories as our study guide for conversation, fellowship and Bible study. Moving forward, with open minds and hearts, we will cultivate a plan for future lessons, bible study, speakers, ministries, missions and socials. If you have been seeking a Sunday school class where everybody knows your name, Friends In Faith will be that place. We will grow together, encouraging each other to be all God created us to be.

| TRINITY |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-50'S | ROOM 305 | LED BY REV. RANDY ALLEN, JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM, TERRI BOMAN & JOEL MCLAUGHLIN

Our class seeks to focus on integrating the truths and principles of scripture into our everyday lives. While we are biblically-focused, we also look at questions impacting our lives, social issues and personal concern. Come join this friendly group of people in order to grow closer to God and others.

| NEW LIFE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-60'S | ROOM 307 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class welcomes all age groups to our class, but the majority of us have grown children. We study both the Bible and other sources of spiritual growth to give us a deeper understanding of our relationship to Jesus and his guidance in our walk with him. We emphasize community as we care and pray for each other. We also participate as a group in social and mission events.

| COVENANT |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50'S-60'S | ROOM 303 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class is a welcoming group of people who strive to care and support all members of our class. We consist of single and married folks who enjoy spending time with one another as we grow in our faith. We support various mission projects and also have occasional social events outside of Sunday morning. Join us for good teaching and class discussion.

| ASBURY |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50'S+ | ROOM 222 | LED BY JENNY BENEFIELD, BILL DONALD, CLAIRE STEPHENS, JANE & JERRY EURE

Our class consists of a group of people who are caring and theologically-progressive who are striving to grow in our faith and service to God. Weekly lessons include a wide variety of topics including Bible study, current social issues, historical perspectives, and spiritual growth. We support various mission projects and have occasional covered-dish suppers. You are invited to join us anytime. We would be delighted to welcome you.