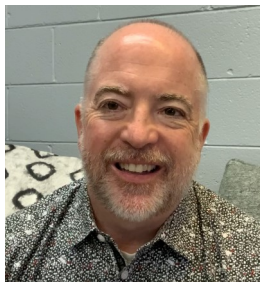


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*Exodus 34:10*

*He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the LORD; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.*



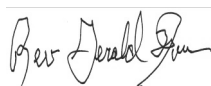
Whew! We made it to the end of 2020! I don't know about you but there have been some days when I wasn't sure. No doubt the last 9 months have been some of the most challenging of my 52 years of living. But as we stand at the precipice of 2021 things are looking up. There is a vaccine for the virus that has seemed to control everything lately. I know that is just one concern, and that there are a bunch of people who are wondering how long before things return to normal? How long until the economy recovers? How long until I can hug my neighbor?

In Exodus 34 Moses is attempting to restore Israel. They were not overwhelmed with a pandemic, just without a leader for 40 days. To be fair they left everything they knew to follow this fellow that God sent who did not even speak that well. But they really messed up, just look at the first three commandments in Exodus 20. It's safe to say they shattered all of them. Moses' solution, renew the covenant with God.

Covenant making is different from resolution-making. How many of us make it through January having kept our New Year's resolution? It's hard! But why? Primarily because it only involves us. On Sunday, December 27, 2020, we brought to a conclusion our series on moving from Almost a Christian to Altogether a Christian, by participating in the Wesleyan Covenant service. I would like to invite you to make your own covenant with God. Recommit your life, your time, your efforts to Loving God and do so by loving your neighbor. Below you will find the Wesleyan covenant prayer. Join me as we jump into 2021 by making a covenant with God. Let us be the witnesses to the "marves, such as have not been performed in all the earth..."

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

Amen!  
Jerry



## January Birthdays

Herb Whitfield 1/1  
Donna Daniels 1/1  
Debby Hendrix 1/3  
Kevin James 1/3  
Bill Henry 1/3  
Melody Johnson 1/8  
Emerson Hensley 1/8  
Sharon Jeffers 1/9  
Carolyn Smith 1/9  
Connor DeBusk 1/9  
John Lamons 1/9  
Janet McManus 1/10  
Mary Garland 1/10  
Greta Britton 1/10  
Louis Ricker 1/12  
Lila Richey 1/13  
Buddy Yonz 1/17  
Sanjeev Paramasivam 1/17  
Becky Yonz 1/18  
Brenda Ottinger 1/20  
Tucker Loggins 1/20  
Amy Wagner 1/24  
Cobin Crumbley 1/24  
Sue Vitthuhn 1/24  
Emily Susong 1/25  
Ben Wagner 1/25  
Keith Cornwell 1/25  
Bob Windham 1/26  
Natasha DeBord 1/26  
Jimmy Hill 1/27  
Betty Mathes 1/27  
Micah Justis 1/28  
Barbara Clanton 1/29  
Pat Bradford 1/230  
Cindy Adorante 1/31  
Watson Leonard 1/31

### Year End:

We have set our year-end date as January 5th at noon.  
Please have any 2020 contributions designated and sent in before then.

Thank you,  
Susan Bowers  
Office Administrator

### UMW- President Sally Andrew

Hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year even though they may not have been celebrated in the way you would have wanted or traditionally have celebrated. I had hoped, as I'm sure many of you had, that when the ball dropped for 2021, the COVID "grinch" would have been kicked to the curb, but unfortunately here we are still waiting for some sort of normalcy to return. Anyway, one thing remains steadfast and that is God's love and ever presence through all our trials and difficulties. I can't imagine going through all this "mess" and not having His Peace.

I want to sat thank you for the cards, prayers and food that we received with the passing of David's mother, Margaret Andrew. Everything was greatly appreciated.

As a mission project, our UMW recently purchased 10 youth Bibles, through a program with the Christian Bookstore, to donate to the Isaiah 117 House. These Bibles are given to each child that passes through their doors. What a wonderful way to share God's word and love with these children.

Praying that all of you stay healthy and that one day we can enjoy each other's company again. I miss seeing each of you!

Love and blessings,  
Sally

### 2021 Officers

President: Sally Andrew  
Vice President: Debby Hendrix  
Secretary: Tee Earl  
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Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson  
Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan  
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Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral  
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Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Kim Brown  
Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum  
Historian: Bennie Brooks





## A Season of Prayer

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,  
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."*

JEREMIAH 3: 15 NRSV

Every January and February in Holston Conference, a review begins in preparation for the Fixing of the Appointments at Annual Conference in June. This review includes consideration of the needs of the local church and the conference and the circumstances in the pastors' personal and family lives. Discernment of the varying needs of church, pastor, and conference for the effectiveness of ministry is the vital business of the appointment-making process.

The Bishop and Cabinet gather the input from each of these, plus the information from retirements, sabbaticals, leaves of absence, departures from ministry, and new pastors. With all of these factors to consider, clearly the recommendations and decisions need to be undergirded by prayer.

The following guide is for use in either corporate worship or in personal prayer and devotion as we hold each other, our congregations and pastors, and our Church in prayer.

### Week 1

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:11-16: "and his gifts were that some should be ..."

**Reflection:** The whole of ministry in our Church and the role of each one.

**Prayer:** For those in authority in the church, that they may have discernment of God's purposes and the opportunities to further God's will through each congregation.

### Week 2

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 1:8-14: "Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord ..."

**Reflection:** Faithfulness in the call to ministry in every circumstance.

**Prayer:** For the purposes of God to be met through all deliberations and decisions of the Church.

### Week 3

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others ..."

**Reflection:** The gifts and graces needed to draw people to Christ.

**Prayer:** For the gifts and graces of all of our pastors in Holston Annual Conference to be used for God's purposes.

### Week 4

**Scripture:** Romans 10:14-15: "how are they to hear without a preacher?"

**Reflection:** Those who are in licensed and ordained ministry and those who are hearing a call.

**Prayer:** For the Lord to raise up pastors to preach Christ and to care for his Church and for that calling to go out in the midst of Resurrection '19, Divine Rhythm and in other events for youth and young adults.

### Week 5

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you ..."

**Reflection:** Trust in the midst of changes.

**Prayer:** For those pastors, families, and congregations experiencing a change in pastoral leadership.

### Week 6

**Scripture:** John 14:18-27: "Peace I give to you ..."

**Reflection:** Preparation for change.

**Prayer:** For those pastors, families, and congregations who are preparing for new leadership and new places of service.

### Week 7

**Scripture:** Revelation 1:14-22: "I am standing at the door knocking ..."

**Reflection:** Commitment to live as bold, passionate, and joyful communities of faith.

**Prayer:** For renewal of vital congregations, who are faithful in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## January Anniversaries

Leon & Jewel Bell 1/14

Larry & Margaret Akins 1/21

Sanjeev & Saranya Paramasivam 1/27

Joe & Cindy Adorante 1/28

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
- 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

- Mel Mauck

### Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

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

## Family Ministries



## Cantata Scene Recording



Kim Brown, Director of Children Ministries



# Through the years.....



**Watch for exciting things coming in KIDMIN in 2021!**



## Asbury Missions

### Answering the call of the Needy.....

WOW! Asbury Family we were contacted, through DCHS, to help a family in need after a devastating house fire that left the family with nothing. Once housing was found for them, the call was put out to Isaiah 117 House for help. Needs were shared with our Asbury Family and the response was overwhelming. Thank you each and everyone for your help. With your help, and the help from John Cash & left over Restoration Depot fund, we were able to help them get needed items for furnishing their house. We also helped provide Christmas decorations and adopted some of the kids for Christmas. The love shown during this time made my heart smile so BIG!! Thank you once again for helping turn this year around for a less fortunate family. Below is a thank you from the Mother:

Dear Asbury Church Members,

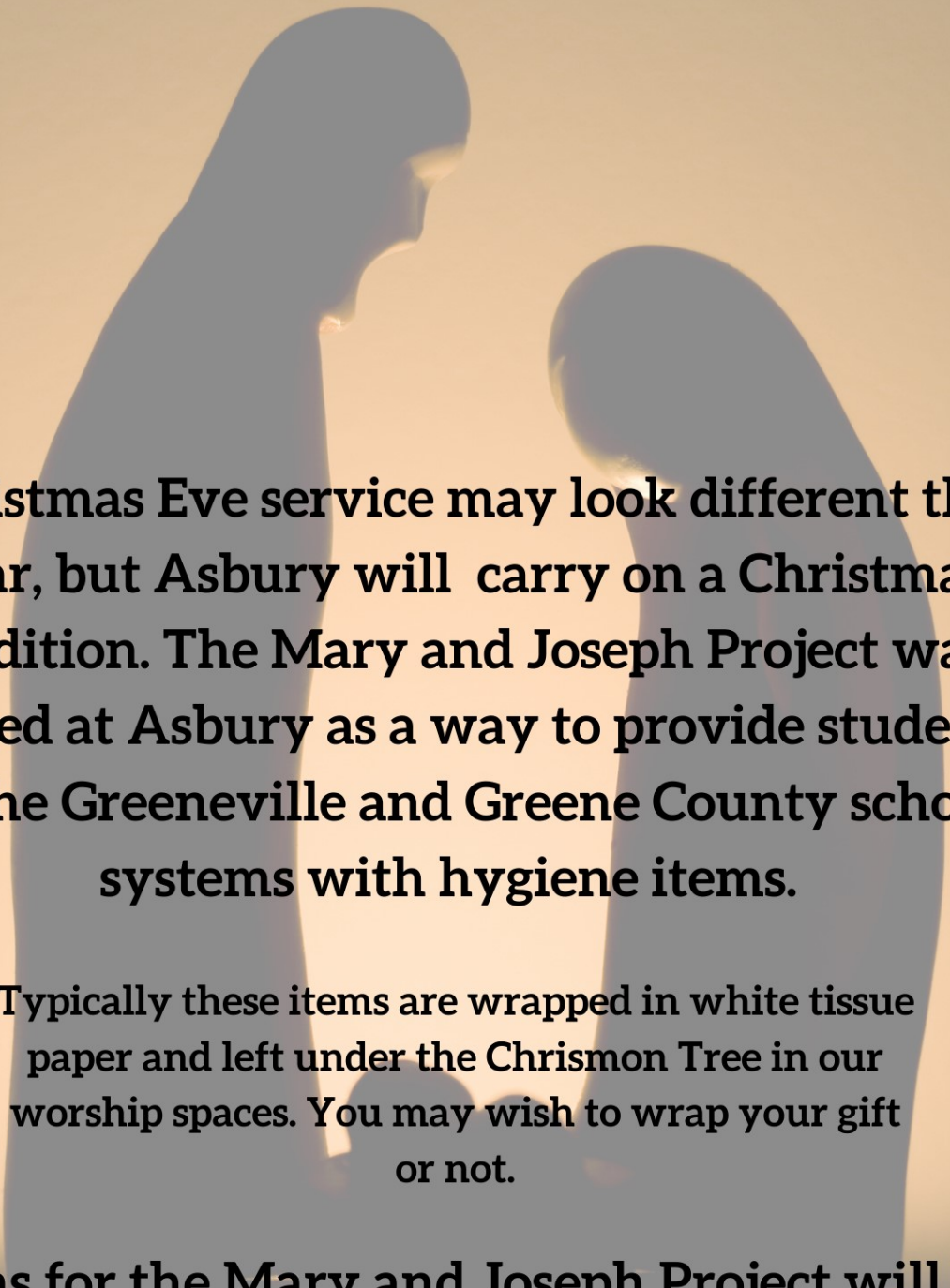
Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you at Asbury. You have been a blessing to us. Thank you for helping with Christmas as well. I didn't know how they were getting Christmas till God gave us you! Again thank you ! Seeing their faces light up on Christmas will be the best gift because I've seen all my kids struggle with this year. If you knew what we have been through this year you wouldn't believe it but I remembered, God never gives you more than you can handle! And that's what has gotten us through the year!



### JANUARY NEEDS

Newborn Diapers  
Pajamas-Teen Girls & Boys, Women sizes  
Socks-Infant & Toddler for Boys and Girls  
Girl's 6-9 month Clothes & Pajamas  
Boy's Pajamas 2T— Size 10  
Men's Underwear— Large, XI, 2XL

# *Mary and Joseph Project*

The background of the entire page features a soft, warm-toned gradient. Overlaid on this is a large, semi-transparent silhouette of a man and a woman, likely representing Mary and Joseph, looking down at each other. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The text is centered over this background.

**Christmas Eve service may look different this year, but Asbury will carry on a Christmas tradition. The Mary and Joseph Project was started at Asbury as a way to provide students in the Greeneville and Greene County school systems with hygiene items.**

**Typically these items are wrapped in white tissue paper and left under the Chrismon Tree in our worship spaces. You may wish to wrap your gift or not.**

**Items for the Mary and Joseph Project will be collected throughout January. Items may be dropped off at the church office.**



Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries



Resurrection is all virtual so we will have a viewing party January 23rd at 6PM in the Asbury Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by 15th to save a spot. Due to Covid restrictions if you do not RSVP you will not be able to attend. Contact me if you have any other questions.

We were able to have our Christmas party before we put all activities on hold. Youth events for January are still up in the air. Look for mail and reminds for updates. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always I am available by phone, text, or email.

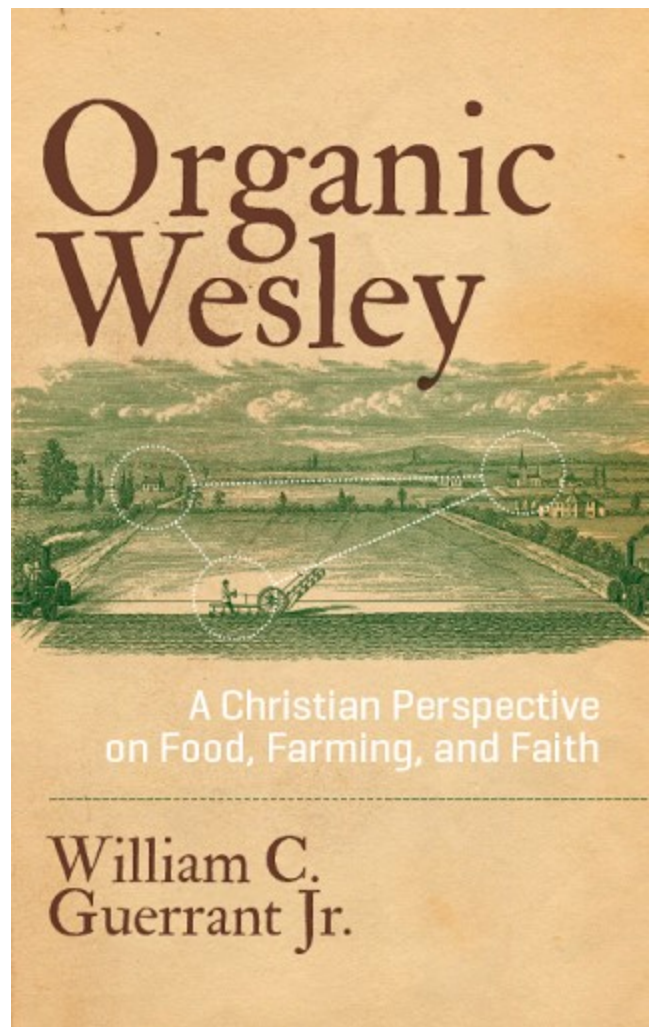
Love  
Natasha

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On December 12th we finished up a book study on *Organic Wesley* (written by William Guerrant Jr.) that looked at how our food and faith intersected. It was a very informative study that was greatly enjoyed. The question that was asked at the end of the study was how can we continue this journey, and in the process, teach others what we have learned? We brainstormed a few different possibilities of how we can live out a Wesleyan food ethic and how we can extend this faith journey with you. In the new year, we plan to host a canning class, a gardening class, share information of local farms, and maybe even a recipe or two! We are so excited to be able to extend these opportunities to you and hope that you will join us!

If you have any questions about the book study, what a Wesleyan food ethics is, or about future happenings, please feel free to reach out to Natasha or someone who has been part of the book study. We will be more than happy to answer any questions.



## Wednesday Night

**Meal Deliveries will resume  
Jan 6th!**

**Cost is \$6.00 for adults,  
\$3.00 children ages 2-10,  
\$30.00 family.**

## 2020 Leadership

### Church council:

Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Secretary	Susan Bowers
Pastor	Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of Family Ministries	Kim Brown
Director of Student Ministries	Natasha DeBord
Director of Traditional Music	Cindy Sams
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

# January

# 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
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustees				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence				6P-Resurrection @Asbury FH
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service						
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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—Youth in Youth Room  
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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