

## Youth Sunday School Classes

**6-7th Grade Sunday School** has a pre-confirmation focus using the PC(USA) resource, "I Know My Bible". One year is spent in the Old Testament and one year in the New Testament. This class is taught by Eileen Douglas and Tom Foster and meets in Room #222.

**Confirmation Class – 8th Graders** attend a year-long class to explore what they personally believe and are introduced to the basic beliefs and organizational structure of the PC(USA). They use the curriculum "We Believe" and enlist the support of "covenant partners", adult members of the congregation, to support them on their journey of faith. There is no upper age requirement to attend this class—older youth are welcome! This class is taught by Art & Sarah Glover and David & Jean White in Room #214.

**9th-12th Sunday School** uses a variety of curricula throughout the school year. This Fall, students will explore two DVD series called "Modern Parables" and "Advent Conspiracy" learning about the Bible's meaning and relevance for their lives. In the Spring, this class will begin a study called re:form—a youth Bible study featuring animated short films to frame the tough theological questions that youth really ask, like "Who wrote the Bible?" and "Why does God let bad things happen? High School teachers are Kevin Bridge, Suzette Broman-Fulks, Lisa Cooper and John McCorkle. Room #s 221, 228.

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Sunday School Classes

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Join us at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday for study and fellowship around God's Word.



For more information call the church at 884-2248 or visit our church web site at [www.firstpreshp.org](http://www.firstpreshp.org)

# Adult Sunday School Classes

## Presbyterianism Class

The Presbyterianism Class teaches basic Presbyterian beliefs as well as introduces you to what's happening at First Presbyterian Church in the music, education, youth and children's programs. If you are thinking about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church or you would simply like to refresh your knowledge of the denominational distinctives, this class is a great place to begin. This class is taught by the ministers and staff once per quarter and meets downstairs in the new classrooms- look for room #005.

## Cloud Of Witnesses

The church exists for adventure, journey, surprise, risk, hope, alternative – as an alien people in the world. We do things differently, live differently, treat people differently, and obey a different code that is foreign and foolish to most of the world. Join us each Sunday for a study by theologian Stanly Hauerwas and to discuss what it means to be the Church in occupied territory. The Study is called "Sunday Asylum" - Sunday symbolizes the day we meet and Asylum, well, because the story we tell is just crazy! We will meet to talk about this mission to which we are called. This class meets in the Tower Room on the 2nd floor and is taught by Mary Morgan and Jequita Bailey. The Spring study will be on the Spirituality of Gardening.

## Join us for Sunday school!

### "Krispy Kreme" Sunday School

The class that formerly met at Krispy Kreme now meets downstairs in the new classroom suite #001...topics for this "younger" adult class this Fall include a bible study on Romans and DVD curriculum on the issue of poverty. Class members choose and lead the studies. Fellowship, doughnuts and good conversation are always included. The class is facilitated by Eric Rainey.

### Martha Brown Bible Study

This class studies specific books and letters of the Bible using a lecture and discussion format to gain insight into scripture. This class will continue their study of 2nd Corinthians this Fall. The class is taught by Doug Clark and Dave Perry and meets in the chapel on the first floor of the church. Visitors are always welcome!

### The Christian Life Class

The Christian Life Class meets in the Session Room (Room #105) on the main floor of the church. Through "The Present Word," published by the PC(USA), teachers and learners come together to reflect on the biblical text and to act on what they discover. David Laws leads this class.

## Seekers Bible Study

This class will continue their study of Christian history into "the next 400 years". They completed centuries of Christian history and are now past the Reformation! If you are interested in the history of our faith, this is a great class for you. Topics will include the Christian Movement in an Age of Uncertainty – from the fall of Bastille in 1789 to the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989. This class is taught by Judy Deal and meets in the conference room.

## The Richard Meisky Class

The Richard Meisky Sunday school class meets in the Parlor (Room #102) and is taught by Doyle Early. This fall the class will begin with Tim Keller's "The Prodigal God". In six sessions, Keller opens your eyes to the powerful message of Jesus' best-known and least-understood parable: The Parable of the Prodigal Son. We will glean insights from each of the characters - the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the father who lavished his love on both. The Prodigal God will challenge the devout and the skeptic alike to see Christianity in a whole new way.

## New Classes?

If you are interested in starting a new class (short term or longer) or have topics or studies you'd like to see at First Presbyterian, please contact Jeanette Quick Sandlin, or any member of the Nurture Committee. New ideas for learning about and experiencing our faith are always welcome!

### **Nursery (Birth-Two Years Old)**

A nursery is provided for children 2 and under during Sunday school. The nursery is staffed with CPR and First Aid trained workers, Mary Brown, and Diane Rowsey. They are supported by a team of volunteers. The nursery is located in the gathering area outside of the sanctuary. First Presbyterian provides pagers to parents with children in the nursery. Children, at their parents' discretion, may transition to the God Loves Me class when children turn two.

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### **God Loves Me (Twos and Threes)**

Room 103 in the Preschool Building  
Teachers: Deborah Brown, Lindsey & Derek Mosier, and Julie & Bill Traywick

God Loves Me introduces major stories of the Bible through a short story and guided play or craft to support the story. Children can remain in the room through the 11:00 worship service.

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### **Rock Solid (Fours, Fives and Kindergarteners)**

Room 102 in the Preschool Building  
Teachers: Millie and Jeffrey Hamilton, Jennifer Hughes, Debbie Mellinger, Nicole Plummer

Rock Solid is a fun and biblically sound curriculum. During the lessons children can come to a better understanding of God and what God calls them to be. Activities, crafts, stories, and games will contribute to this experience.

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### **Workshop Rotation (First-Fifth Grade)**

Lambs (First and Second Grade)

Room 203 Main Building

Lamb Teachers Team: Anne Dallas, Kathy Erath, Patty Morris, Heather Redding, Joy Setliff

Lions (Third-Fifth Grade)

Room 205 Main Building

Lion Teachers Team: Nicole Arnold, Joan Burns, Elizabeth Davis, Brooke Garrou, Daphne Robertson

Children are divided into two classes: (Lambs and Lions) based on grade. Each class studies the same Bible story for five weeks through multimedia workshops including, Art, Games, Mixed Bag, Story and Video. Through repetition the content and concept of each story is reinforced.

### **Other Opportunities**

#### **The Way of the Child (5 year-olds and above)**

Sundays 4:15-5:15 in Room 201

Leaders: Nora Bridge and Jeanne Lassiter

Children are introduced to and led through a spiritual practice, and then given the opportunity to experience the practice on their own. Children choose a center (reading, gazing, world, art, sand, or journaling) to reflect on the introduced story. Children have the opportunity to share their experience with the group.

### **Other Opportunities**

**Learning to Use My Bible  
(Third Grade and above)**  
offered September 2011.

**Communion Class  
(Recommended Third Grade  
and above)**  
offered Spring 2012.