New Sunday Morning Discipleship Block

For several months, we have been promoting this new and big change to how we gather on Sunday mornings. Starting on **September 6th**, we will be launching an approximately 6-month trial period testing out this new format, seeing how it works for us and if this is the best path forward for us as we pursue growing in Knowing, Loving, and Following Jesus. During this trial period, we will have a congregational vote at our Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2027 on whether or not this will become our permanent Sunday morning schedule.

As a reminder, here is how the format will look:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Traditional Service in the Auditorium

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM (Discipleship Block)
Adult Discipleship Classes
Student Ministries Sunday School
Children's Church
Nursery

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Modern Service in the Auditorium
Children's Sunday School
Nursery

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Sermon Lab in the Café

For the remainder of this letter, we will be detailing what all will be offered during the new Discipleship Block.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY:

During the Discipleship block, (9:15-10:00 A.M.) nursery will be available for those 2-years-old and under, while the rest of the children, 3-years to 5th grade, will meet for Children's Church in Rooms 108/112 in the children's wing. This session will be led by Pastor Heather and assisted by volunteers in a whole group setting for a shorter Bible Lesson experience.

After the Children's Church session, there are a few things that will happen.

- Children being picked up will do so from the room 112 doorway. Please pick up by 10:10 A.M., so we can transition the remaining children.
- Those children staying for Sunday School, will remain in the Children's Wing and go to the auditorium at 10:10 A.M. for worship time before returning to the classrooms.
- This will allow teachers time to prep, give a break for the kids, and keep everyone accounted for between sessions. Once kids are in the auditorium, if you would like your child to sit with you during worship, that is fine, or they can sit up front in the Kidz Zone.

It may take a few weeks to get used to this, so please be patient as we work out the kinks!

-Pastor Heather

STUDENT MINISTRIES SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Five Forks Student Ministries will meet from 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM in the Student Ministry Center. (SMC) We will begin with some games and discussion, followed by a bible study/devotion from Pastor Michael or one of our volunteer leaders. Other times, the students may get the chance to break into small groups (Jr. and Sr. High boys and girls) to discuss our current topic. At 10:00 A.M., we will head to the Auditorium for the 10:15 A.M. Modern Worship Service!

-Pastor Michael

FIVE FORKS FFSM STUDENT MINISTRIES

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

"Through the Bible" Discipleship Class:

During the Discipleship block, this class for adults meets in **Room C2 (upstairs by the pastoral offices).** The goal of this class is simple... Going through the Bible! Currently, the class is being led by Sue Crowe in a study of The Gospel of Luke. Luke is a beautifully written and accurate account of the life and ministry of Jesus with much for us to learn. You are welcome to join us in studying Jesus – the Son of Man who came to seek and to save those who are lost.

Also, please make sure you bring your Bible. You're going to need it, because we're going to read it!

"Golden Links" Discipleship Class:

Our class is called the Golden Link Discipleship Class. Although, you do not have to be golden in years, thought, or actions to join us. Everyone is welcome!

Our class meets in the **Chapel.** We cover many different topics and have several different teachers who will take turns leading the class. We have plenty of opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ask questions. The length of our topics typically last between 4-8 weeks at a time.

For the month of September, we are starting a 4-week series entitled "Divided We Stand: How to Love When We Disagree." The leader for this series will be the infamous, the one and only... Howie Schroyer! Please join us for some great discussion and fun as well.

Ladies' Discipleship Class:

Are you looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith, connect with other women, and navigate the unique seasons of life? Join our ladies' discipleship class where we will journey together through rich, meaningful discussions on a variety of topics tailored to where we are in life today. From deepening our daily prayer walk and understanding Scripture to balancing family, career, and personal transitions, this class will offer a supportive community of women seeking to anchor their hearts in God's truth. Come as you are, bring your questions and your wisdom, as we strive to live out our faith with renewed purpose, passion, and grace! We meet in **Room A20 located in the basement area beneath the Gym.**

Young Adult Discipleship Class:

Join us as we explore practical ways to apply God's Word to everyday life. Connect with other young adults, grow in your faith, and be encouraged through meaningful dialogue and authentic community. Everyone is welcome—we'd love to have you join us in September!

The Young Adult Discipleship Class will be meeting in **Rooms A25 & A26, located in the basement area underneath the Gym.**

Time for Prayer:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 is one of the shortest verses in the Bible, yet it contains one of the most powerful commands as it simply states, "Never stop praying." If you are finding that it is difficult to stop and pray throughout your regular schedule, then we encourage you to utilize this opportunity to use our **Prayer Room (located off the Auditorium foyer).**

This can be for a time of individual prayer, group prayer, writing down prayer requests on our prayer board, or taking previously written requests and dedicating a time of prayer to them.

Fellowship in the Café:

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus famously said this to his disciples, "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

There is something special about taking time to gather with fellow believers in Jesus. That is why we would like to encourage folks who may not prefer attending a class to instead utilize the opportunity to sit in our **Café** area to talk and fellowship with others. Even though it may not be a formal class, there is still much we can learn and grow from by conversations with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Future Options:

We are not limited to what has been listed above! We'd like to continue to encourage you all as our Church Family to see if the Lord is perhaps calling you to lead a class that meets every week, similar to the options listed above. We would also like to encourage the idea of "Short-term Classes". A Short-term Class would be focused on a certain topic that would be held for a specific amount of time and then conclude (Example: A 6-week class on Christian Finances & Stewardship). If you have any interest in leading a class like the ideas mentioned above, please contact Pastor Brady (brady@ffbic.org or 717-762-2991 ext. 209).

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