

2009-2010 Class Schedule



It's a New Day!

First United Methodist Church
strives to be a place where
ALL of God's children are welcome.

Our Mission Statement:
That ALL May: KNOW CHRIST,
GROW IN FAITH
AND SERVE OTHERS.

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Faithfulness is a journey and it is not a destination. We are always a people on the way and our only arrival will be when we reach God's Kingdom. The very word "salvation" in Greek is a word that means "to be saved" as in the need for continual anointing and treatment, not unlike the refreshing anointing of the "Balm of Gilead". Salvation itself is a journey as we move toward deepening places of sanctification (growing closer to God).

It has always been known that we must feed our spiritual bodies as actively and as purposefully as we feed our physical bodies. The Holy Bible is wise to this spiritual need and it is for this reason that a major portion of the Holy Bible is dedicated to Wisdom Literature. This Wisdom Literature makes the connection between our physical and spiritual needs.

"As a deer panteth for water so my soul panteth after thee." Psalm 38

"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence doth my help come, my help cometh from the Lord, who created the heavens and the earth." Psalm 121

Within these pages are offerings for spiritual growth. This is not spiritual growth in a generic or non-specific fashion. This spiritual growth is through the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our design is to offer formative classes, programs, and opportunities where you will be able to grow and deepen your faithfulness. This book is a road map of opportunities for your journey. I would like to encourage you to spend a little time with this booklet so that you will take purposeful steps of faithfulness in the days and weeks to follow.

Blessings,
Dan

Sunday School Classes



9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes

Alma Lee Cheves Class

President: Madeleine Duncan

Meets in Room 201

This class is a caring and sharing group of women who show their love of God through service to Christ, Church and Community. Bible studies form the base of the class, and members focus on the application of Scripture to their personal lives. Their Christian care and fellowship extend a warm welcome to women of all ages.

Covenant Class

Coordinators: David & Julie Jacklin

Meets in Room 301

For parents (children ages birth-teen years) this class explores topics such as parenting, marriage & faithful Christian Living.

Friendship Class

Teacher: Marv Larson

Meets in Room 401

This class began almost 50 years ago. It is a close group of men and women. Class attendance runs about 30 people each week. The Adult Bible Studies series from Cokesbury has been used for many years. The members would love to welcome anyone who graces our doors!

Good News Class

Teacher: Roy Andersen

Meets in Room 403

This class of men and women of all ages studies form the Adult Bible Series, (formerly the "International Series"). It is a

scripturally based series and brings relevance to our day-to-day Christian living. Additional class activities include potluck lunches and dinners several times a year. They support missions such as Camp Tekoa, our local United Methodist Camp as well as local programs such as IAM. Our members come from many parts of the U.S. and bring with them the love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings: Mothers of Young Children

Teacher: Denise Riddle

Meets in Room G-18

This class studies Biblical truths while enjoying lively discussions on mothering young children. This class is for mothers of young children (birth-teens) who love to fellowship about many of the motherly issues surrounding parenting.

Passages Class

Teacher: Deborah Kirkman

Meets in Room 304

For women of all ages, members share their spiritual journey as they seek to know Christ in their day-to-day lives. The focus of the class is to apply scripture to where individuals are in life as they grow and change.

Young Singles Class

Teachers: Guy Pressley, Jerry Fields

Meets in Room 303

For singles in their early 30s, this class enjoys informal discussions on everyday topics and studies how to incorporate the Bible's teachings into day-to-day living.

Two or More Class

Teachers: Sally and Jim Jones

Meets in Room 305

This class is unique because of the diversity of its members. The Cokesbury Adult Bible Study Quarterly series is used. Join them next Sunday.

Roy Johnson Class**President: Ken Davis***Meets in Room 102*

This class is one of the oldest and largest classes at First UMC. This is for men of all ages and we have people from there early 30s to 95 years of age. The class has approximately 100 on roll and have an average attendance of 65 people per week. The Cokesbury Adult Bible Series is used in this class.

Chris Zimmermann Open Door Class**Coordinator: Betty King***Meets in Room 214*

This class welcomes adult of all ages who want to use Bible study and principles to open doors to daily Christian living. Even though it is a large class, the emphasis is on caring and praying for each other. During the year four social events are held to help the members get better acquainted and fellowship together. If you want to grow in your Christian faith in a very vibrant, warm, friendly and caring class, then the Open Door Class is for you.

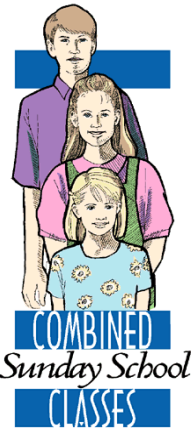
11:00 am Adult and Youth Sunday School Classes

Shekinah

Teacher: Chelsey Williams

Meets in Room 214 (Youth Room)

This class meets at 11:00 am on Sunday morning and welcomes all ages. This class has studied the book of John, the life of Abraham and so much more. This class is self-facilitated and offers a thoughtful and inspiring vision of unity that redefines what we think about our neighbors, our future, and ourselves.



Roots and Wings

Facilitator: Irv Hendricks

Meets in the Conference Room

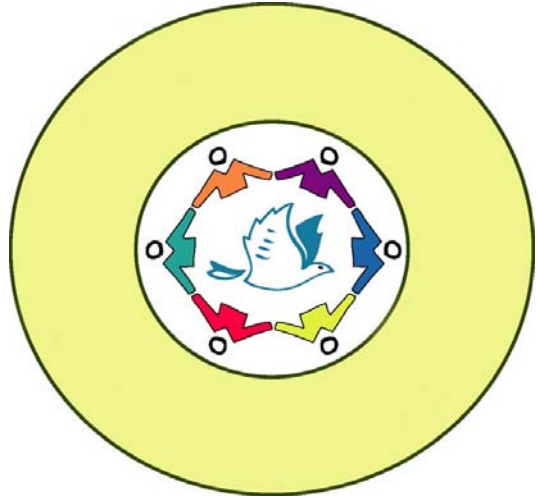
This class welcomes all ages. We encourage open discussion and sharing of our thoughts and feelings about our spiritual journey. Our focus is on strengthening our spiritual foundation by discussing scriptural-based, contemporary topics and how they apply to our day-to-day lives. Our desire is to ground ourselves in God's Word and His love, so we can learn to spread our wings and begin to become the people He is calling us to be. The structure of our class allows anyone to join us at any time without feeling as though they have missed anything. The discussion is led by a class facilitator along with other members of the class.

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Disciple Bible

Study is a series of long and short term, life-changing courses, each with an emphasis on different portions of the Bible. Courses provide historical perspective for increased understanding of Biblical events using a small group setting for spiritual development.



If you have ever struggled to read the bible on your own,
If you have ever felt more lost than nourished when reading scripture,
If you have ever longed to discuss the meaning of the inspired words of the Bible with others in a supportive environment,

This is the Bible Study for you!

Disciple One – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Is an overview study of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants start with Genesis and end with Revelation. Major portions of the text are addressed in manageable segments. Students begin with the creation story, learn of God and the Israelite history in the first half of the course. The second half of the class is a study of the Gospels and the early church. This study is designed to help participants grasp the continuous

revelation of God to God's people and thus grow as followers. Focus: Becoming familiar with the Bible and discovering gifts for ministry.

Facilitator: Dan Martin

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Orientation Night: 8/25/09

First Class: 9/8/09 Duration: 34 weeks

Cost: \$35

Disciple Two – Into the Word Into the World

Concentrates on the Old Testament books of Genesis and Exodus in the first half of the study, then on the writings of Luke – Luke and Acts, in the second half of the study. These four books are considered in depth, while associated readings are also covered. Focus: Taking the Word into the World. The meaning of Sabbath is also explored. Participants must have completed Disciple One.

Facilitator: Libby Howe

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Orientation Night: 8/25/09

First Class: 9/8/09 Duration: 32 weeks

Cost: \$35

Jesus in the Gospels, Disciple Second Generation Studies

Is an in-depth study of the portraits of Jesus in the four Gospels. More than a study of the life and teachings of Jesus, this course leads the participants to compare the stories and accounts of what Jesus said and did in order to draw conclusions about their meaning. At the heart of the study is the question, “Who is this Jesus?” As readers are confronted weekly with Jesus Himself and connect His words to daily life, they are asked, “Do you still want to be His disciple?” Participants must have completed Disciple One and one other year of Disciple Bible Study.

Facilitators: Bea Fosmire and Alice Mitchell

Day & Time: Monday, 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Orientation Night: 8/25/09

First Class: 9/14/09 Duration: 30 weeks
Cost: \$45

Invitation to Psalms

Is a short term Disciple Bible study looking at the Book of Psalms. A range of emotion is expressed by God's people as they attempt to live lives of faithfulness in times of joy and oppression, glory and suffering. Students gain appreciation and insight into these words of celebration, grief, awe and prayer which echo in the human heart across the years.

Facilitator Debra Gaddy
Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:45 - 8:00 pm
Start Date: 9/9/09
Duration: 10 Weeks
Cost: \$10

Invitation to Romans

Is a short term Disciple Bible study looking at the important book of Romans. Key themes include communal salvation, God's righteousness, and the relationships between Jews, Gentiles, and each with God.

Facilitators: Doug Kilgo and Kathleen Lambert
Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:45 - 8:00 pm
Start Date: 1/6/10
Duration: 8 Weeks
Cost: \$10

Invitation to Genesis

Is a short term Disciple Bible study examining the story of Creation and the witness of God's people. Students are called upon to examine God's purposes.

Facilitator: Cathie McFadden
Day & Time: Wednesday, 6:45 - 8:00 pm
Start Date: 4/7/10
Duration: 10 Weeks
Cost: \$10

Advent: C. S. Lewis Advent Series

Series on the faith and writings of C. S. Lewis, including "The Chronicles of Narnia."

Facilitator: Dr. Mel Bringle, Professor, Brevard College

Day & Time: Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Start Date: 12/1/09

Duration: 3 Weeks

Cost: \$15

Lent: Prayer Series

Using the book "Prayer, Stress and Our Inner Wounds," by Flora Slosson Wuellner, our Lenten scripture readings on the topics: First Things First, God's Promise, Desiring God, Letting God, and Accepting Love will be examined as they relate to prayer.

Facilitator: Libby Howe

Day & Time: Sunday, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Start Date: 2/21/10

Duration: 5 Weeks

Cost \$10

Book Study - Parables of Jesus, By J. Ellsworth Kalas

One of the many books by this year's Spiritual Formation Weekend Speaker, this writing looks at a selection of parables. Chosen parables are reviewed, discussed in an historical context, and examined for their meaning in today's world. This study looks again at the truths and challenges of Jesus' teachings to a people of faith.

Facilitator: Heidi Campbell-Robinson

Day & Time: Monday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Start Date: 1/4/10

Duration: 8 Weeks

Cost: No Charge

Book Study - The Will of God, By Dr. Leslie Weatherhead

Study a timeless classic that has helped thousands of Christians explore how God's will is related to God's character and ultimate intentions for us. A compilation of sermons written about the will of God will be read and explored.

Facilitators: Dan Martin and Alice Mitchell

Day & Time: Monday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Start Date: 7/12/10

Duration: 5 Weeks

Cost: \$10

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

This course will provide you with tools to become a better steward of that with which God has blessed you, even in difficult economic times like now. This program teaches financial responsibility, helps eliminate debt, offers accountability, and continued support, explains zero-based budgeting, and empowers those with financial hardships to establish a plan to take control of their finances. Concepts are built on Biblical principles. Childcare provided.

Facilitator: Jason and Trina Rushing

Day & Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Start Date: 1/7/10

Duration: 13 Weeks

Cost: \$120 per family

Faith and the Arts

The Christ-Haunted Landscape

Using Susan Ketchin's compilation of short stories by Southern writers, *The Christ-Haunted Landscape, Faith and Doubt in Southern Fiction*, we will read and



*Contend
for the faith
which was
once for all
delivered
to the saints*

Jude 1:3

discuss stories by Clyde Edgerton, Lee Smith, Reynolds Price, and Will Campbell. A little more than a generation ago, Flannery O'Connor made an astute observation about herself and her fellow southerners: "By and large," she said, "people in the South still conceive of humanity in theological terms. While the South is hardly Christ-centered, it is most certainly Christ-haunted."

Ninety percent of southerners identify themselves as Protestant compared to sixty percent of those from other regions, according to a recent survey by sociologist John

Shelton Reed. The religion of the South, evangelical Protestantism, has always been a dominant and distinctive force in southern history and culture. For generations of Southerners, religion constituted a way of life; said Alfred Kazin, "it was the most traditional and lasting form of southern community." Register for this class and explore the power of religion in the South. Bring a bag lunch.

Facilitator: Heidi Campbell-Robinson

Day & Time: Friday, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Start Date: 10/30/09

Duration: 6 Weeks

Cost: to be announced

Book Study – Blood Done Sign My Name, by Tim Tyson

Tim Tyson, the son of a United Methodist minister and nephew to four North Carolina ministers, grew up in Oxford, N.C. His book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, is his recollection of the 1970 murder of local black man and its impact on his community. He interweaves a narrative of the story and its effects on him with discussion of the racial history of the United States. This book has sold over 140,000 copies and was selected as UNC, Chapel Hill's book to be read by all freshmen in 2005; it has also won numerous awards. Dr. Tyson is a Professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture at Duke Divinity School, and also teaches in the American Studies Department at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. *Blood Done Sign My Name* is currently being made into a film. This class will hopefully feature a visit by Dr. Tyson. Register for this class and apply your faith to North Carolina's culture in 1970, as well as our culture today.

Facilitator: Heidi Campbell-Robinson

Day & Time: to be announced

Start Date: April 2010

Duration: 5 Weeks

Cost: to be announced



School of Christian Living Registration Form

Registration is required for all School of Christian Living Classes.

Deadline is two weeks prior to the start of class.

Texts will be distributed in class.

Fees must accompany this form. Checks to be made payable to FUMC.

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate the classes in which you wish to enroll:

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- ___ Disciple One - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
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 For this course only, please complete:
 Childcare Needed: _____
 Ages of Children: _____
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Faith and the Arts

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___Book Study: Blood Done Sign My Name

__ Scholarship Request

(Please check here, if you are requesting a waiver of the course fee.)

To Register OnLine, visit our website at www.hvlfumc.org and click on School of Christian Living. Fees must be paid during pre-registration period

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For questions, call (828) 693-4275.

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study Groups

Audrey Scott Bible Study, Tuesdays
except third Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30
am,
Contacts: Eileen Perrin and Jane
Brophy



Spiritual Groups

Spiritual groups provide a small group supportive environment for the purpose of spiritual growth through nurturing, Bible study, prayer, and works. Intimate and confidential groups. Please contact individual leaders to learn more about each group.

One-Anothering, Second and fourth Thursdays,
12:00 – 2:30 pm, Contact: Marge Heard
Book study and Hospice mission work

Pathways, Second and fourth Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm,
Contact: Ann Sydell
Bible study, Worship, Group support, and New
member outreach

Ask-Seek-Knock, Sunday afternoons, monthly, Contact:
Robin Royal
Discussion group and Youth ministry work

Prayer Groups



Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of prayer which focuses on listening rather than speaking our thoughts and concerns. Groups meet to practice this spiritual discipline together and to encourage one another in continuing this ancient means of communicating with

God. Intimate and confidential groups. Please contact leader to learn more about each group. Contact: Doug Kilgo

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 am in the Royal Allen Room
Prayer and Book Study

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:30 pm in the Memorial Chapel
Prayer

RETREATS

Spiritual Formation Weekend – February
26 - 28, 2010

With Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas
Lessons for Seekers

Each winter, First United Methodist Church invites outstanding theologians, speakers, and well-known leaders in the faith to bring insight and guidance for the Christian's faith journey. Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas, president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky has accepted our invitation to be the spiritual leader for the 2010 Spiritual Formation Weekend. Dr. Kalas is well-known as a teacher, speaker, and storyteller. He is the author of multiple Bible studies including "Christian Believer" a theological study for laity. His "back side" stories



(Parables, Ten Commandments, Old Testament Stories, The Beatitudes, Easter, Christmas) use wit and wisdom to open up new insights into biblical truths. Other books include The Parables of Jesus, Preaching About People: the Power of Biography, The Grand Sweep 365 Days from Genesis Through Revelation, and Incandescence: Light Shed Through the Word.

Dr. Kalas has chosen the theme Lessons for Seekers for this weekend of reflection and learning. He believes that we are all seekers, wherever we are in our faith journey with God, be it a newcomer or one who has practiced the faith for years. The presentations will include "Learning to Listen," "Learning to Read," "Learning to Pray," and "Learning to Live."

We are fortunate to have Dr. Kalas in our church and community for this weekend of Spiritual Enrichment. Pre-registration will be required and will be available through the church in January 2010.

2/26, Friday 6:30 - 8:30 pm
2/27, Saturday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
2/28, Sunday Morning Services

Women's Retreat

Traditionally held annually in January, for church women of all ages.

Topic and Date to be announced Summer, 2009.

Contact: Heidi Campbell-Robinson

Men's Retreat

New event to be held in the fall, for church men of all ages.

Topic and Date to be announced Summer, 2009.

Contact: Dan Martin

Emmaus Walk

Is a program of spiritual renewal conducted over a 72 hour period, usually Thursday through Sunday, during which participants attend a series of 15 talks, engage in prayer and meditation, worship and daily communion. Attendees receive the support of others who have previously completed the walk through prayer vigils and active service. Small groups are emphasized and ongoing participation is encouraged beyond the weekend.

Fall Retreat for men: September 10-13, 2009

for women: September 17-20, 2009

at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.

2010 Retreat Dates to be announced August, 2009.

Contacts: Sandy Hastie (men)

Elizabeth Gray (women)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Labyrinth

Our Christ centered labyrinth is a special opportunity for prayer and contemplation. A replica of the labyrinth of Chartres Cathedral is laid out, surrounded by candles, and available to all who wish to walk its pathway. The walk leads in to the center where pilgrims may rest and engage in prayer or meditation. Music enhances the experience. Surrounding the labyrinth are various stations which allow participants to experience God's presence in a variety of fashions. Foot washing, hand held labyrinths, and books on prayer are often available, but no two labyrinth experiences are exactly alike. Communion is usually offered. The prayer labyrinth is a tool to be used for the purpose of quiet time with God, in a simple prayer walk with a pattern, using the hand held labyrinths, or just taking advantage of the peaceful quiet of the room.

Dates and Times:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE,
September 21, 2009, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

ADVENT, December 14 - 15, 2009, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm &
December 16, 2009, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

HOLY WEEK, March 31 - April 2, 2010, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Additional dates to be announced as determined.

Crosswalk

Held on Good Friday, is a silent walk through the streets of Hendersonville to commemorate Christ's walk to Golgotha and sacrifice for all. The event begins outside the gathering area, with scripture readings. It then proceeds with a contemplative walk through town during which pilgrims are offered the opportunity to carry the cross. On return to the church, hot cross buns are served.

Friday, April 2, 2010, at 10 am.



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