

April, 2021

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*Acts 2: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*



In reflecting on the last year, I am struck by the confusion and turmoil, by the frustration and struggles that have challenged all of us. Certainly, prayer has been at the forefront of everything we do, from beginning meetings to expanding the sharing of local concerns within the life of the church. Everything we have done has been covered in prayer and I want to thank you for such wonderful support.

In the early church prayer was an important part of daily community life. Everything was bathed in prayer, both corporate and individual. When you think of the early church and the challenges that came with sharing the gospel during that time, they could not have done it without prayer. Certainly, the challenges we have faced in the past year could not have been met without prayer.

As we prepare for the next season of ministry I invite you to join us in praying for our community. Recognizing that moving forward from Covid-19 things will be different for everyone, and especially difficult for many of our local businesses. At Asbury we want the people of Greeneville and Greene county to know we are here for them, and perhaps more importantly praying for them.

Currently, we have regular weekly praises and prayer concerns shared with the congregation during worship on Sunday morning and by email on Monday. When people ask we visit, lay hands, anoint with oil and pray. People have been prayed for in person, on the phone, via email, and over zoom.

To more effectively serve the prayer needs of our community we will provide prayer cards to the Church Family that may be shared. We will also provide these cards to local businesses and organizations to be shared with their patrons. Each card will include a new prayer email address ([prayer@asburylife.org](mailto:prayer@asburylife.org)) and contact information for the church. This email will be checked at least twice a day and responded to. In responding to these emails we will verify if these requests may be shared publicly on Sunday, or if they are to be kept semi-private within the needs of the community.

We will open our prayer room daily. This will enable members of the Asbury family to come in and pray for the needs of our community as well as the prayer concerns of the congregation. We will also look for ways to open the prayer room to our community.

I hope you will join me in the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, by praying today for our community, our friends, and our neighbors.

Blessings, Jerry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Gerald J. Jernigan".

## April Birthdays

Chuck Whitfield 4/1  
Doris Allen 4/2  
Donna McInturff 4/4  
Ruth Whitfield 4/6  
Patricia Quarles 4/8  
BriAnna Allen 4/8  
Rebecca Shepherd 4/9  
Jillian Carter 4/9  
Tee Earl 4/11  
Seth Ottinger 4/12  
Anna Biumi 4/12  
Anna Claire Vaughan 4/12  
Matt Cooter 4/14  
Eugene Johnson 4/15  
Bill Brown 4/15  
Madison Hite 4/16  
Andrew Parsons 4/17  
Matthew Fisher 4/17  
Barbara Lawson 4/17  
Mike Hartsell 4/18  
Marge Saulsbury 4/19  
Riggs Leonard 4/19  
Tyler McInturff 4/20  
Devin Bradford 4/20  
Kyle McInturff 4/20  
Cole Broyles 4/22  
Leon Bell 4/22  
Bart Reviere 4/22  
Andrew Fisher 4/23  
Trevor Barret 4/23  
Susan Kilday 4/23  
Julie Ellis 4/25  
Don Fox 4/26  
Jim Seip 4/30

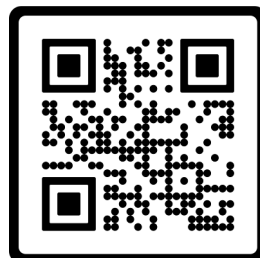
## Expanded Prayer Ministry



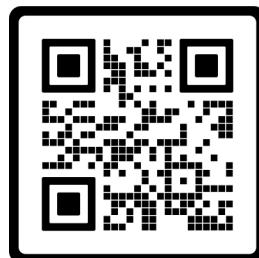
We are expanding our Prayer Ministry to include a dedicated prayer email and prayer cards. You will be receiving cards in the mail for your use. You can hand them out or leave them for people. If you would like more than what you receive contact the church office.

## Connection Cards & QR Codes

Now available during the service you can fill out our digital connection cards. And for your convenience you can scan the QR codes that are on the pew backs or in the fellowship hall they will be on your table. The codes are also posted through out the sanctuary and fellowship hall. These codes will take you directly to each link.



Bulletin



Connection Card



Giving



Prayer

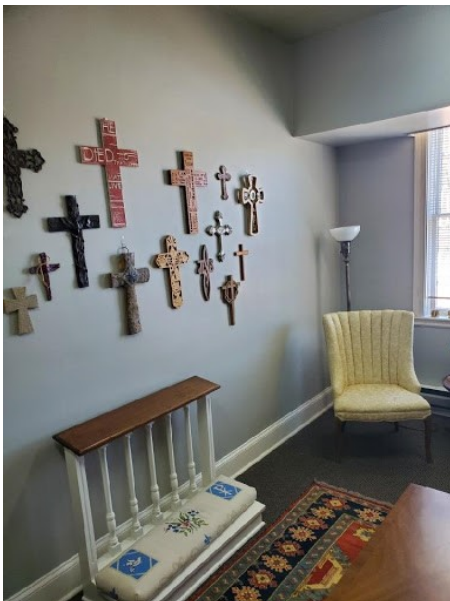
## Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell



Mulching and landscaping of the flower beds around the church campus is in progress.



Equipment in the sound area of the Sanctuary has been mounted and rearranged for better operation. Making the process easier and smoother.



Repairs are complete in the prayer room and in the lower two bathrooms.

We are starting our work on the 5 year maintenance plan for the church. Look for skyline to be in and around the church this spring and summer.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone back in church  
Keith Cornwell

## April Anniversaries

Shane & Stephanie Hite 4/4  
Kevin & Diana James 4/20  
Shelby & Lynda Sullivan 4/21  
Shannon & April Johnson 4/24

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
- Bea Jennings
- Barbara Lawson
- Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Buck Mathes
- Cheryl Smith

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
- Winifred Kuper
- Kermit Justis
- Pat Logan

### Living at Brookdale

- Linda Allen
- Mel Mauck

### Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

### Out of State Facilities

- Martha Chudina

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.

## UMW- President Sally Andrew

Happy Spring!

Hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful "new birth" with all the budding and blooming flowers and trees. Of course, those of you with spring allergies may not enjoy them quite as much! Spring is always a welcome sight at our house because the visual setting goes from "drab to fab!" I love all the shades of greens, pinks and whites. It seems like each one of the trees is trying to outdo the others. Our God is such an amazing designer, isn't he?

I want to thank you for your phone calls, cards and prayers during my surgery and recovery. They are all cherished and greatly appreciated.

April's focus is "Unbound to Share Good News."

Objective: To learn how women experience freedom in Christ through the stories of the unbound woman and the women at the empty tomb and to apply that understanding to the work of our Regional Missionaries.

Prayer: Oh Love That Will Not Let Us Go, meet us, setting aside the cares of the day and anxieties of the night. Risen Christ, meet us as we pray, fill our hearts with your mercy. Holy Dove, descend upon us and kindle the flame in our hearts. With our sisters around the world, we pray in your name. Amen

Scripture: Matthew 27:54-61; Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 13: 10-16

Imagine how difficult it must have been for the bent over woman, who had suffered for 18 years, to show up at the synagogue that day. None of the healers or rabbis had been able to help her. The pain she must have endured to just "show up" on that Sabbath! Wouldn't it have been easier to just stay at home? Instead she chose to be courageous and faithful in prayer. Can you imagine how difficult it must have been for Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph to "show up" at the tomb that morning? The women were courageous to stay with Jesus through the trial and crucifixion. Wouldn't it have been easier to avoid any whispers and stares by staying home that morning? They too chose to be courageous and show up remaining faithful in prayer.

These stories reveal the courage to be faithful and "show up" which opens us to receive the grace of Jesus Christ. The good news of Easter is that when we choose to be faithful in prayer, we are met by the risen Christ. Being set free from whatever barriers we face should encourage us to share the "good news" with great joy!

Happy Easter!

Sally

### 2021 Officers

President: Sally Andrew

Vice President: Debby Hendrix

Secretary: Tee Earl

Treasurer: Barbara Clanton

Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson

Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan

Scholarship Treasure: Barbara Clanton

Reading Program: Becki McInturff

Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral

Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon

Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Kim Brown

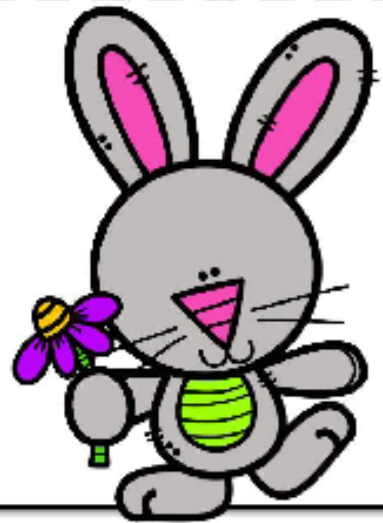
Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum

Historian: Bennie Brooks



# APRIL

## ACEC Monthly Newsletter



We are now posting contagious illnesses on a whiteboard at the front desk. We will also be posting contagious illnesses at the classroom where the illness is.

### STAFF SHOUT OUTS

Parents, If you see a staff member doing something awesome or just going above and beyond, get a sticky note and let them know on our staff shout out board.



### Dates to Remember

04/01 ACEC Easter Egg Hunt  
04/02 ACEC Closed Good Friday

### Birthdays

Kaidence 04/03  
Whitaker 04/16  
Lindy 04/27

### Consignment Sale Update

ACEC will not have a spring consignment sale this year. We are looking at having a sale late summer to early fall.

# Confirmation Class of 2021



**Nash Barnes**, son of Mike & Wendy Barnes, was born January 16, 2006. He has five siblings Nash is a Freshman at GHS where he is a member of the Cross Country Track Team. His favorite color is blue and his favorite subject is Science. His favorite place is the Holston Home Cross Country field. His favorite Bible verse is Matthew 22:37 and his favorite Bible character is Noah. He looks up to his Dad and hopes to save someone's life someday. He wants everyone to know he is a very caring person.



**Anastasia Smith**, daughter of Waverly & Miranda Smith was born September 2, 2008. She has two siblings. Anastasia is a seventh grader at GMS and a member of the GMS Cheer Squad & Softball team. Her favorite color is light blue and her favorite subject is Math. Her favorite places are Dollar Tree and the Beach. Her favorite Bible verse is Joh 15:13 and her favorite Bible character is Jonah. She looks up to her Mom and hopes to be a pediatric surgeon some day. She wants everyone to know she loves to paint.



**Emerson Hensley**, son of Rachel Hensley was born January 8, 2008. Emerson is a seventh grader at GMS. He loves playing soccer and fishing. His favorite color is blue and his favorite subject is Social Studies. His favorite place is Germany. His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 and his favorite Bible character is Jesus. He looks up to his Papaw Hensley and hopes to be successful in life. He wants everyone to know that he loves soccer, Nutty Butty's and Steak.





As believers, we are called to actively spread God's words and love to make a positive difference in the world, whether it be our loved ones or strangers from another country.



## April Needs

**Adult size T-Shirts for Boys & Girls**  
**Frozen Chicken Nuggets**  
**Frozen French Fries**

### **A note from Greene County Isaiah 117 House**

Please add the following to your daily prayer calendar:  
Please prayer for Isaiah 117 house, the children that come thru the doors, the DCS workers who work feverishly to take care of these children and the foster families/kinship who receive these children.  
Pray for 117 days at 1:17 pm-this is 117 days until **July 17**, our Lemonade Stand fundraiser.





### Virtual Prom Closet

Asbury Family Ministries held our first ever virtual Prom Closet on Saturday, March 6th. We felt this year, of all years, our community needed this more than ever. Celebrating 15 years of serving Greeneville and Greene County with our Prom Closet!

Many thanks to Jeff Taylor, for being our MC/Host for our virtual event. He did an outstanding job! Thank you to our very own youth young ladies and members of the Greeneville High Dance Team for modeling our dresses for the event. Everyone had a blast! Another successful year of carrying on the tradition Mrs. Barbara Lawson started 15 years ago when the Blessed Dress Ministry was started here at Asbury!



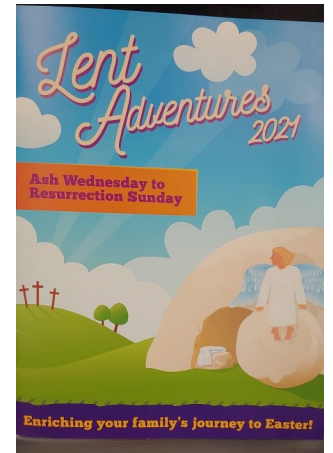




Kim Brown, Director of Children Ministries



Hope you have enjoyed your Lent Adventure! I would love to see any pictures of you and your family participating in your adventures!



Asbury KIDMIN is excited about our Easter Bible Verse Challenge and Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt that will be taking place of our Annual Easter Celebration.

Each child was mailed everything they need for this event! The Bible verse challenge must be completed first in order to have the answers for your scavenger hunt. The whole scavenger hunt will take place in downtown Greenville! Children are asked to send in a selfie at each clue they find to be entered in the EASTER Grand Prize drawing! A boy & girl in each age group will be drawn. If you did not receive your information or would like one family visiting during Easter, please reach out to Mrs. Kim.

Thank you to all the downtown business for supporting our Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.



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# FAITH FORWARD APRIL

*Prayer requires more of the heart than of the tongue. - Adam Clarke*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> Thank Jesus for His life, death, and resurrection.	<b>5</b> Tell God about some beautiful things you noticed today.	<b>6</b> Pray for a friend that you would like to share the Gospel with.	<b>7</b> Pray for the leaders of your church.	<b>1</b> Ask God for a strong desire to love what is good and hate what is evil. - Romans 12:9	<b>2</b> Tell God what you like about April.	<b>3</b> Pray with your parent(s) or your sibling(s).
<b>11</b> Read 1 Peter 5:7 and talk to God about that verse.	<b>12</b> Pray for everyone you know who is going through hard times.	<b>13</b> Pray with your friend or relative over the phone.	<b>14</b> Tell God about your favorite place in the world.	<b>8</b> Pray for people who are sick and need healing.	<b>9</b> Take turns talking about what God is teaching you right now in your life.	<b>10</b> Pray to God about your friends, and their needs or situations.
<b>18</b> Go outside and thank God for His creation.	<b>19</b> Pray a big, bold prayer for a God-sized miracle.	<b>20</b> Ask God for strength to face your fears.	<b>21</b> Thank God for three people that make you feel loved.	<b>15</b> Pray for your family members, each by name.	<b>16</b> Tell God your biggest dream.	<b>17</b> Pray for someone whose name starts with the letter I.
<b>25</b> Ask God to make you more aware of His presence in your life.	<b>26</b> Find a quiet place and simply sit in silence with God. Don't speak, just listen.	<b>27</b> For whom or what do you want to pray today?	<b>28</b> Make a list of the people you miss. Pray for them by name.	<b>22</b> Today pray without saying a word. Instead, write God a letter.	<b>23</b> Ask God to show you someone who needs kindness or comfort.	<b>24</b> Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today. Simply enjoy God's handiwork and then tell Him what you're thinking.
<b>29</b> Look at the world map and pray for children in other countries.	<b>30</b> Tell God something about life that bothers you.	<b>31</b> Pray for someone who is hurting.	<b>32</b> Pray for someone who is lonely.	<b>33</b> Pray for someone who is sad.	<b>34</b> Pray for someone who is angry.	<b>35</b> Pray for someone who is nervous.





Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

If you want to get in on all the fun, or would like to help with youth in other ways, please reach out to Natasha. We always welcome volunteers!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 	3
4 	5	6	7 <b>Youth 5:00-6:30</b>	8	9	10
11 <b>10:00 &amp; 11:00</b>	12	13	14 <b>Youth 5:00-6:30</b>	15	16	17
18 <b>Youth 5:00-6:30</b>	19	20	21 <b>Youth 5:00-6:30</b>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <b>Youth 5:00-6:30</b>	29	30	

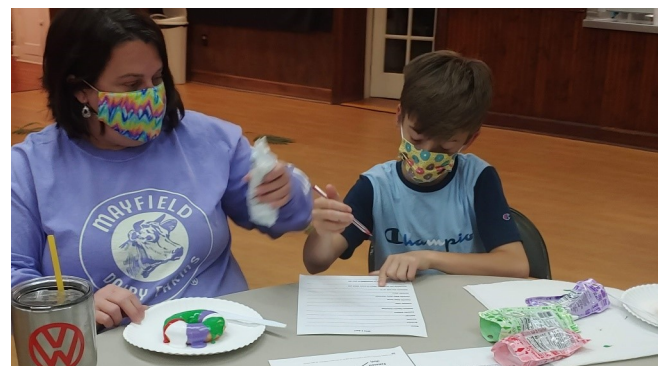
Floral Calendar From Wishshi.Com

## Events

- April 2nd - Good Friday
- April 4th - Easter Sunday
- April 7th - Youth Sunday Prep
- April 11th - Youth Sunday
- April 14th - Bible Study
- April 18th - Bible Study
- April 21st - Big words of the Bible
- April 28th - Bible Study

The youth have been busy! We have been playing games, enjoying fellowship, hearing from those in our community, and most importantly, we have been worshipping as a group again. April is going to be filled with even more opportunities to come together and grow in our relationships and our faith. Our big event this month is Youth Sunday! We understand the importance of leading worship and are reminded that leading worship is not for us, but worship is an opportunity to help lead others towards Christ. We hope you will join us on April 11th to worship with us.

\*\*There will be no youth on April 4th or 11th



# 2021 Leadership

## Church council:

Chairperson Lee Duckworth  
Secretary Susan Bowers  
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones  
Director of  
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Director of  
Student Ministries Natasha DeBord  
Director of  
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Director of Contemporary  
Worship Abby Whitaker  
Lay Leader Bill Rymer  
Lay Leader Margaret Akins  
Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan  
Lay Member to  
AC-Alternate Abigail Brown  
Children's Council  
Rep Amanda Richey  
Senior Adult Rep Dinah Seip  
UMW Rep Sally Andrew  
ACEC Chairperson Abby Lawson  
Mission Team  
Chairperson Rob Brown  
Trustees  
Chairperson Tom Cole / Tom Smith  
Staff-Parish  
Chairperson George Tvardy  
Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

## Finance Committee:

Chairperson Rodney Bell  
Treasurer Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells  
Financial Secretary Susan Bowers  
Trustees Chairperson Tom Cole/ Tom Smith  
Staff-Parish  
Chairperson George Tvardy  
Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard  
Lay Leader TBD  
Leadership Team  
Chairperson Lee Duckworth  
Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

## At-Large

Year 3 Bill Brown  
Year 3 Barbara Clanton  
Year 2 Brian Allen  
Year 2 Maynard Austin  
Year 1 Vicky Cole  
Year 1 TBD

## Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Debby Hendrix  
Year 3 Frank Holzschuh  
Year 3 Ben Brooks  
Year 2 Phyllis Stansfield  
Year 2 Bettye Ann Bewley  
Year 2 Dawn Wright  
Year 1 Judy Reviere  
Year 1 John Cash  
Year 1 Art Masker  
Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3 Carolyn Ricker  
Year 3 Frieda Wright  
Year 3 George Tvardy-Board Chair  
Year 2 Lori Duckworth  
Year 2 Dale Landers  
Year 2 Sandra Fox  
Year 1 Marjorie Bullen  
Year 1 Chuck Pearson  
Year 1 Jim Seip  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

## Trustees:

Year 3 Pat Bradford  
Year 3 Brandon Hull  
Year 3 Suzanne Wagner  
Year 2 Dave Wright  
Year 2 Phyllis Bible  
Year 2 Alice Russell  
Year 1 John Loven  
Year 1 Tom Cole –Co-Chair  
Year 1 Tom Smith –Co-Chair  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones  
Ex-Officio Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

## ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3 Jessica McAfee  
Year 3 Don Stansfield  
Year 3 Abby Lawson –Board Chair  
Year 2 Brittani Hirschy  
Year 2 Brenda Ottinger  
Year 2 Janie Laws  
Year 2 Holly McGaw  
Year 1 Mary Louise Fisher  
Year 1 Stephanie Hite  
Year 1 Terri Lawson  
At Large Lynette Hill  
Ex-Officio Kim Brown  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

## Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries  
Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh  
Benevolence Team  
Chairperson: Joe McInturff  
Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker  
Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker  
Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl  
Evangelism Chairperson: Steve Shore  
Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon  
Historian: Carolyn Gregg  
Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley  
Nurture Ministries Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury  
Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip  
Mission Ministries: Rob Brown  
Outreach Ministries: Bettye Hayes  
Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore  
Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD  
Witness Ministry Chairperson: David Andrew  
Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

# April

# 2021

**Abbreviation Key**

Boots Bewley-BB  
Chapel-CH  
Choir Room-CR

Disciple Classroom-DC  
D&H Brown Classroom-DH  
Fellowship Hall-FH  
John Wesley Class-JWC

LaRue Classroom-LR  
Library-LB  
Parlor-PL  
Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Sanctuary-ST  
Sisters By Grace-SG  
Youth Room-YR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7A-Sunrise Service-Outside 10A Traditional -ST 11A-Cont. Service-Outside	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence	8A-Van Dreal Bible Study 5P-YOUTH	5P-ACEC Training		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustee Meeting	5P-YOUTH			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH  
9:00AM—Sunday School Classes  
10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST  
11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

## **SUNDAY GROUP**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

9A—Nursery, Preschool & K-5th  
Children's Dept.  
(under Sanctuary)  
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR

### **1st Floor Education Building**

9A—D&H Brown  
(mixed gender, 50-70s)  
9A—Disciple  
(mixed gender, mixed age)  
9A—Sisters by Grace  
(females, mixed age)  
9A—LaRue  
(mixed gender, mixed ages)

### **2nd Floor Education Building**

9A—Seekers  
(mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor  
9A—Choir  
(mixed gender, mixed age)

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB  
5:00PM—MUSIC  
5:30PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL  
6:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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