

SAINT JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Creating a community where
God's love changes people
and God's people change the world.



Sunday Morning Worship

August 1 & 8: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:55-10:50 a.m. (some start earlier - see brochure on information table)

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Jesus is the Main Thing *by John Anderson*

We've all heard preachers tell us that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. Every time I hear that said, it brings to mind a story I read long ago. One Sunday morning, as the story goes, the pastor gathered all the children up at the front of the church for children's time. He said, "Now, what I'm thinking of is brown, has a bushy tail, and gathers acorns every fall. What am I thinking of? After a period of silence, a little boy at the back raised his hand and said, "Preacher, I'm sure the right answer must be Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me." The youngster knew that the main thing about church is Jesus.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a renowned and beloved Christian minister who was imprisoned and executed in 1944 by the Nazis for his resistance to Adolph Hitler, knew it too. He left a legacy of writings about faith and courage for Christians around the world. In his book "Life Together, The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community," Bonhoeffer says that Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ, and that no Christian community is more or less than this. He goes on to differentiate between a Spiritual community founded solely on Jesus Christ where the Spirit of the Word of God alone rules, and the human community which comes from the natural urges, powers, and capacities of human spirit. In the human community we get all wrapped up in ourselves. We have petty disagreements and are reluctant to forgive—reluctant to love our neighbors. We seek the material things in life, thinking they are what it is all about. Spiritual love, however, comes from Jesus Christ and serves him alone. It is essential that we not only understand this difference, but that we teach it to our children and remind each other constantly that it is Jesus who is the main thing.

Betty and I recently attended one of the many "cottage" meetings intended to encourage Saint John's members to get to know more about Pastor Paul

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 & 8 IN WORSHIP

This Sunday, August 1, Rev. Paul Escamilla will share the message "The Prayer We Cannot Pray Alone" with scripture reading from Luke 11:1-4. Special music by Penny Griffy at the 11:00 a.m service and Renee Speed at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. We will share Holy Communion at both services.

Sunday, August 8, Rev. Paul Escamilla will share the message "Like Those Who are Waiting" with scripture reading from Luke 12:32-40. Special music is shared at 9:00 a.m. and The Chancel Choir sings at 11:00 a.m.

- 1 *We believe in:* making disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world.
- 2 *We live by two kinds of holiness:* Personal, Social
- 3 *We follow three simple rules:* Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God
- 4 *We work in four areas of focus:* Develop leaders, Create places for new people, Eliminate poverty, Improve health globally

Calendar

Sunday, August 1

1230p Youth Choir Rehearsal, MR
430p Prayer Group, A
530p UMYF, Offsite

Monday, August 2

530p Aerobics, YH
530p Al-Anon, A
630p Book Study, 5900 B

Tuesday, August 3

230p Tai Chi, 5900B
630p Book Study, 5900 B
700p Trustees, 5900F

Wednesday, August 4

900a Staff Meeting, 211
1045a Cokesbury, MR
530p Aerobics, YH
545p Jones Memorial Handbells, S
600p Trinity Singers, MR
630p Chancel Choir, S
730p Debtors Anon, A

Thursday, August 5

930a Games Day, 201
600p UMW Miriam Circle, 5900B
700p AA, A

Friday, August 6

1200p Girls in Grace, A
530p Aerobics, YH

Saturday, August 7

200p Harris Anniversary Party, FH

Sunday, August 8

1200p SPR, 5900B
1230p Youth Choir Rehearsal, MR
430p Prayer Group, A
530p UMYF, YH

Monday, August 9

930a Senior Adult Steering, 211
100a Mom's Coffee, GH
530p Aerobics, YH
530p Al-Anon, A
615p Renaissance Service
630p Book Study, 5900 B
630p Worship Committee, 5900F

Tuesday, August 10

930a UMW Rachel Circle, 119
930a UMW Joanna Circle, 211
1200p Staff Birthday Lunch, 211
230p Tai Chi, 5900B
615p UMW Anna Circle, Offsite

Wednesday, August 11

900a Staff Meeting, 211
1045a Cokesbury, MR
530p Aerobics, YH
545p Jones Memorial Handbells, S
600p Trinity Singers, MR
630p Chancel Choir, S
730p Debtors Anon, A

Thursday, August 12

900a Postal Pros, 119

in an informal setting, and for him to learn more about them, their faith journey, how they came to the church, and why they stay here. We had a marvelous time. During the evening, Pastor Paul asked us a really important question—what, he asked, are our dreams and visions for Saint John's? The thoughts shared by the sisters and brothers at that meeting give me cause to believe that we are on the right path—that we recognize and acknowledge that, in our Christian community, we belong to one another only in and through Jesus Christ. In other words, they were saying that here at Saint John's, Jesus is the main thing! May it always remain so.

Communion Rail Offering - This Sunday, August 1

Hope Food Pantry Austin provides 3-4 days worth of groceries to approximately fifty families. Many of their clients are elderly, single parents, homeless, disabled, jobless or under-employed. Hope is funded by individuals, churches, small grants and fundraisers such as the Hunger Meal that St John's hosted. Austin uses the majority of the donations for purchases and distribution of food for disadvantaged families in the community.

NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY

Elizabeth and Anna Escamilla joined Saint John's on July 11, 2010. Elizabeth is Rev. Paul Escamilla's wife and Anna is one of his three children. The Escamilla family moved here from the Dallas area. Elizabeth will be the school nurse at Dessau Elementary. Elizabeth loves to read, garden and cook. Anna will be a 10th grader at Anderson High School. We are so delighted to welcome the Escamilla family to Saint John's!



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Jessica Inez Shouba and Laura Jennifer Shouba

Jessica Inez and Laura Jennifer Shouba were baptized on Sunday, July 18, 2010. Jessica Inez and Laura Jennifer are the daughters of Elizabeth and Vince Shouba and sisters of big brother Jackson.



WEEKS OF AUGUST 1 & 8

First Sunday/Food Pantry Sunday - This Sunday

This Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Please remember to bring peanut butter and/or jelly for Hope Food Pantry. With children home from school and without benefit of the school lunch programs, the demand for food is even higher in the summertime. Please remember PB & J or dollars for the first Sunday in August. Thank you!



Mom's Coffee - August 9

Join us Monday, August 9 for our next Mom's coffee. We are Saint John's newest United Methodist Women's Circle, a casual group of Moms with young children (babies through early preschool) who meet twice a month for coffee, conversation, and a well-deserved break while our kids are in free (FREE!) childcare.

We do projects (such as arts/crafts, scrapbooks, baby books, etc), book studies on issues of social justice and parenting and informal playgroups at the church and in the community. We are currently studying *Child of Mine: Feeding With Love and Good Sense*, by Ellyn Satter.

We meet twice-a-month on select Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. Our upcoming date is August 9. Moms meet across the street from the church at 5900 Wynona, while our kids play in the nursery in room 102. For childcare reservations, please contact Stacy Sparks at ssparks48@gmail.com one week in advance, if possible. For more information and to get on the Mom's Coffee email list, contact Ruth Airhart artpants2001@yahoo.com.



600p MFSA Exec., YH
700p AA, A

Friday, August 13

1200p Girls in Grace, A
530p Aerobics, YH

Saturday, August 14

Youth to Schlitterbahn
1000a Fellowship Class Party

A, B, C = Annex Classrooms (5906 Wynona)

FH = Fellowship Hall

GH = Great Hall

MR = Music Room

Sanc. = Sanctuary

YH = Youth House (5908 Wynona)

5900= 5900 Wynona: F=Front B=Back

Happy
Birthday!



Aug. 3: Lib Harris, Tim Pugh

Aug. 4: Dinah Blackburn

Aug. 6: Katie Love, Roy Montgomery, Lisa Nieto, Stephen Nieto

Aug. 7: Jeanette Ball, Faye Gantt, Mike Pendley, Claude Ross

Aug. 8: Carolyn Boyle, Tommy Johnson

Aug. 9: Jackson Haynes, Tyler Strawmyer, Ralph Underwood

Aug. 10: Kerri Rowland, Davis Stribling

Aug. 11: Kris Hartley, Ione Redmond, Jill Sherbert

Aug. 12: Walter McConnell, Jim McCutcheon, Peyton Middleton

Aug. 14: Cecil Allert, Mike Benaglio, Laura Bock, Barbara Gaston

Aug. 15: Terry Collier, Donna Johnson

Aug. 16: Rosemarie Ashmore, Joaquin Martinez

United Methodist Men Breakfast - August 14

The Austin District UMM breakfast is Saturday, August 14 at Crestview UMC. Coffee and registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reagan Lambert, Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Austin / Central Texas. Crestview UMC is located at 1300 Morrow Street, Austin, TX 78757. For more information, see the Austin District UMM website at: www.austinumm.org. Don't forget to bring white socks to support the Men's Clothes Closet (part of A.R.C.H.)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Wednesday Noon Communion Service - August 18

We invite you to join us for Third Wednesday Noon Communion Service on August 18, in Saint John's Chapel, 12:10 – 12:45 p.m. Together we will experience Scripture readings, Silence, Reflections, and Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you have questions, please contact Pat Thomas or John Anderson.

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News by Email - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email.

Newsletter Deadlines!

Newsletter submissions are due the previous Thursday (yes, 10 days before!) for inclusion in the following Sunday's newsletter. Articles may be edited for style and length. Submit to holly@stjohnsaustin.org or leave your article in the staff mailbox outside of the church office.

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays, 2:30: Tai Chai Class

Wednesdays, 10:45am: Sing with the Amazing Grays

Low Impact Aerobics Class: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:30 - 6:30

Movie Morning on 4th Thursdays: Rm. 208 at 10:00 a.m.

OUR PRESENCE:

Attendance Sunday, July 25

Noon Worship, July 21	11
Sunday School	158
Worship 9:00a	128
Worship 11:00a	206
Worship Total	345

Worship Service CD's Available

If you know someone who would like a CD on a weekly basis, give the name to Jeanette Ball. We also need people to deliver them to our homebound. Sunday's Worship CDs are available for pick-up in the church office on Thursday mornings, and a limited number of CDs are available for anyone on Sundays in the Gallery.

Sermons Online

For audio or text of recent sermons, visit www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons.

Large Print Hymnals Available

Large print hymnals are available on the usher carts that are near the sanctuary entrance. If you know someone who has special needs, please let the church know. We will do our best to accommodate them.

Men's Clothes Closet

The United Methodist Men deliver clothes to ARCH every week. The "Clothes for Homeless Men" donation basket is in the gallery.

Volunteers needed at ARCH

ARCH (Austin Resource Center for the Homeless) needs men volunteers to sort and hand out clothes to homeless men on Monday mornings. Volunteers may work once or more a month, an hour or more, between 8:30 and 11:30. ARCH is located at 500 E. 7th St. (at Neches). To volunteer or for more info, contact Steve Haag, 552-0371, or stevenjhaag@yahoo.com

Volunteer Evening Out - August 21

You've taken care of our children, now let us take care of yours!

On Saturday, August 21, from 4-8 p.m. we want to show our children's Sunday School teachers and VBS volunteers just how much we appreciate all they do. The Children's Ministry team is offering free childcare in Room 102 for anyone who devotes their time and energy to our children. If interested in dropping your children off, please respond to Tracy Burger at tracy@stjohnsaustin.org by Friday, August 13.

Youth Sunday- August 22

The youth will be leading worship for both the 9:00 and 11:00 services on August 22. They'll share with the congregation what they learned on their mission trips. The youth will also prepare and lead the morning liturgy. All of the youth, not just those who participated in the mission trips, will be integral to the service.

"Melodia," the girls youth choir, will have rehearsals on August 1st, 8th, and 15th in the choir room from 12:30-1:15 p.m. All youth girls are welcome to join the choir. The youth will prepare for Youth Sunday with 3 rehearsals: August 8th and 15th at 5:30p.m. in the Youth House and August 15th at 6:30p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Parent Meeting for Youth Events - August 29

Please mark your calendars now! On August 29 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming Pumpkin Patch (October 4-30th), the possibility of a senior high ski trip, and possible dates for our summer 2011 mission trips. The students enjoy pizza and a movie while we meet. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is vital to the success of our fundraising and planning.

Mamma Jamma Ride - September 25

I hope your bikes have not been collecting dust since the Hill Country Ride for AIDS last spring. The Mamma Jamma Ride Against Breast Cancer is coming on September 25. Start thinking about signing up and getting some miles in on your bikes. If you're not a regular cyclist, this ride has routes for all levels and the money raised goes to support ten local charities that serve those in central Texas with breast cancer and their families.



Go to <http://www.mammajammaride.org/> and register under the Saint John's team. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sparks at cm-sparks@gmail.com or 452-3730.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Events

Saturday, August 21: Children's Ministries Volunteers' Evening Out

Sunday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. service: Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 29, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Back-to-School Bash

Sunday, August 29: Promotion Sunday

Children's Sunday School

The focus of this Sunday's lesson is pondering what the parable of the rich farmer teaches us today. On August 8, we will connect with the story of Abraham and Sara, our faith ancestors. On August 15, we will explore Psalm 80 and how we can be sad, but still trust in God.

Children in Kindergarten – 5th grade meet at 9:50 a.m. in room 101 for music. All children may be picked up in their designated classroom between 10:50 and 10:55.

- 3 and 4 years (Rm. 105 - drop off in 106)
- K – 5th grade (Rm. 103)

Youth Events

Sunday, August 1: We'll meet at P. Terry 404 South Lamar Boulevard for dinner and then go to Peter Pan Miniature Golf. Bring \$\$ for dinner and miniature golf. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 8: We'll be back to our regular schedule and meeting place – 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Free dinner and games. We'll focus our time on preparing for Youth Sunday.

Sat., August 14: We are going to Schlitterbahn for a day of fun!

Youth Sunday School: 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Sunday, August 1: The Junior High students will begin their month-long series on the book of James. The Senior High students will meet discuss peer pressure and how to support our friends when they are struggling with difficult challenges.

Sunday, August 8: The Junior High students will continue their series on the book of James. The Senior High students will discuss personality types.

Save Your Tabs!

Save the pull tabs on your fruit, veggie and meat cans, as well as soda cans and put them in the specially marked "Ronald McDonald House" boxes attached to the can recycle containers around the church. Ronald McDonald House receives money for these tabs to support their "home-away-from-home" for families of children with serious illnesses.

Equal Exchange Coffee

Equal Exchange, our coffee we use Sunday mornings, provides an alternative by working directly with small farmer cooperatives, helping to build pride, independence and community empowerment. The coffee, which comes in various flavors, and hot cocoa can be purchased outside the church office. The coffee is \$7.50 per bag and hot cocoa is \$5.50 per can.

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic

Consider volunteering for the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D). Volunteers perform every step in the production process, including setting up textbooks, operating recording equipment, reading, quality control checking, and duplicating. No special knowledge is needed, as RFB&D will train. Volunteer opportunities are also available in areas of outreach, development and special events. Informational tours of about an hour are available. For information, call 323-9390

OUR SERVICE

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NEWS & NOTES

A Very Big Thank You for Supporting Our Youth Mission Trips

The junior and senior high students had wonderful mission trips. The senior high students traveled to Galveston, TX July 11-16. They worked on a home that was built in 1853. Our junior high students served in mission right here in Austin July 18-22. We spent time at the Renaissance Retirement Center, Capitol Area Food Bank, and cleaning up the grounds outside of the Montopolis Friendship Center. I want to thank all of you who prayed for us and financially supported our trips. We couldn't have done it without you or the adult volunteers who went on the trips with us. Thanks for your love and support! -Valerie Vogt, Director of Student Ministries and Missions

Vacation Bible School Galactic Blast!

With 90 campers and more than 50 youth and adult volunteers, the church hallways echoed with laughter and our children's sweet voices at Saint John's 2010 Vacation Bible School, July 12-16. What a fabulous, fun-filled week it was — you couldn't help but notice the spirit of God in our midst.

At this year's Galactic Blast VBS, cadets gathered in the sanctuary each morning to receive the praise phrase and mission of the day. Then our preschool age campers retreated to their classroom for the morning and our school-aged campers traveled from activity to activity, shepherded by our wonderful volunteers.

Both adults and youth generously donated their time and talents to ensure that VBS was a fun and spiritually-meaningful experience for everyone involved. Many thanks to all who supported our program with their prayers, presence, gifts and service. Campers created glow-in-the-dark comets in arts and crafts, played outdoor water games during recreation time, experienced the story of the Walk to Emmaus during Bible storytelling and sang with our own Senior Pastor Paul Escamilla during music time.

This year's VBS mission focus was making birthdays special for children in the Austin-area who otherwise may not have any birthday celebration, and we were touched and overwhelmed by our campers generosity. Families donated toys for children at the Austin Children's Shelter and baking goods for the local non-profit Free Cakes for Kids. Additionally, over 120 pounds of food was collected for the Capital Area Food Bank.

Our fabulous week ended with a popsicle party and a Sunday morning service full of children's music. We truly did experience God everywhere during this special week in the life of this church. God IS amazing - Praise God!



New! Sermon Audio Online

Did you miss a sermon recently? Do you know a friend who would have liked the message this week? Invite your friend to try our new sermon page: www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons. We have audio and text versions of a number of recent sermons and scripture readings. E-mail webmasters@stjohnsaustin.org with any questions.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement for the chancel area in the Sanctuary on one of the following Sundays, please contact Diane Randle, 346-2342. October 3, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 21.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Saint John's staff and prayer group members pray for these people each week. We encourage you to include them in your prayers as well. To have your prayers of joys and concerns added to the list, please submit them in writing to the office, or to info@stjohnsaustin.org. Include your name and phone number.

Death: Mabel DeAngelo (Penny Dove's maternal grandmother) passed away. Service was July 23 in Gautier, Mississippi.

Hospital: Russell Sayers, Baby Andrew Duderstadt, Lynn Loeffler

Prayers and Concerns:	Pat Crow	Tommye Jones	Vicki Shapiro
Saint John's Family	Don Curry	Dale Kirtland	Audra Smith
Addie and family	Phil & Renna Darby	Karen Knight	Dan Stokley
T. J. Ayers	Malcolm Ferguson	Lynn Loeffler	Pam Stone
Norma Barber	Gail Fuller & Carrie James	Pat Lovell	Sally Tanberg
Nancy Basey	Mary Gielstra	Beverly Massengale	Georgia Thompson
Tina Bauguess	L. D. Golike	Alice Miertschin	Juanita Turner
Keith Beasley	Frank Green	Madeline Millard	Tonya Turner
Zach Benaya	Joann Hedbawny	Dorothy Mitschke	A.G. Walker
Ellie Bierwirth & family	Lin Henneke	Virginia Montgomery	Dillon & Gary Wardian
Linda Blake	E. C. Herber	Alan Morris	Homer Willms
Bill Brewer	Cindy Herschel	Richard Nicklas	Flo Wojcik
Ashlen Capes	Suzanne Hicks	Clyde O'Dell	Amy Wright
David Cappolino	Barbara Holmes	Wade and Rayda Porter	Dorothea & Vernon Wright
Spencer Chaney	Tom Howe	Judy Raus	Brandi Young
Clyde Cockrum & family	Dorothy Hutchison	Jenna Richbourg	Cy Zaleski
Liam Collier	Reva and Jack Jackson	Tom Rogers	Ben Zieger
Riley Crawley	David Johnson	Steve Rooks	Jack Zieger
Angela Crisara	Ollie Jones	Bonnie Schroeder	

Military Service: Captain Luke E. Barber (Dora Barber's grandson), Shea Browning (Faye Byers' great grandson), Marine Riley Callahan (Jane Wilson's grandson), Eric Clakley (husband of Rachel Richey Clakley), 1st Lt. Dan Cohen (Geneva Curry's grandson), Wesley Iley (Cecil Allert's grandson), Stephen Jarman (Gene Jarman's son), Brandon Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's husband), Cpl. Justin Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's brother-in-law), Tech Sgt. Chad Knox (Lynn Lindsay's nephew), SSG (P) John M. Lewis (Nona Gold's great nephew), Michael Scott Meischen, US Navy (Sue Meischen's grandson), Alexandria Ogg (Elissa Kloppe's cousin), Sean Pavelka (Kim Graley's cousin), SSGT Hans Pugh (Tim Pugh's son), Cpl. Peyton Sackett (Randi Wardian's friend), Col. Kenneth Tovo (Kathie's brother), Thomas Walker (Johanna's husband), Chester Wall (Karen Young's nephew), Holden Wilkie (Sally Tanberg's son), Tyler Wilkins (Georjean Blanton's great nephew), Scott Zaleski (Judy & Cy Zaleski's son). Jason Zirkle (Leif Dove's cousin), Megan Montgomery's husband, Mark.

PLEASE NOTE:

Prayer requests are listed for one month and then automatically roll off, unless you advise us otherwise. If you know of a listed concern that no longer needs our prayers, please let us know.

Please take a moment to write a note, on a Prayer Post Card, to individuals for whom you are praying. Prayer Post Cards are available in the pews. If you do not know the address, cards may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office for mailing.

SAINT JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

For a full description of Sunday School Classes at Saint John's, please see the brochure on the table by the front doors.

Companions Class, Annex A

For progressive 40-something couples, singles and partners. Part of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Contact: Cathy Kyle, 450-0919.

Crossroads, Rm. 201

The Crossroads Class is for young, single, partnered or married adults, 20 - 30 years of age. Crossroads represents where many young adults are: in college/grad school, or recently in the work world, a first or second job... at a crossroads, near a transition. The discussion-oriented class provides support in faith development, relationship building, work-life coaching, with curriculum and focus provided by Dr. Mike Renquist and socials engineered by the Journey Young Adult Class.

Discussion Class, Rm. 119

People in this class consider relevant books and papers within the context of the Bible and our Faith. The class discusses the intersection of current social issues and Christian Faith. Contact: Bill Harris, 454.1052 or billandlibharris@sbcglobal.net

Fellowship Class, Rm. 210

Ralph's lesson from the book of Thessalonians explored how God's faithfulness to us requires that we live faithfully. Several members shared some examples of their experiences with faithfulness. We were surprised and pleased that Dorothy Hutchison was back with us today. Her daughter was one of our visitors along with Maxine Seay's daughter, Chris, and E.C. Herber's son, Kerry and his

wife, Melody. We also had a surprise visit from Pastor Paul Escamilla - we had a full house today!

Happy Heretics, 5900 Wynona, Front

Have you ever wondered what Jesus actually looked like? Was he really a healer? How did his first followers hear his message? What was the Star of Bethlehem? Who was at the Last Supper, and what was the Holy Grail? How was he crucified, and why? Join the Happy Heretics as we hear from leading biblical scholars and archeologists in the National Geographic program, Science of the Bible.

Journey Young Adults Class, Rm. 207

The Journey Class meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 207 - the first room to the right at the top of the stairs. The Journey Class is a class for adults mostly in their 30s, many starting families (but certainly not required). We discuss spirituality, social responsibility, current events, and our shared story as Christians and as Methodists. Contact Hilary Marchbanks with questions.

Open Circle, Annex C

Singles and couples class that utilizes guest speakers, videotapes and Bible studies in a discussion format. All are welcome. Contact Beth Siever if you have any questions at: bsiever@austin.rr.com.

Seekers Class, 5900 Wynona, Back

Singles and couples in their 30s to 50s seeking to become better disciples of Christ through primarily scripture-based studies. Class time is informal yet enriching through education, prayer and support for each other. The class also enjoys family-oriented service and social events.

Serenity Class, Rm. 206

Our class serves as a bridge between the church and those of us who struggle with our own compulsive nature, whether it involves work, food, alcohol, drugs, focusing on other people, etc. Whatever is shared within the class remains confidential. We use scripture and the 12-steps of AA as guides for our discussion but the class is not a 12-step meeting.

Wesley Class, Rm. 208

Our lesson was presented by Blain Keith on the subject of God's faithfulness, one of God's key attributes. Our human response to God's faithfulness is wanting to live faithfully ourselves. Today's lesson explored being faithful through prayer and work. We welcomed Joe Birdwell back to class after his surgery. Phil Darby's leg surgery was a success. A.G. Walker reported he experienced a slight stroke this past week, but is okay. The class voted to send the church a memorial in honor of De Etta Sayers.
