



on-ramp guide to *Believe, BELONG, Become*

3 BECOME – SERVE TEAMS

2 BELONG – GROW GROUPS

1 BELIEVE – WORSHIP



Use this guide to take the on-ramp to... **BELONG thru a Grow Group**

Groups are listed by meeting day, then by group name, and include a description of their format. When you connect with a group, it's for about 6 months. Everyone already in a group can select the same one—sort of re-up. And folks can jump in.

As you re-up or sign-up to take the on-ramp, we'll add you to the roster for that group. Group facilitators will then guide you during this season of ministry. At the end of this term, you can re-up or take an on-ramp to a different group that next time.

...about Our Vision — BELIEVE, BELONG, BECOME.

You're invited to these paths on your faith journey...

- BELIEVE** thru WORSHIP – In worship we celebrate God and admit we need God's love, grace, and guidance. It includes Biblical & Gospel preaching, inspiring music & prayer, and the sacraments of communion and baptism. These include Sunday 8:45a and 11:00a Traditional and Contemporary worship. And Celebrate Recovery large group on Monday evenings.
- BELONG** thru GROW GROUPS – As faith grows, our knowledge and trust in God should grow. Thru Bible based teaching and interaction with others, we grow our life in God's wisdom. These include Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, Small Groups, etc.
- BECOME** thru SERVE TEAMS – In response to what God has already done for us, serving puts faith into action. All followers of Jesus have talents & gifts to serve in advancing the mission of the church. These include teams that serve regularly, for example: Choirs, Music, Teachers, Ushers, Hospitality, Compassion ministry, Office helpers, etc.

Checkout the “on-ramp guide to BECOME” thru a serve team for the ways you can use the spiritual gifts, abilities, and heart God gives you to serve others thru the church. These are available after August 11, 2019.

If we do this well, you are invited for about 1-hour each week to ...

BELIEVE: worship · BELONG: grow group · BECOME: serve team

Some folks may choose to do more, but it's not required. We trust if you will do these three things, we'll continue to grow spiritually into fully devoted followers of Jesus. And God will grow his kingdom!

SUNDAY MORNINGS**ADULT**

- (AG01) Early Risers** **7:55—8:25 a.m.** **teens to 70's**
Led by Mason Booth. Study of assorted topics in the Christian faith.
Meets in Student Center (basement).
- (AG02) Ages & Stages** **10—10:45 a.m.** **60s to 80s**
Led by Mark Quint, Anita Buckley, & Ike Groover. Uses the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons. Starting in September, lessons cover God as the Creator, how we are made in His Image, and on a deeper understanding of the spiritual practice of worship. Complimented some weeks by other Bible topics, a book, or video teaching.
Meets in room 207.
- (AG03) Barnes** **10—10:45 a.m.** **60s to 70s**
Led by Bill Padget. Uses topical Bible study approach.
Meets in room 206.
- (AG04) Bereans** **10—10:45 a.m.** **50s to 70s**
Led by Nancy & Ike Groover, and Cindi Sherrill. Uses the Bible as the source of wisdom for practical application in life. The teachers generally lead, but there are times of discussion and prayer as we encourage one another.
Meets in Faith House (across Hickory St. from FUMC)
- (AG05) Difference Makers** **10—10:45 a.m.** **20s to 70s**
Led by Paul Thompson & Teresa Edwards. Uses the Bible and books by contemporary Christian authors like Max Lucado. Resources: A group with various age participants.
Meets in Agape House, back room (across Hickory St. from FUMC)
- (AG06) Ed Huggins** **10—10:45 a.m.** **teens to 70s**
Led by Mike Elam. Uses Faith Connections by The Foundry – a Traditional Wesleyan Publisher. For Fall 2019: Experiencing Power: Stories from the Early Church.
Meets in room 210
- (AG07) Friends in Faith** **10—10:45 a.m.** **30s to 60s**
Led by Megan Burton. Uses books by contemporary Christian authors or a book of the Bible to study and read through together. A class discussion format with people contributing as they feel comfortable. Nobody gets called upon but this class has great, deep discussions.
Meets in Agape House, adjacent to kitchen (across Hickory St from FUMC)
- (AG08) Friends & Neighbors** **10—10:45 a.m.** **30s to 50s**
Led by Laura Aymett. Uses books of the Bible, life application videos, and books by contemporary Christian authors. This class seeks to draw closer to God and to one another in serving our church and in the world, representing Christ and His Kingdom.
Meets in room 208
- (AG09) Haynes** **10—10:45 a.m.** **70s to 90s**
Led by Franklin Penn & others. Uses the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons. Starting in September, lessons on God as the Creator, how we are made in His Image, and on deeper understanding of the spiritual practice of worship.
Meets in room 211
- (AG10) McFee** **10—10:45 a.m.** **20s to 60s**
Led by John McFee. Uses contemporary material that is topical and varied. Recently included authors like Francis Chan, David Platt and Jefferson Bethke. Participants are comprised of seekers of different generations in varying stages of their Christian walk. Friendly and open discussion where participation is encouraged, but not required.
Meets in room 307
- (AG11) New Beginnings** **10—10:45 a.m.** **60s to 70s**
Led by Bill Campbell & Tom Scott. Uses books by contemporary authors like, Phillip Yancey, John Ortberg, Max Lucado and Tim Keller that help participants seek and meet new challenges in their faith.
Meets in room 204

SUNDAY MORNINGS—CONT'D

ADULT

(AG12) New Life **10—10:45 a.m.** **40s to 60s**

Led by John Cochran. Uses texts from scripture to focus and break-down God's Word through discussion and sharing of insights. The Bible helps us gain knowledge of how to best follow Jesus and grow in our relationship with him. Prayer and encouragement play a big part in this class.

Meets in room 312

(AG13) Pairs & Spares **10—10:45 a.m.** **60s to 80s**

Led by Don Swanner, Harold Thompson & Pearl McCarley. Uses the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons. Starting in September, lessons will focus on God as the Creator, how we are made in His Image, and on deeper understanding of the spiritual practice of worship.

Meets in room 110

(AG14) Wesleyan **10—10:45 a.m.** **60s to 80s**

Led by Becky Tankersley. Uses the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons.

Starting in September, lessons on God as the Creator, how we are made in His Image, and on deeper understanding of the spiritual practice of worship.

Meets in room 209

SUNDAY EVENINGS

ADULT

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Christ-centered, twelve-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, pain or addiction of any kind. CR is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that control our life.

(CR01) CR Step Study **5—7 p.m.** **18 and up**

Step Study Classes start at various times during the year and last between 9 & 12 months. Four Participant Guides covering the Twelve-Steps are studied and classes are open to anyone until the first Participant Guide is completed – approximately 4-6 weeks. Starting with the 2nd Participant Guide, the classes become “closed” to new members. Free childcare is available.

For Fall 2019, current studies on-going for existing participants, but closed to others. New Step Studies will begin in early 2020 and all are welcome.

Men's Step Study meets in Agape House (across Hickory St. from FUMC)

Women's Step Study meets in Agape House (across Hickory St. from FUMC)

MONDAY EVENINGS

ADULT

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Christ-centered, twelve-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, pain or addiction of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that control our life.

Meal **5:30—6:15 p.m.** **18 and up**

Meal in Ministry Center Gym

Worship **6:15—7:15 p.m.** **18 and up**

Big Night includes worship and is open for anyone to attend at any time. The Twelve Steps and Eight Principles are emphasized each week through lessons from Celebrate Recovery curriculum and live testimonies from those who have experienced freedom. Free childcare is available. Meets in Ministry Center Gym.

(CR02) CR Small Group **7:15—8:00 p.m.** **18 and up**

Small Groups follow large group worship and are open to support individuals in a group setting to address hurts, pain, or addiction. Dessert for final 15 minutes.

Men's Open Share Small Group meets in room 208

Women's Open Share Small Groups meets in room 113

TUESDAY MORNINGS

ADULT

(AG15) Men's Prayer **6:30-7:30 a.m.** **All ages**

This group gathers to hear a devotional, share life, discuss issues and pray together. This group is open to all men, but BYOB – Bring Your Own Breakfast and bring a friend!

Meets in Student Center (basement)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

ADULT

Dinner **5:30-6:15 p.m.** **Family & all ages**

Wednesday Nights mean good food, friendship, and Bible Study. Activities for the whole family. Bible Studies, Classes for Youth & Children, and Nurseries for preschoolers. Begins August 21, 2019.

Call to make weekly or all-fall reservations: 256-773-6952

(AG16) ACTS 29 Study **6:30-7:30 p.m.** **18 and up**

Led by Sr. Pastor Mike Pope. This is a study of the book of Acts. A look at the Early Church and what it teaches us in today's culture.

Meets in room 211

(AG17) Women's Study **6:30-7:30 p.m.** **18 and up**

Led by Becky Tankersley, Cindy Sandlin, Jennie McFee. Uses the book "It's Not Supposed to be This Way" by Lisa Terquerst. When life is hard and expectations are not met, we can be tempted to question the goodness of God. Learn how to better process life's painful situations. Books will be available in the classroom for \$20.00 (buys both the book and study guide).

Meets in room 210

(AG18) Women's Study **6:30-7:30 p.m.** **18 and up**

Led by Jennifer Sittason. Uses the book "Girl Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis. Stop believing the lies about who you are so you can become who you're meant to be.

Purchase your own book and bring it to class.

Meets in Agape House (across Hickory St. from FUMC)

THURSDAY MORNINGS

ADULT

(AG19) Women's Study **10-11:30 a.m.** **18 and up**

Led by Anne Burlison. Uses contemporary Christian material—book TBA. Gather for friendship, coffee, and sharing in discussion (encouraged, by not required). Begins 9/12.

Meets in room 208

SUNDAY MORNINGS**YOUTH****(Y01) Senior High Class 10—10:45 a.m. grades 9-12**

Led by Scott Burton, Lori & Todd Cline, and Shannon Booth.
 Meets in Student Center (basement).

(Y02) Junior High Guys 10—10:45 a.m. grades 7-8

Led by Mike Gentle, Stan Fields, David Aymett. Meets in room 310

(Y03) Junior High Girls 10—10:45 a.m. grades 7-8

Led by Jennifer Sittason. Meets in room 311

(Y04) The LINK 10—10:45 a.m. grades 5-6

Led by Jennifer Williams. Uses re:FORM – Building a foundation for life long faith. Exploring questions about God, Jesus, Christianity, Life, Death, and more. Preparing students for a world with no answers, with answers from the Bible. Meets in room 302

SUNDAY EVENINGS**YOUTH****(Y05) Sr. High Guys Time: TBA grades 10-12**

Led by Marty Hand & Jimmy Hollingshead. Location announced week-to-week.

(Y06) 9th Guys 6-7:30 p.m. grade 9

Led by Scott Burton & Chip Carlisle. Snacks served. Location announced week-to-week.

(Y07) 11th & 12th Girls 5-6:30 p.m. grades 11-12

Led by Sarah Hollingshead & Katie Sparkman. Devotions, prayer, life encouragement, videos with discussion, and Jesus. Snacks served. Meets at Katie Sparkman's house.

(Y08) 9th & 10th Girls 6-8 p.m grades 9-10

Led by Shannon Booth. Uses Seamless, a study tying its major events into the broad story of the Bible. Leading to a full understanding of God's story as seen from Genesis to Revelation. Books are available for \$12.00. Snack supper served. Meets at FUMC.

(Y09) 8th & 9th Girls Time: TBA grades 8-9

Led by: Kyla Blackwood & Courtney Corder. Resource: The Book of Proverbs. This group loves to study the Bible, but they also go to movies, dinner, and other places together just for fun. Snacks are served. Meets in homes announced week-to-week.

(Y10) 7th Grade Girls To be announced**(Y11) 7th & 8th Grade Guys To be announced****WEDNESDAY EVENINGS****YOUTH****(Y12) The Well 6 – 6:30 p.m. grades 9-12**

Grab dinner in Ministry Center or bring your's and join a deep discussion. Fall 2019 uses book "How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth" by Gordon D. Fee. We'll put what we learn into practice. \$15.00 or order online. Meets in Student Café (basement)

(Y13) Junior High Students 6:30-7:30 p.m. grades 7-8

Learn to live the Christian faith through the witness of scripture. A guide to students as they grow in their faith. Meets in room 312.

(Y14) The Link 6:30-7:30 p.m. grades 5-6

Wednesday Night Link explores faith and how God is a part of everyday life. Bible lessons, games, activities, and prayer to help students understand God's will.

Girls—Led by: Susan Moore. Meets in room 311.

Guys—Led by TBA. Meets in room 310.

