



Grow in Faith This Fall!

Fall & Winter 2026

Christian Education
& Small Group
Opportunities

This fall, we invite you to explore a variety of opportunities to learn, connect, and grow in faith together. From engaging Bible studies and thoughtful discussions to opportunities for all ages, there's a place for everyone to deepen their relationship with God and one another.

Take a look at what's coming this fall and
find an opportunity that's right for you!

Sunday School Classes - 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Good Book Class

Join us in exploring selected scenes from "The Chosen", using each as a springboard to examine its scriptural foundation, character development, major themes, and practical application to our lives of faith. We'll also explore biblical references, Christian themes, and spiritual symbolism in television and film. Whether you're familiar with "The Chosen" or enjoy discussion about Scripture and faith, all are welcome.

Location: Room 405 (or Zoom) Call the church office for the Zoom link.

Leaders: Brandon Hammond and Matthew Jackson

G.I.F.T. Class - "Growing in Faith Together"

Join us as we journey through the book of Romans, discovering God's grace, growing in faith, and learning together. Everyone is welcome!

Location: Activity Room

Leader: Herb Bryan

Calvin Class

The Calvin Class has been sharing the gospel for over 75 years. We gather for prayer and open, informal discussions on spiritual topics. Join us as we seek God's guidance together.

Location: Rankin Building

Leader: Crawford MacKethan

Youth Sunday School - 6th through 12th graders

Join us as we dive deeper into familiar Bible stories and teachings, exploring what God is teaching us and how Jesus calls us to live today. Through passages like the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, we'll discover what it means to follow Him faithfully. Students will be encouraged to ask questions, explore Scripture, build meaningful relationships, and grow in faith together..

Location: Middle & High School Room

Leaders: Rodney & Tina Baker

Children's Sunday School - Sunday School is a special time for children to grow in their knowledge and love of God through Bible stories, prayer, age-appropriate lessons and engaging activities that help children discover God's Word and learn how it connects to their everyday lives.

Toddlers (Birth - 2) & Ages 3 to 5

Locations: Toddlers Room 128 & Ages 3 to 5 Room 104 (In the 1st floor Nursery Area)

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Elementary children will explore the stories of some of the Bible's most courageous friends, as well as Elisha. Through these stories, children will discover how God provides, protects, and works through everyday people who choose to obey Him.

Location: Room 208

Children & Youth Christian Education

Sundays, September through May 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz: Bible & Activity *Pre-K 3 to Kindergarten*

Bible adventures, music exploration, and fellowship dinner to grow in faith together. Our youngest Kingdom Kidz will use the Frolic Preschool curriculum which brings the Bible to life through hands-on play, relatable stories, crafts, and interactive music. New Testament and Old Testament lessons will teach us about the Bible, while storybooks explore emotions and relationships.

Location: Room 210

Kingdom Kidz: Bible & Activity *1st to 5th Grade*

Our elementary Kingdom Kidz will be delving into the Bible through stories, videos, games, skits, Legos, and crafts. This semester, we will learn about God's People on the Move, beginning in Genesis and working up into the New Testament. The age-appropriate lessons are taught in 2 different groups – 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade.

Location: Room 207

Kingdom Kidz Music *Pre-K 3 to 5th Grade*

During Kingdom Kidz Music Time, children will learn to read music, play percussion instruments and handchimes, and navigate the hymnal. This year's theme, Growing in Grace: Finding Your Voice...to Be Like Jesus, encourages children to use their voices to worship God, pray, encourage others, speak up for those in need, and share the Good News of Jesus.

S.U.R.G.E. Youth Group *6th to 12th Grade*

S.U.R.G.E. (Serve. Unite. Reach. Grow. Engage.) is a vibrant youth ministry focused on helping young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Through Bible study, discussions on relevant faith topics, mission opportunities, and meaningful service, students are encouraged to live out their faith and share God's love with others. Youth build lasting friendships through fellowship, games, devotionals, and fun activities in a welcoming and supportive environment. Together, we strive to grow spiritually, serve our community, and encourage one another in faith.

Location: Middle School & High School Rooms

New to Kingdom Kidz and S.U.R.G.E. Youth?

Scan Me

Register your child online at bit.ly/KidzAndYouth or scan the QR Code.



To register your child in person or for more information, contact:

Britany Spivey at christianed@firstprez.com

Casey MacLuskie at youth@firstprez.com

or call the church office at (910) 483-0121

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Tapestry - Women's Bible Study

Join us as we study "Life Under the Sun: The Unexpectedly Good News of Ecclesiastes" by Hannah Anderson. Feeling like life is constantly changing and shifting beneath your feet? Join us for an 8-session where together, we'll explore the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, honestly name our anxieties and disappointments, and discover a deeper hope in the One who is faithful through every season of life. Come find encouragement, community, and a solid foundation as we learn to trust God with all our days "under the sun."

Meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning September 17

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Ann Rowell

David's Mighty Men - Men's Small Group

David's Mighty Men welcomes all the men of the church to join us monthly for a time of fellowship and devotion. Every meeting begins with dinner and is followed by a group discussion, devotion or study. By design, this ministry is 'less formal' than some of the more traditional men's ministries, with an emphasis on fellowship and camaraderie built with thoughtful discussion and time spent in the Word. David's Mighty Men actively pursues community mission projects, assists with cookouts for the children's ministry, and assists with church facilities as needed.

Meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Terry Plummer

Message Seekers

This book study group gathers weekly to read and discuss important Christian books. This fall, we invite you to read with us! We will start with "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Tish Harrison Warren, and will finish out the year with "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Our mission is to read important literature and work together to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's message for us today. All are welcome to join the Message Seekers at any point in the year.

Meets every Monday at 12 p.m.

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Andrea Horosko

COAP (Caregivers of Aging Persons)

COAP is a caring, Christian support group for people who are caregivers for aging persons. COAP helps you find the support you need and to learn what you can do for yourself, as well as for your loved one. Everyone is welcome.

Meets the last Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Coordinator: Janice Luce

Adult Small Group Opportunities Continued

MomCo - *For moms of all ages*

We are SO excited for this year's theme: Good Company. Over the next year, we'll be hitting rewind to the good ole days of 90s friendship. When friendship meant dropping by for a quick hang instead of scheduling something weeks in advance. When community felt tangible and supportive instead of digital and isolating. This is the year of analog friendship. Good Company — and a little bit of good trouble too.

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays each month from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 PM

Location: Room 413 beginning September 13

Coordinators: Kathryn Boyette and Vicki Kelly

The Gathering: Foundations - *For Young and Mid-Life Adults*

The Gathering is moving out of the classroom and into a more casual setting this Fall, meeting at Haymount Truckstop on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 4:45–6:00 PM. Each gathering will include a short devotional and informal discussion, with time to eat, relax, and enjoy fellowship together. Come as you are, grab some dinner, and join us for meaningful conversation, community, and a chance to grow in faith alongside others.

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays each month at 4:45 p.m. beginning on September 20

Location: Haymount Truckstop

Coordinator: Brandon Hammond

Basketball

Join in weekly pick-up games and devotion.

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Coordinators: Brian Pearce and Alan Ray

Women of the Church - *For Adult Women*

Women of the Church (WOC) is a historical organization dedicated to Bible Study, prayer, Christian Fellowship, and service to our church and community. The two Circles are:

Hannah Circle

Meets on the second Thursday of each month beginning September 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church Room 225

Leader & Bible Study Teacher: Kathy Nickell & Nancy Billman

Martha Circle

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 8 at 10 a.m.

Location: Church Parlor

Leader & Coordinator: Maude Bledsoe & Joann Pearce

Adult Small Group Opportunities Continued

Prayer: Beyond the Emoji

The Engagement Committee is pleased to present a new 6-week course with the theme of Deepening Our Conversation with God.

Meets on October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Various members homes (TBA)

Coordinator: Rodney Baker

Dinner for Six-ish - For Singles, Couples & Families

Dinner For Six-ish is a fun supper social dining program. Sessions run September through November, January through March and April through June. Volunteer hosts coordinate mutually agreeable dates and times for a dining out or in-home collaborative fellowship meal.

Meeting times and locations are determined by the group.

Sign up forms are in Eller Hall or email lobpt01@verizon.net

Coordinators: Lou Brooks & Ann McRae

S.A.L.T. (Seasoned Adults Learning Together)

The S.A.L.T. members meet monthly for breakfast and also travel monthly to various locations and events. This is a time of fellowship, as well as visiting exciting locations, plays, concerts, etc.

S.A.L.T. meets monthly for fellowship breakfast on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am

Location: JK's Deli

Coordinator: Nancy Billman and Chris Carson

Dr. Cagle's Adult Wednesday Night Class

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study

Together, we will explore the life and teachings of Jesus, challenging our assumptions and deepening our faith as we grow stronger roots and bear new fruit in our walk with Christ. All are welcome, whether you are studying Matthew for the first time or returning to it with fresh eyes.

Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept 16

Location: Activity Room

Coordinator: Dr. Cagle

For questions or more information on any small group, feel free to contact the group's coordinator, email Britney Spivey at christianed@firstprez.com or call the church office at (910) 483-0121.

Music Ministry Opportunities

You are invited to choose the group that fits your skill level and join in leading Worship!

Celebration Choir - *Those committed to leading worship in song*

This choir sings every Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship. The ability to read music is helpful. This group also prepares classical music for larger performances, such as Fauré "Requiem" planned for March 2027.

Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 2.

Location: Choir Room

First Presbyterian Women's Ensemble - *Youth and Adult Women*

This group prepares an anthem and participates in both worship services once a month. Musical experience is not required. This is a great place to begin.

Meets Sundays at 12:15 p.m.

Location: Choir Room

Men of God - *By invitation only*

Musical training is required for this group. Interested men can contact Dr. Marcia Mervin for auditions.

Rehearsals scheduled by the group.

Canticle Ringers (Handbells) - *6th grade and up*

Join us in the tradition of ringing church bells! Elementary music reading skills are extremely helpful.

Meets on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.

Location: Handbell Room

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Meets during Kingdom Kidz on Sundays 4:30 -6:30 p.m.

Church Orchestra - *Middle School Youth through Adults*

Contact Dr. Marcia Mervin if you would like to participate in this twice-a-year orchestral experience. Open to middle school through adult instrumentalists with intermediate level music skills.

Meets during Advent and Lent for a Saturday rehearsal and a leads worship the following day.

Location: Sanctuary



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