

Living Hope Presbyterian Church
Sunday School

“I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.”

-Psalm 119:10,104

The Sunday School program at Living Hope is designed to provide, for both young and old, the opportunity to hide God’s Word in their hearts, and to understand how to apply its teachings as guides and guards for their lives. Starting with the very youngest, we seek to familiarize them with the story of God’s works of creation and redemption, to show His power and love as He deals with his children. As they grow older, we look more closely at His relationship with and actions toward both his children and the unbelieving world, and we show them that God desires their hearts and their obedience. In time, they begin to learn how the Word speaks directly to them, how it addresses each issue of their own lives and the world that they find themselves in. Ultimately, they learn that God’s Word is His means to teach them about who He is, what He has done and continues to do for them, and what duties He requires of them as His children. And for God’s children of every age – from the pre-school to the adult – it calls them to faith in Jesus Christ, and to learn from His Word how to trust and obey. We invite you to come learn and grow with us each Sunday morning, as we discover the joy and the eternal value of hiding God’s Word in our hearts.

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS

Ages 3 – 4

Teachers: *Mrs. Susan Bennett, Mrs. Linda Young*

Do you remember singing, “Jesus Loves Me”, “This Little Light of Mine”, and “Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man”? Laying the foundation for our Sunday School program, this class teaches the children of pre-school age Bible songs, Bible stories, and how to pray. Proper behavior is stressed. The highlight for this age group is, of course, the snack.

BEGINNERS CLASS

Kindergarten – 1st Grade

Teacher: *Mrs. Barb McAdams, Mrs. Joanne Goonewardene*

The children in this class sing, pray and worship the Lord together as they learn to become more like Christ and learn more of His Word. Sign language and hands-on activities are used to facilitate learning and retention. A copy of the songs the children are learning, the Children’s Catechism and the curriculum scope and sequence are provided for the parents, so that they can keep in step with their children and work together with the teacher. Parents are also encouraged to read the Scripture with their children at home, and discuss the lesson with them.

PRIMARY CLASS

2nd – 3rd Grades

Teachers: *Mrs. Cindy Diem, Mrs. Kathy Miller*

This class covers the Old and New Testaments over the course of three years, using materials from Great Commissions Publications. Each Sunday they discuss a Bible story, and then reinforce its message through games or other activities. Memorization of Scripture and of the First Catechism questions that support the lesson is encouraged.

JUNIOR CLASS

4th – 6th Grades

Teacher: *Mr. Skip Truscott*

Using the Great Commissions materials for juniors, the class runs through a three-year course. With the help of study papers, Bible memory verses, the use of drama and live interaction, and visual aids, the students are taught the basic concepts of the Bible. The overriding themes of God's sovereignty, His plan of salvation, and His plan for a kingdom for His people are brought out repeatedly throughout the lesson series, which covers nearly all of the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

JUNIOR HIGH CLASS

7th – 9th Grades

Teacher: *Mr. Roy Hoogerhyde*

The focus of this class is helping our young people to understand the truths of Scripture, and to begin to apply those truths to their everyday lives. The Westminster Shorter Catechism is used as a guide that opens these truths in a logical and understandable manner. Students are strongly encouraged to memorize the catechism, and to actively participate in class discussions.

SENIOR HIGH CLASS

10th - 12th Grades

Teachers: *Mr. Curt and Mrs. Linda Day*

The Senior High class puts the Scripture to use by studying a number of topics that are relevant to the students' lives. As each topic is introduced, the class searches the Bible to identify those scriptures which are applicable to that topic. The students are then challenged to apply what the Scriptures say about that issue as it pertains to the lives of each one.

ADULT CLASS

Post High School

Teacher: *Rev. Tim. Young*

Sunday School is not just for kids - it is for all of God's children! This class is an opportunity for adults to study and discuss the teachings of the Bible in depth. Subjects taught range from books of the Bible to books and videos on various topics that impact our Christian faith in the contemporary world, and help us to impact that world for Christ. Here there is opportunity not only to learn, but also to interact and ask questions about the Scriptures and how they apply to our daily lives. All are encouraged to come and learn, and to help others learn and grow in our like precious faith.