



# Community Groups

## ADULTS

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**SERVANTS CLASS- Terry Joyner/ Ken Blankenship**

**Hospitality Room**

We are the Servants Class of Ridgedale Baptist Church. Our Sunday morning sessions kick off at 9:45 a.m. with relevant announcements, praises, prayer requests and a time of prayer. Next, we enter a time of study that is devoted to multi-week studies such as a particular book of the Bible or Biblical theme of interest/relevance (e.g. Discerning God's Will). All adults are welcome in our class but our core attendance comes from marrieds, widows, widowers, and married-again who are retired or nearly-retired. We enjoy periodic, affordable fellowships and outings.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are seeking opportunities to worship, study, fellowship and grow in Christ in a nurturing environment.

**SPECIAL FRIENDS CLASS-Ed & Darlene Crompton, Doug & Debbie Goode**

**Room 101**

We teach from special-ed literature supplied by the church from Lifeway Biblical Solutions for Life. We start with a time of fellowship: snacks, talking. Followed by our bible study, then we go around the room and each one gives their prayer requests and we end with prayer. Our class is obviously a little different than most and so valuable! Several of our members live in group homes so we correspond with the house parents about upcoming events, issues, etc. Those that live with their parents, we have a very close relationship and are in regular contact.

**FRIENDSHIP CLASS-Don Corley, Earl Ziegler**

**Rooms 102-103**

We are a group of co-ed senior adults that truly enjoying fellowshiping together. We start the class with Hymns, followed by a short time of teaching using Explore the Bible from Lifeway, than discussion together. We regularly plan activities and fellowships. We would love you to join us!

**GRACE CLASS-Shirley Snell****Room 110**

The Grace Class is a loving, sharing, caring group of ladies who and in our grandmother years who come together each Sunday morning. We laugh together, cry together, pray together and study God's word. With different backgrounds and different personalities, we look on our group as family and enjoy being together. We are learning week by week how to draw closer to God and learning how we can reach out to those in need of a personal relationship with Christ. We won't reflect Jesus in all areas of life. We love getting to be a part of Ridgedale and all God is doing here.

**ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE CLASS-Cara Cochran****Room 112**

The Eternal Perspective class is a multi-generational class with current members between 30 and 80. We welcome men and women in all life stages, and have members who are married, single, divorced, and widowed. Our class name comes from 2 Corinthians 4:18, because our goal is to be able to view our life on earth from an eternal perspective. We study through the Bible, alternating between Old Testament and New Testament books, with a sincere desire to study all of God's word. Our class enjoys fellowship, laughter, and we sincerely desire to encourage and support one another on our journeys. Whether you are a new believer, or you have followed the Lord a long time, you are welcome.

**TRUTH ALIVE CLASS-Joy Norton****Room 114**

Brand a class for ladies of all ages to study scripture together and care for one another that meets on Sunday mornings. TRUTH ALIVE is for ladies who have a heart for God and a passionate desire to know Him at a deeper level through an in-depth study of Scripture.

**GENESIS CLASS-Ben Rogers, Jim Price, Philip Adams, Dick Gray, Diane Price****Room 118**

The Genesis class is made up of an amazing group of teachers who rotate weekly. It's a generational co-ed class that deeply cares for one another. We have fellowships during the year and are deeply involved in the life and mission of the church.

Class structure: 9:30 Coffee, snacks and fellowship; 9:45 Announcements and prayer requests followed by prayer; 10:00 bible study

Communication: Weekly e-newsletter (mailed to those who do not do email); other emails during the week as requests and announcements arise; phone calls as needed

**HARVEST CLASS-Ken Mathews****Room 104-105**

We are a co-ed group of generational couples using the Explore the Bible curriculum from Lifeway. Ken Mathews is an amazing teacher of God's word and I encourage you to come hear from him. After are time together on Sunday mornings we really lean into serving the church in any way we can. We love being on mission for Christ!

**STUDENT DISCIPLES CLASS-Tom McGhee, David Bailey, Gina Allen****Room 202**

Group of middle age couples and singles in more of a home group format. They share breakfast together on Sunday mornings, gather together in a large circle, and are currently studying the book of Ephesians. This is a discussion-based class lead by a facilitator.

**DISCOVERY CLASS- Mark Caldwell/ Troy King****Room 203**

What curriculum/leaders guide/Book of the Bible are you teaching from? Through the Bible Series

What is the structure of your class? (i.e. prayer, teaching time. fellowship, small group time.). Fellowship, teaching, prayer request. We try to have at least quarterly fellowships.

How does your class communicate with the members in your class? Email

**HOMEBUILDERS CLASS-Bruce Baird****Room 204**

The Homebuilders Class is an inclusive, diverse, multi-age class with focus in four areas - Prayer for each other & our world, Fellowship with other believers, Bible-based teaching & discussion, and Giving hearts for the lost.

**OPEN DOOR CLASS-Wes Stephenson, Chuck Nichols****Room 205**

Our class is the "Open Door" class. I am the main teacher and Chuck Nichols is the backup. We use the "Explore The Bible" series text published by Lifeway. Our age range is mid to late 50's up to mid to late 70's. Most of our class is retired and no longer active in a daily work environment. We normally gather at 9:45 for some fellowship then starting around 10:00 we do announcements and then discuss prayer requests of the class followed with prayer. We then spend 30 to 40 minutes in the lesson. I try to make it a question and answer type lesson to get as much participation from the class as possible. We communicate with the class by email each week with a written follow-up of the prayer requests. We also put out any urgent prayer requests or follow-up with class members who are absent by email.

## **THE WAY CLASS-Hoyt Samples**

**Choir Suite**

We offer an exciting verse by verse in depth study of the Bible alternating between Old Testament and New Testament books chosen by the class. All adults of whatever age are welcome in our class. We have singles, marrieds, widows, widowers, married again of all ages. What we have in common is that we love Jesus and want to learn about Him more and become more like Him every day. Taught by Hoyt Samples, the Bible study is designed to meet the needs of new believers and those who have been Christians for decades. We enjoy fellowships and outings. Come and enjoy a place where you will be taught and cared for!

## **COVENANT CLASS-Mike Ryburn**

**Room 208-209**

The Covenant Class is a family of senior couples as well as widows and widowers. If you have reached retirement age, then you are our kind of people. Our teaching style is lecture with open discussion. Even though we are a large class, we are closely connected so everyone may feel they belong. We are currently use the Gospel Project curriculum from Lifeway.

## **SEEKERS CLASS- Mike Rogers**

**Room 210**

We are studying the New Testament one book at a time. We normally begin the class with a prayer request time, then the lesson is taught, and then we close in prayer. We do try to have get togethers through the year. We normally communicate in our class by phone, text, or email.

## **POTTERS CLAY- Lynn and Sherry Goss, Pam and Sam Henry**

**Room 211**

Potter's Clay is a multigenerational community group of adults in various seasons - young professionals, mid-career, and retired. The class name indicates a willingness to be molded individually and collectively for God's use where He leads. Lessons are facilitated to encourage conversation.

## **LEGACY CLASS-Rob Liddell**

**(Starts at 10 am)**

**Room 206**

Our Sunday School class invests in one another as we live in community. All adults are welcome to join us: we have folks that are single, folks that are married, folks that are single again, and folks that are married again. Several of us share our homes and lives with young people (primarily students). Each week we open our time together by sharing prayer requests and updates. We are moving through the Gospel Project curriculum which calls us to read, discuss, understand, and then apply the Bible to our lives. This curriculum is aligned with the material used within the Children's ministry (which prepares adults to host meaningful conversations with young people) and explains "essential doctrine" using straightforward language. We'd love to meet you!

## **HEIRS OF TRUTH CLASS-Group lead**

**Room 201**

The Heirs of Truth class is composed of middle aged people. It is a coed class with about equal men and women. We usually begin class each Sunday morning with light refreshments. We rotate bringing these snacks. While our teacher leads us, we have a lot of class participation. We use Lifeway Sunday School materials for our lessons. We often have visitors and all are welcome. We close our class each Sunday morning with prayer following prayer requests.

## **COLLEGE CLASS-Alan & Lauren Denton**

**Library**

Our college small group is a weekly time of Bible study and community designed for college students to meaningfully connect with Jesus and each other. We laugh a lot, dig into and walk through the Scripture together, see how it applies to each part of our lives, and pray for each other. We're a community on our journey of faith together.

## **YOUNG COUPLES CLASS- Russell and Laura McBride (Starts at 10 am)**

**Room 402**

The young couples' class gathers weekly for Bible study based on the previous week's sermon. This group consists of young married couples seeking to love and care for each other as they learn how to best reflect Christ in the home and at work. This is a great community that spends time in scripture and outside the church in the community.