



CENTRAL BEARDEN

Sunday Bible Study Group Guide

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Let's Find a Bible Study Class for You!

Throughout history, the Bible has been the single, greatest revelation of who our Heavenly Father is and how much He loves us as His creations and as His children. His living Word has transformed lives, guided churches, shaped communities and changed cultures - and it still does!

We believe that, in addition to individual Bible study and pastoral sermons, the transforming power of God's Word is often best discovered through groups of believers who meet to study His Word together. At Central, we have a variety of Sunday morning Bible study classes for different age ranges and/or life stages. Some classes will appeal to those looking for a large, social experience while other classes might appeal to those seeking more of an intimate, live-life-together type of group.

Whatever you are looking for, we are praying that, as you read through the class descriptions and talk to some of our folks, God will guide you towards people who, just like you, are seeking to know Him!

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Room: 236

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FLOOR 2 P1

Wyatt Bible Survey Class

Room 215

Director: Mimi Webster

Teachers: Joyce Wyatt, Janet Coward, Floyd Phillips

In our class, we spend the first part of our time together listening to any joys or concerns our members may wish to share. Then we move on to Bible Study, led on a rotating basis by 4 of our members. We also support ongoing missions projects. Although our current members are in their 60's and up, we welcome all adults of any age, gender, or marital status. Come join us!

Adult 8

Room 218

Director(s): Mark & Sherry Weaver

Teacher(s): Brad Hood

Our class style is inter-generational bible focused in a discussion format.

Adult 4 - Encouragers Class

Room 220

Director: Logan Hill

Teacher(s): Carol Almonrode, Martha Walker, Charlie Rosenfelder

As a discussion oriented class, we study God's Word together guided by the Holy Spirit and strong, well-prepared teachers. Through His Word, we are encouraged (and encourage each other) to live out His love by praying for and helping those associated with members of our class through each trial and by celebrating the joyful times, too. Socially, among other events, we gather early on the first Sunday of each month in our classroom for conversation and breakfast. We would love for you to join us, especially for breakfast!

The Praus Fellowship

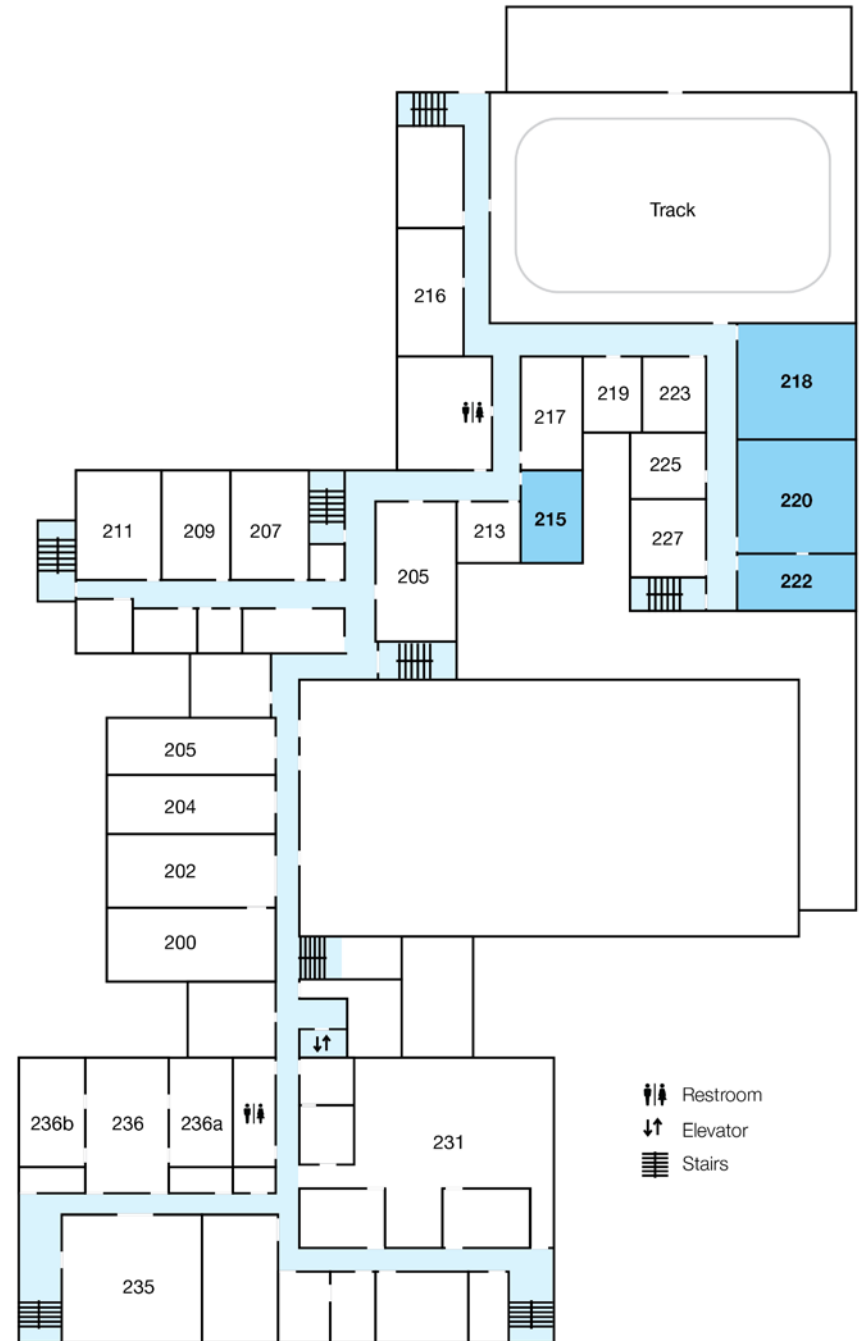
Room 222

Director: Betty Sue Sparks

Teacher: Betty Sue Sparks

The word meek is the Greek word praus (prah-ooce'), which means gentle; the positive moral quality of dealing with people kindly, with humility and consideration (Strong's Concordance).

Our desire for the Praus Fellowship (a multigenerational group) is that it is a SAFE place for anyone seeking to find a community to walk with in following Jesus. Knowing we will never get it 100% right, but loving each other and the world around us as we seek to be better reflections of Christ.



FLOOR 2 P2

Uniquely Growing in Christ

Room 223

Director: Nancy Reeves

Teacher: Nancy Reeves

Our class welcomes all adults (18+) with special needs to join us. We use curriculum appropriate for friends with learning challenges. We want this time to be fun and informative about the love of God and each person's part in the larger plan of God in this world.

Adult 7

Room 227

Director: David Smith

Teacher(s): Janna Waldrupe, Lisa Berry, Mary Jane Kirkham, David Ballenger, Connie Orta, George Brooks

Department Adult 7 meets together to share concerns and celebrate joys, then divides into two smaller discussion groups for Bible study which are facilitated by multiple class members. Members range in age (60's-70's) and marital status and both small groups are coed. Growing disciples who live their faith outside of Sunday School and care for others is the goal of this department.

Adult 3 - Joy Class

Room 236b

Director: Ed Thrift

Teacher(s): Melinda Jones

Roses are red
Violets are blue
The Ladies Joy Class loves Jesus
And we'll love you too
We find joy in our serving
From Clinton to Kenya
And of course Knoxville too
Where we help each other and anyone in need
If you want joy plus encouragement
And a place to belong
Come to the Joy Class
We're waiting for you

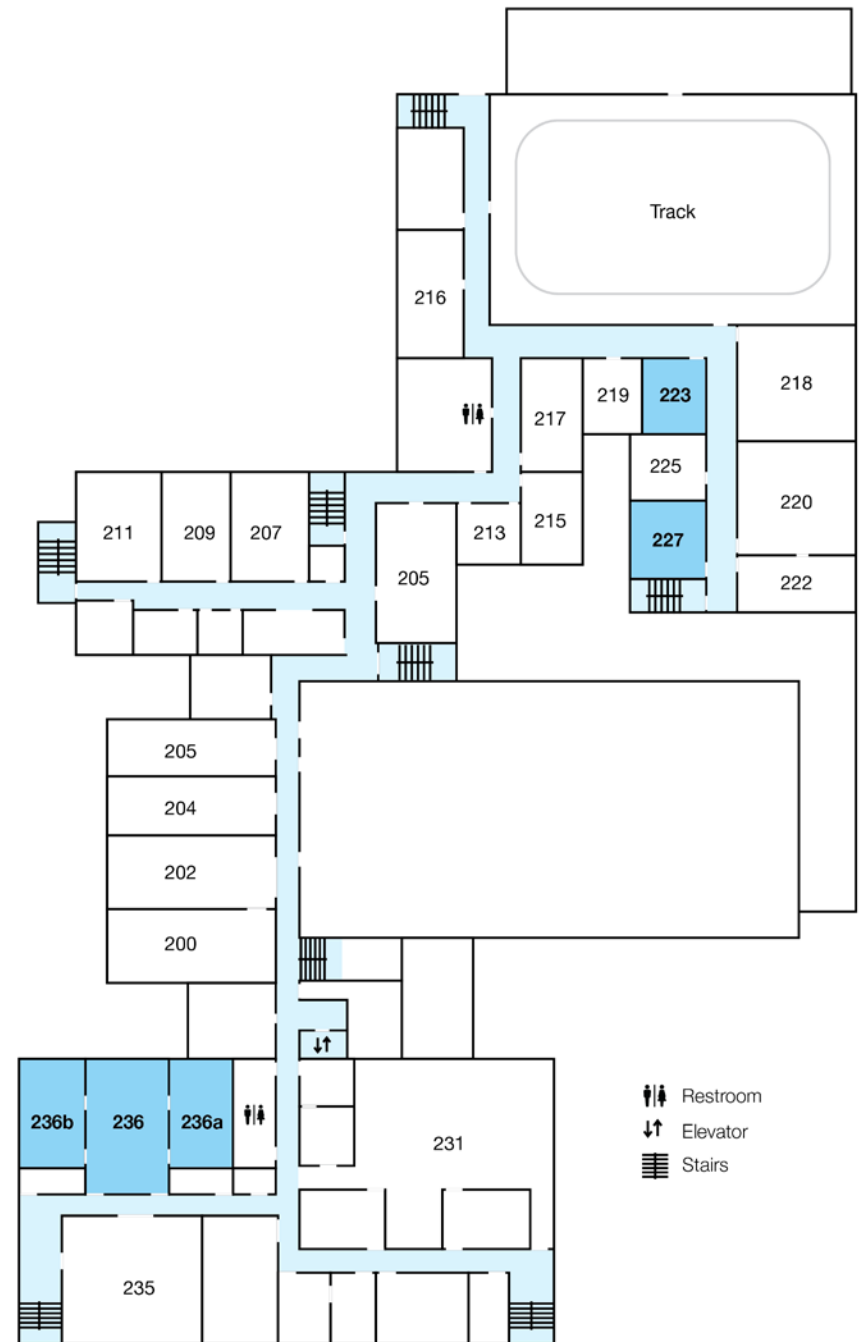
Adult 3 - Truth Seekers

Room 236a

Director: Ed Thrift

Teacher: Dr. Richard Dew

Truth Seekers is a dedicated group of women and men in their 60's and 70's. (Anyone older or younger who wants to learn with a special group is welcome.) We enjoy friendly, spirited discussions of Biblical themes and try to find ways of applying them to our daily lives. We also have a penchant for dining out together after services on Sundays.



FLOOR 3

Adult 11

Room 330

Director(s): Cliff & Jill Helton
Teacher(s): Clif & Jill Helton, Mark Moreland

We are singles and couples aged 40's to early 60's, some with children ranging from grade school to young adults. We offer discussion style lessons covering books of the Bible, topical and video studies.

Adult 9

Room 332

Director(s): Mike & Pam Davis
Teacher(s): John Frazier, Stephen Lepley, David Harshey, Scott Givens

We are, generally, aged 50 and above; married or single. We have four teachers who rotate teaching from the Bible. We participate in Mission projects throughout the year. Supper Clubs for those who are interested. Multiple fellowships during the year. We love each other well in times of need.

Connections

Room 333

Directors: Darryl & Mary Dance
Teacher: Adney Cross

We are a small (rarely more than ten of us), supportive, age 60 and up, coed (mixed), come as you are, structured yet discussion class. We welcome all.

Adult 12

Room 335

Director(s): Nate & Rachel Hodges
Teacher(s): Nate Hodges, Daniel Smith

Adult 12 is a group of flawed disciples living life together both in class and out. Most members are middle-aged couples, many with children. Classes are taught by a knowledgeable teaching team and range from detailed Bible study, Biblical application and discussion formats. Welcoming, authentic, fellowship, intellectual, social and community have been used to describe this group.

Adult 10

Room 337

Director(s): Rob & Angie Johnson
Teacher(s): Marty & Craig Troutman, Kevin Mead, Liviu Manolache, Bill Myers

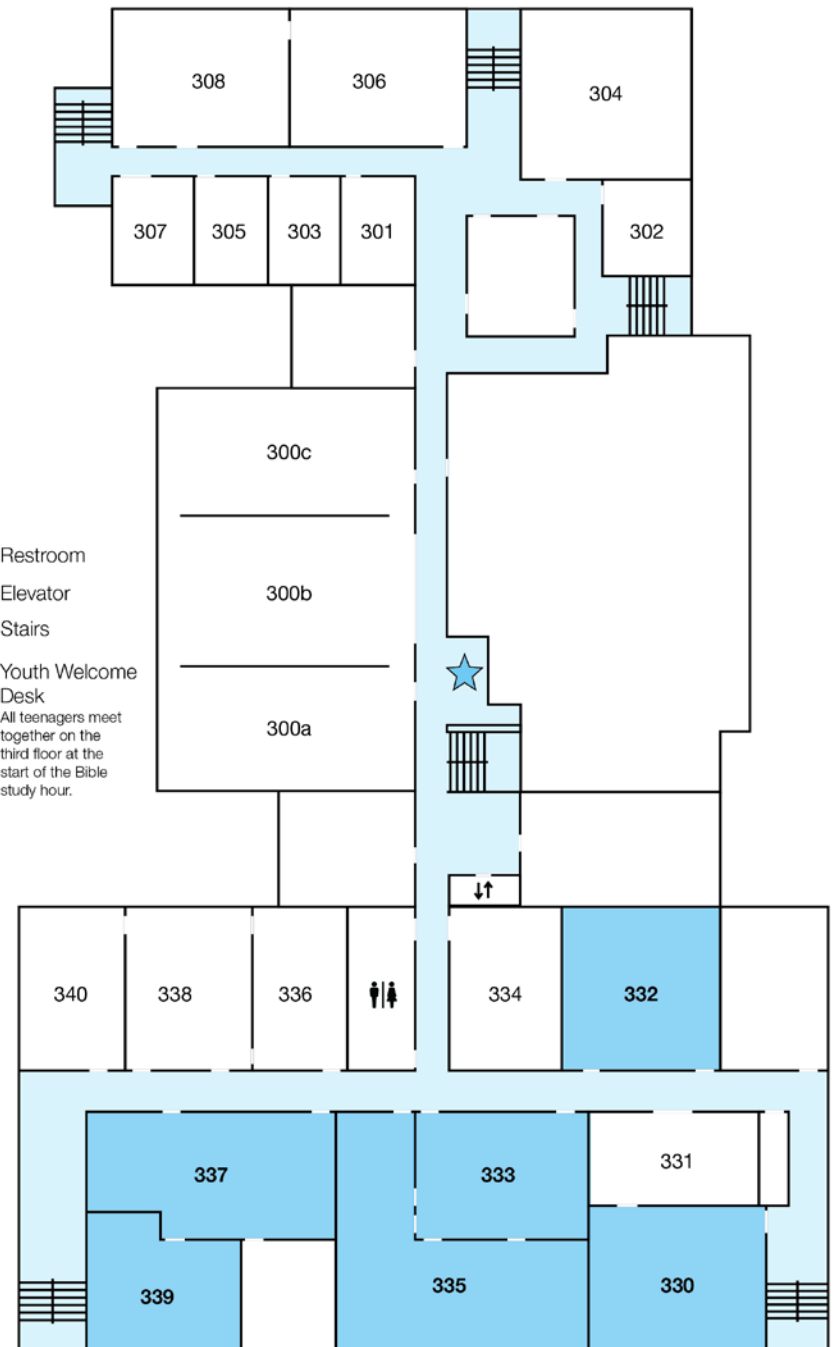
We would love for folks to join us for weekly prayer, fellowship and Bible study! Our class consists of Single and Married adults and many have children in Children's, Students and College ministry. We enjoy class fellowships/events, mission opportunities together and family-wide events during the year.

SINGLES 3

Room 339

Director: Marty Smith
Teacher: Rick Callaway

An eclectic, mature, group of seasoned Christians who enjoy reading, studying and discussing God's word as we continue to learn how to live our daily lives by Jesus' example. Class members have a variety of opportunities to interact and share their knowledge and beliefs among themselves in a safe and comfortable environment.



Other

Adult 2 – Chuck Chance Memorial Class

Room FH6 Fellowship Hall

Director: Judy Gerhardt, Becky Harper
Teacher(s): Terry Baker, Michael Moore

A class of amazing senior adults who enjoy studying the Bible together, who love and care for each other, and who welcome a person of any age to join them in a nurturing fellowship.

Adult 6

Room FH2 Fellowship Hall

Director(s): Mike & BJ Roberts
Teacher: Jim Myers

We are a diverse group of active and compassionate Christians committed to the study of the Bible together and putting the words of Christ in action through service. The "Service Department", as we call ourselves, ranges in age from 60's to 80's and is always in search of ways to serve our community and beyond. Our format of study involves a great teacher/ facilitator with encouragement of open and lively discussion using the Bible as our study resource. We also offer an interactive Zoom for those unable to attend. A very welcoming class to all!

Life Together

ROC Lounge

Director(s): Deana Ridge, Kristi Douglas
Teacher(s): Kevin Ledden, Mark Moreland, Lamont Douglas, Doris Moreland, Laura Guthrie

If you are looking for a group of people who desire to connect with each other throughout the week and not just on Sunday morning then please join us. Together we study God's word, serve others, socialize, and pray for each other. Join us as we "do life together".

Adult 5

ROC Game Room

Director(s): Ron Justus, John Savage
Teacher(s): Ron Leadbetter, Ray Strobo, Bobby Malone, Joe Cheka, Steve Barber, Don Shell

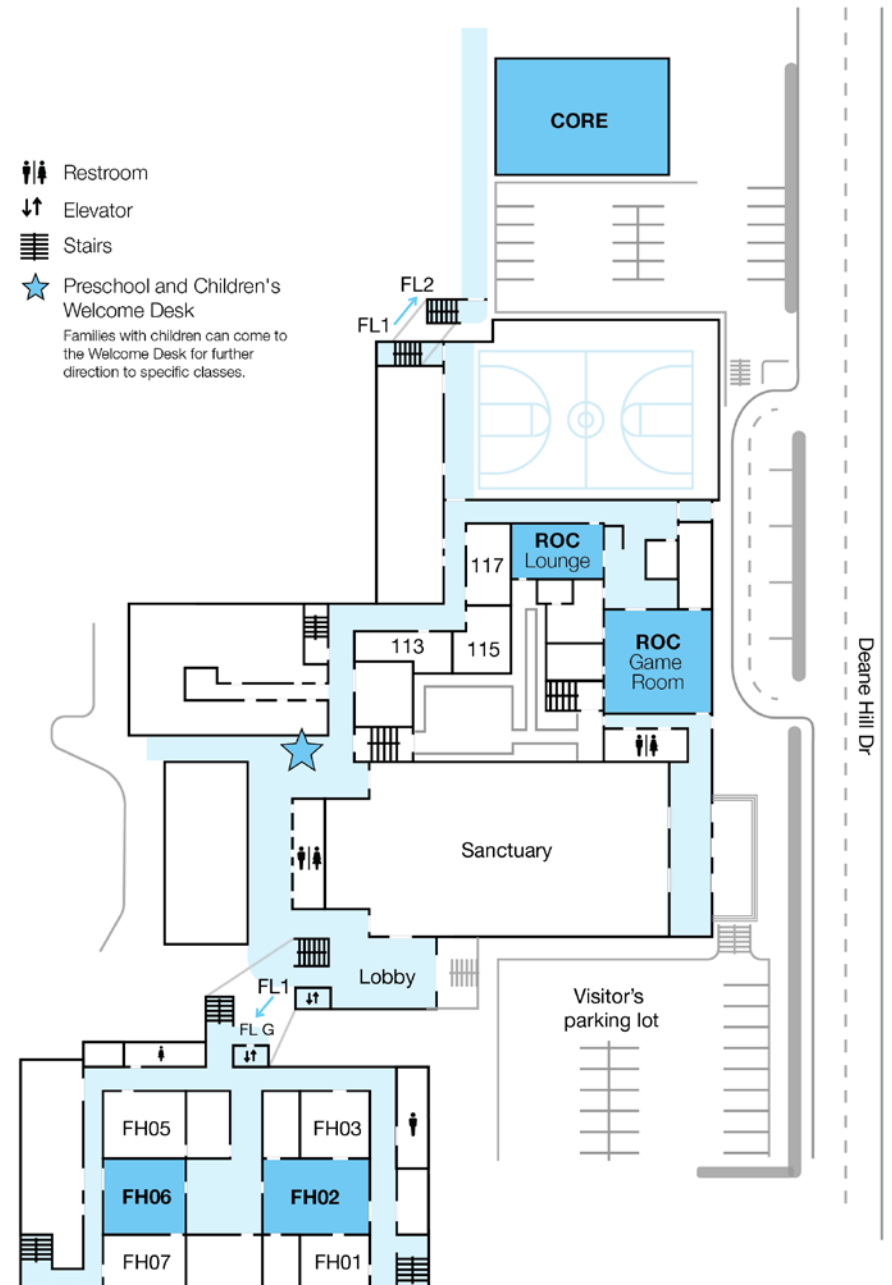
Our Sunday school class is made up of a wide age group of mature adults. Our specialty is friendliness, faith-based teaching, and care for our members. We hold to the basic tenets of the faith and worship an omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent God. Jesus is our focus and love for each other commands our attention. Life is our preparation for eternity with our Lord. We are in the right place at the right time. Come join us and see for yourself.

Young Adults

C-1 CORE

Director: Betsy Ingle
Teacher(s): Aaron Waldrupe, Sonny Ikojoh, Betsy Ingle, Tim Earl

Take a group of young adults, bring them together for bible study, discipleship and fellowships and what do you have? You have a community of folks who laugh, share, study and grow, who challenge one another, who let their guards down, who feel safe to be real together and trust one another. We want to be more than believers in Jesus, we aim to be His followers, followers whose lives are transformed, followers who are making a difference in our worlds where we live and work. If you are in the young adult age range (after college age-35) and are looking for a community to belong, come join us!



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