

SJUMC Sunday School Classes

Bible Study

This class studies different books of the Bible—in depth, chapter by chapter—as members seek to discover what each passage means and how it can be applied to our lives. Level: Intermediate, for men and women of all ages.

Current study: 1st Corinthians

Led by Dave Carson, with rotating teachers, Room 22

Faith Followers

The focus of Faith Followers is to learn more about how to be a follower of Christ in our everyday lives and how to use the knowledge we gain from our class instruction and discussion to engage with others and be an example for each other and the community. Here are just a few topics we have studied over the last few years: Sermon on the Mount, Parenting in Today's World, *The War Room* DVD study, *The Shack* DVD study, How to Be Thankful, How to be a Witness for Christ, The Book of Acts, Jesus and the Crucifixion and Resurrection, *Unafraid* DVD study, and Spiritual Gifts. Level: Beginning/Intermediate, for mostly parents of adolescents.

Current study: *This Invitational Life*, by Steve Carter, gives practical ideas and a biblical foundation for talking about what you believe and why. The study answers the question of: Do you want to share your faith but don't know where to begin?

Led by Sarah Jane Taylor, with rotating teachers, Room 23

Faith Foundations

The members of Faith Foundations enjoy topical studies that make the Scriptures relevant to life today. The class is discussion-based, which allows members, who have diverse backgrounds, the opportunity to reflect and share their views. The emphasis is on how the verse speaks to you; and how these verses impact our lives, society, and the church. The class is dynamic, accepting and open-minded. Level: Beginning/Intermediate, for men and women of all ages.

Current study: In January, the class will finish a study of Galatians. Also, class members will go thru the process to pick their One Word for 2019. In February, the class will begin a study of Matthew.

Led by Artie Rogers, Room 304

Lectio with the Lectionary

This class is devoted to praying the Scriptures using the Bible passages for upcoming worship services. Level: Beginning/Intermediate, for men and women of all ages.

Led by Chris Garcia, Conference Room

Life Enrichment

Some 25-30 years ago, when this class was first established, it was called Marriage Enrichment. Then a class for young married couples with or without children, as "life" progressed, the name was eventually changed to Life Enrichment. Our yearly studies include in-depth study of at least one book from the Bible, seasoned with books by Christian authors that serve as pathways for living the godly life God desires for us.

Life Enrichment (continued)

Level: Intermediate, for middle-aged to senior men and women. We welcome any who are willing to tackle the wisdom and experience of aging under God's direction.

Current Study: The Gospel of John, paired with Adam Hamilton's study on *JOHN - The Gospel of Light and Life*. Studies to follow include Max Lucado's, *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, and David Jeremiah's new release, *Overcomer*.

Led by Mike Arny and Jim Hix, Room 310

New Dawn

The New Dawn class looks at the Scripture that will be preached in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. or was preached at 8:45 a.m. We read the Scripture, look at background, other relevant verses, discuss how it might relate to those who lived it and how it might apply to us today. The first part is lecture followed by discussion with the whole class. We also discuss questions about other Scriptures that class members have from time to time. Level: Intermediate, for senior women.

Led by Irene Gerow, Parlor

Seekers

Seekers is a diversified group in age and life experiences. We support good discussion and different points of view. We love to laugh and share. We welcome all. Level: Intermediate, for middle-aged men and women.

Current study: a series from Andy Stanley called *Guardrails*, which is about avoiding regret in our lives. Tim Barrett will teach the class.

Led by Lora Joyner, with rotating teachers, Room 311

The Story

"The Story" Sunday school class was created in part to provide a shorter class that would accommodate choir members who want to attend a class but have to leave by 10:30 am to sing in one of our worship services. The class meets from 9:45-10:25 am, and it is open to all and attended by many members of the church as well as visitors (not just choir members).

Level: Beginning/Intermediate

Current study: Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, which we began in September 2018. It is designed for a year-long course of study and participants can join at any time.

Led by Joyce Day, Room 21

Women on the Way (WOW)

This group for women focuses upon issues of the heart through studies that will move you along on your journey with God. The class incorporates outside fellowship activities that help us grow in our friendships with each other as we grow in Christ! Level: Beginning, for women of all ages and stages in life.

Current Study: *Discerning the Voice of God How to Recognize when God is Speaking*, a book by Priscilla Shirer.

Led by Laura Smith, Room 306

Growing Together

This newly formed group will be flexible and topical, choosing studies that help them face the challenges of parenthood and faith development.

Current Study: The group forms in early January and will decide upon their first study.

Led by Spencer Letchworth, with rotating teachers, Room 24