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**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Make the Connection

Didjano we had Sunday School classes for ALL ages, not just kids?

Didjano how many Sunday School classes we have for adults??

(Hint: 5)

Didjano know the names of all these classes??

Faith Followers

The Fellowship

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Hopebuilders

The Rock

Faith Followers

Looking for a lively discussion class studying the book of Acts? Head down stairs and go to the end of the hall. This class began as the “young marrieds” and eventually, as the years ticked by, aged out of the title and decided to include those who aren’t married. Now they are the “Faith Followers”. The teacher, Jennifer Harrison, said, “It’s a great group. We like to laugh and have fun. However, we are serious about learning what God is saying to us during Sunday School time. And, we are faithful in praying for each other.”



The Fellowship

A circular logo with a yellow background and a white border. The words "Sunday School" are written in a black, cursive font. "Sunday" is on the top line and "School" is on the bottom line, with the "S" in "School" being significantly larger and more ornate.

When you walk into Carson Hall to attend this class you are never disappointed in the lesson and the fellowship. Art Rowe heads the class which you can not deny is the driving force behind its popularity. I remember my first visit to the church when my husband and I were enthusiastically greeted by Art after the service and invited to attend the class. His mannerism alone sparked our curiosity as to his teaching style. We attended the following Sunday and found it not only rooted in spiritual truth but entertaining to the soul.

Art took over the class in 1994 when Ralph Breedlove stepped down. Ralph had taught the class for 30 years and spent 48 years in the

church before taking his place in the celestial kingdom.

On an average, there are approximately 48 adults that attend regularly. Most are seasoned **Christians with decades of life's experiences but never too old to learn more.**

There are times when Art is not available to lead the class and his much talented assistant, Barbara Hawk **takes the podium. It's not really a podium**-she stands in front of the class and usually has some props, and then we know we are in for a nice surprise.

Above all else, the Lord is honored in praise and thanksgiving before each lesson. Prayer needs are brought to His altar for loved ones, our church family and our nation. If you visit the class you most likely will find people laughing, hugging, and sometimes crying with one another. One thing you will not find- is a stranger.

Heritage



From whence cometh (King James language!) the name of this class? Well, it is held in Heritage Hall and has existed for many years. It uses the Wesley Adult Bible Study Curriculum. Any or all of the above may explain its name. However, they do not define the fellowship and shared growth that is dynamically alive during the class. It is primarily a lecture class; however, discussion is welcome and encouraged.

Utincia Pipkins is the lead teacher and Calvin Frady is her assistant. **This is Utincia's first year teaching this class; and you can tell by her animated conversation about it that she is both blessing others and being blessed in her time as teacher.** During this quarter they have been digesting the truths in the gospel of John. Beginning in **December they will be studying "God's plan always prevails: God Leads Godly Leaders". Utincia shared, "As we study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther; we will strengthen our faith and confidence in God. We will increase our understanding of how He cares for his people and is in control of their lives."**

Members of the class use the Light From the Word devotional booklet throughout the week to stay refreshed and focused on the themes addressed in the class on Sunday.

Hopebuilders



The Hopebuilders class has long been one of the foundational Sunday school classes at BWC. Presently taught by the team of Janene Bryson and John Tinsley, the class explores a wide variety of topics from scripture study to themes that come from everyday life, and sometimes mixing in some historical and archeological stuff (Ray Vander Laan's series).

The class used to be made up of mostly young families with young kids (kind of like Jennifer's Faith Followers are now) but has stayed together as a group as the children have grown and gone on (as children are wont to do), and many of the class members are now dealing with the issue of aging parents. Through it all, they have remained a remarkably cohesive group, greeting new members warmly and openly, sharing burdens and blessings, joys and sorrows.

Currently Janene is leading us through a series titled "Unexplainable", exploring the many ways that the hand of God can be seen in our lives everyday, ways both great and small.

In 2012, Charley Bolen will return to teaching with John and Janene, now that he will be joining the ranks-of-the-retired and will have LOTS of time on his hands. :-)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
Has a Class
FOR YOU**

The Rock



The Rock is a new class that addresses the foundations of the Christian faith. Greg and Luanna Carter worked hard to come up with a set of lessons that covers the important aspects of our faith. The group usually has eight to twelve people, and everyone is free to share their thoughts and experiences. The class helps new Christians understand their new faith walk, but also reinforces pivotal aspects of the faith for mature Christians.

The course will cover; the Bible - who wrote it, how it came into being and how it is the inspired word of God, the Holy Spirit, **the dynamics of God's spirit as it relates to us today**, and finishing off the 12 week course is the study of Jesus-man and Jesus-God. Of course, **God isn't limited by our timeline so don't be surprised if the course goes over 12 weeks!** Luanna described the class like this, "We pray, talk, discuss, read Scripture and try to figure out what all of this really looks like in our lives."The class is open to any adult and meets downstairs at the regular time. It is run by two of nicest people you will ever meet. The reviews on this class have been very good, so don't miss out if you want learn how to walk the path of the Rock.

Psalm 18:2

Devotion Corner

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39, KJV

We have a rooster we call Beaker. He is a top hat chicken with feathers hanging in his face—a strange looking bird. Apparently, the hens of a different breed see the difference and they have rejected him. He had to be separated from the flock because he was getting beat up. Every time we try to integrate him, the hens gang up on him. Beaker has a desire to be with the other chickens but his fear keeps him from defending himself and taking his place as the head of the flock. He runs from falling leaves, sounds, people and squirrels. Fear has caused him to miss his calling and the abundant life he would have as the only rooster over 30 hens.



Just like Beaker, we sometimes allow fear to keep us from what God has purposed for us. Fear can be a vicious teacher of untruths if we allow it. It can cast us into a place where disbelief and unworthiness reign. There is an answer to our fear no matter where it comes from or how long it has hung around. Take it to the one that can cast it out with His love (1 John 4:18), and replace it with power, love and a sound mind, (2 Timothy 1:7), because there is no fear in love.

Prayer:

“Lord help us to come before you and leave our fears at your altar.

To walk away with the power and grace that comes through your love.

To live according to your will. .”

The Question Box

Property Update.

ANSWER - Things are still moving forward, getting down to resolving the last few minor points (**it's to be dotted and t's to be crossed**). **It's also getting to the time of year** when it is difficult to get people together. The closing will most likely occur in January now, so keep on praying fervently and diligently until this chapter in the life of the Church is closed.

YOUR STAFF

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THE GUESS WHO! Is.....

.....the person who attempted the dangerous merger of inner tubes and canoes?

Dr. Bob Hawk, and his (at that time) girlfriend, Barbara.

