

## Adult Sunday School Class Descriptions

Sunday morning learning opportunities for adults vary by age, gender and study preferences. Some of the classes follow a traditional Sunday School lesson book while others utilize the Internet to research material based on the week's lectionary scripture. The class descriptions which follow will provide an overview of each available study group. Visitors and new members are encouraged to visit a variety of classes.

### THE AGAPE CLASS

Room 43

Teachers: Johanna Dilworth & Shirley Mynatt

Agape, the Greek word for Christian love, best describes our women's class: love for Christ that manifests itself in love for people.

The focus of our class is on study, service and support. We believe Bible study and prayer lead to spiritual growth.

Our class offers many opportunities for service. Some of the mission activities include the following: The Next Door, a support program for women in transition from prison; Hands Up for Women, a program to help women move from joblessness and sometimes abusive relationships to a more productive life; shoe boxes of gifts for The Samaritan's Purse and additional mission activities as suggested by our mission coordinators.

We are very supportive and caring within our class and within our church as well as our community. We have well-balanced and structured leadership and strong participation from class members. Monthly class meetings provide opportunities for social interaction and planning for service projects.

### WINSOME

Room 33

Teacher: Clay Mulford

We are designed for in-depth Bible study as well as practical application of truth. We welcome discussion and open sharing of participants from their life learning experiences. We are a ladies class and we meet in room 33 (located on the right side of the gym).

We follow the Uniform Adult Bible Study Series from the Smyth & Helwys Publishing Company. Presently, the study is arranged by the topics of: God Reveals (Exodus), God Sustains (Psalm), God Protects (cont. Psalm), Comfort for God's People (Isaiah).

Once each month, class participants gather for a meal and fellowship - either breakfast or lunch. Additionally, we occasionally have a trip or special event. These events have included the Billy Graham Crusade, Cumberland County Playhouse, and the Sunshine Hollow Gardens (Riceville) to name a few.

We look forward to welcoming you should this class possibly assist you in spiritual formation and continual maturing!



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## West Hills Baptist Church

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The Seasons of Our Lives - A Place to Worship

*West Hills Baptist Church has served as a center of worship and study for the West Hills community and beyond for almost 50 years. A brief description of the Sunday morning adult study opportunities are included here. Should you need assistance finding a class or have questions, please see one of our greeters. As a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church, we invite you to join us. Our door is open.*



Sunday School 9:30 AM - 10:35 AM

**BIBLE SEARCHERS**

Room 46

Teacher: Michael Knight

The Bible Searchers class seeks to draw closer to God and live as He commands through increased knowledge of His Word. This is a class for individuals who are interested in detailed Bible study that leads to a greater understanding of the Scriptures, such as; manners, customs, political influences, and what the Scriptures meant to the original recipients as well as how it applies to us today. Books of the Bible are selected and covered in depth in their entirety. PowerPoint presentations enhance the lesson and bring the Bible to life with photographs, art, maps and illustrations.

The Bible Searchers class is like an extended family of couples and singles, and believes the study of the Bible can be interesting, intriguing, fun and rewarding. The diverse views, experiences, opinions and questions of all members are valued as they study the books of the Bible together.

**JOURNEY X**

Room 35

Teacher: Matt Howell

We have a class environment that will make you feel at home! All are welcome.

We follow the lectionary and study many of the same texts on which Worship will be focused. This gives us a chance to prepare for the service and makes it even more meaningful. For 13 weeks of the year, we study a topic. Some of the topics have been Leadership, The Courageous Church, Genesis and Discipleship.

Journey X is a group of people that love to spend time together. We worship, love, laugh, and play together. Members of our class are involved in many different areas of ministry. We would love to talk about these with you. Some of the ministries are the children's activities, Appalachian Outreach, FISH, Deacons, softball team, golf tournaments, the Butterfly Fund, and more.

Again, please come and experience our class environment. We are glad we did!

**INQUIRY CLASS**

Room 30

Teacher: Robert G. Jones

(Mixed-up Adults--All Ages Welcome)

Believing that anyone who "thinks about God" is a theologian and that all theology turns narrative into inquiry, this class feels free to ask ultimately serious questions about the Christian scriptures, history, life and thought, using study materials provided by the teacher. The subjects have been up 'til now wide ranging, from the life and work of Hosea to the Servant Songs of Isaiah to the Poetry and Prophecy of Advent to New Testament Images of the Church to Islam to the Role of the Chaplain in Ministry to The Roots of Christian Ethics to The Year of St. Paul to the Psalms to From Nazareth to Nicea: Trajectories of Thought about Jesus.

**ENOCH CLASS**

Room 39

Teacher: Dr. Bob Overholt

"Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:24)

The Enoch class is a group of Christian men and women whose purpose is spiritual growth and sharing Christian fellowship. We are dedicated to learning and sharing the "Good News of Christ's teachings". In Sunday school, we study specific verses in the Bible and try our best to relate them to "real life situations". We have a marvelous time in group discussions with laughter and learning and try to come away with improvement of our spiritual life.

The Enoch class is involved in many missions including Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, The Christmas Angel Tree, Western Heights Christmas party, FISH and Appalachian Outreach. Our fellowship activities include mountain picnics, Christmas party, beach trips and even baseball games. We love our church picnics and many of our members sing in choir. Sounds like great fun. . . .it is! If you are out to learn, to enjoy our love, humor and good fellowship, WE WANT YOU IN OUR CLASS.

**JOY**

Room 44

Teacher: Susan Buhl

We invite you to join us at our large table. We still have room for more! We're a group of women who enjoy the variety of preparing for each Sunday. We review the Pastor's Reflections in The Open Door and we carefully review the Scriptures to be read during the Sunday service. (Usually this means that we are following the worldwide Christian lectionary.)

All of us are encouraged to share what we see, or what we know about Jesus, grace and forgiveness. We receive the lesson by e-mail early in the week. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on the subject in our own lives. An artist in our class selects colorful art from across the world to help us visualize the themes of the lessons.

Of course, too, we pray for each other and others. We encourage each other. Once a month we have a 6:00 Supper meeting, sometimes in our homes, oftentimes in a small restaurant's private room. We keep it simple, yet nourishing. That's the class. The Joy Class is a "no stress zone."

**MEN**

Room 45

Teachers: Bill Countiss &amp; Wilson Monroe

Our class can best be described as sharing caring, and learning together. We offer an opportunity for our class members to share prayer needs, praises and a time for participatory Bible study. Wilson and Bill alternate monthly in teaching. Our lessons are based on the International Sunday School lesson series. However, we endeavor to go beyond the assigned scriptures as we utilize extensive cross referenced scriptures and commentaries. Class members engage in lively discussions. We firmly believe that our time together results in strengthening our lives and our bond of Christian fellowship. Further, we attempt to discuss how every lesson applies to our daily lives ---as Bill puts it, "where the rubber meets the road." Our class is not bounded or defined by any age group -we invite anyone who would like to visit our class and become a part of a group of men who offer an opportunity to study and help each other on this journey we call "LIFE". TRY US, YOU MIGHT LIKE US !