

More Ways to Connect

The following groups meet on varying schedules throughout the year. Watch our weekly newsletter or call the church office for updates on these additional studies.

Wednesday Evening

"Wonderful Wednesdays" — Six-to-eight-week sessions on a variety of topics are offered throughout the year. Groups typically meet from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm, with a bring-your-own-dinner time beginning at 5:30 pm.

Thursday Morning

Women's Bible Study — Meets Thursdays at 9:30 am in Room 130 and is led by Susan Balloon. This study typically includes a video lesson and an accompanying study guide.

Monday Morning

Under God's Umbrella — Meets Mondays at 10:00 am in Room 130 and is led by Pastor Ray Johnson. This ongoing book study uses materials selected by the group.

Sunday Evening

Men's Group — Meets monthly at 6:00 pm at Perkin's Restaurant for food, fellowship, and discussion on a variety of topics.

**We would love to
help you
find your place.**

If you have questions or would like help
finding
the right group,
contact Pastor Brenda at
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Please include your name if you send a text.

First Baptist Church



*The Big Church on the
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**Bible Studies
and
Small Groups**



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*Following Jesus,
Living God's Love Together,
and Sharing God's Grace
with the World.*

Join us each Sunday morning for connection, conversation, and spiritual growth. Groups begin gathering at 9:15 am, with lessons starting at 9:30 am. Whether you are new to church or looking for a deeper place to belong, there is a group for you.

Think About It — Taught by Pastor Greg Magruder in Room 129. This friendly, open group uses a variety of sources to explore Scripture, ask honest questions, and discover how God's Word speaks into everyday life.

Fellowship — Taught by Sandra Sharron using the *Connections* curriculum in Room 130. This class emphasizes deep Bible study, prayer, spiritual practices, and meaningful fellowship, with plenty of laughter and shared life along the way.

Spiritual Seekers — Taught by Russell Clifton using the *Formations* curriculum in Room 128. This group blends lecture and discussion, inviting honest questions, varied perspectives, and Spirit-led growth in a respectful and caring community.

Trellis Covenant — Taught by Diane Adams in Room 124 using readings selected by the group. Through worship, Bible study, prayer, mission, generosity, identity, rest, and fellowship, this group seeks to become more intentional followers of Jesus Christ.

Explorers — Co-taught by Randy Jarmon, Bill Smith, and Barbara Kress in room 127 using the *Connections* curriculum. This lively group uses a question-and-answer approach, placing Scripture in historical and biblical context for a rich learning experience.

Curriculum Descriptions

Formations follows a structured annual plan using the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible. It encourages personal reflection and group discussion while guiding participants through biblical passages and life-shaping themes.

Connections offers an ecumenical blend of traditional Bible study and contemporary insight using the NRSV. Participants are encouraged to grow in their understanding of and response to God's Word through faithful living.