# **EDUCATION**

# CHRISTIAN PROGRAMS

Lord God, I exalt You and thank You for the many blessings You have so graciously given to Your Mission Bend United Methodist Church and Your Christian Education programs. Thank You for each Sunday School teacher, each Bible study leader, each small group leader, each aide and each facilitator. Thank You for each student, each participant and each family. Heavenly Father, I pray that You:

- Instill in each congregation member a deep hunger for Your Word. It is written in Romans 10:17:
- "...Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."
- Help us select curriculum that is Spirit-filled and deeply meaningful. Psalm 25:5 says "Guide me in Your truth, and teach me."
- Fill each teacher and leader to overflowing with excitement for what God is doing and will be doing in their classrooms. May the sparks from our fire ignite dry hearts. Paul told the Corinthian church to worship in such a clear way that if an unbeliever entered, "...he would... worship God, declaring that God is indeed among you." 1 Corinthians 14:25b
- Will provide an abundance of resources, physical space and time. Ephesians 5:16 says "...making the most of every opportunity..."
- Send the Holy Spirit to flow freely with and through all the Christian Education participants, teachers, leaders, students and families. Ephesians 5:18b says "...be filled with the Spirit."
- Will help us ensure that Sunday mornings and Bible study times be dedicated, sacred times for You, and not be interrupted or obstructed from full participation. Ephesians 5:17 of the KJV says "If you wish to avoid being foolish and desire to understand the Lord's will, you will redeem the time." and Exodus 20:8, one of the 10 commandments, says "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."
- Will transform lives anywhere Your Word is opened and shared. Psalm 107:2 says "Let the redeemed of the Lord say this."
- Help families and community be strengthened and encouraged to go into the living waters of learning. Learn it. Live it. Share it. John 6:35 says "...He who believes in Me will never be thirsty."
- See that all teaching reinforces the relevance and urgency of the Holy Bible to our lives. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."
- Help us remember that "as the Sunday School goes, so goes the church." 2 Chronicles 1:10 says "Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people." Help us nourish each one, that they may reach their full potential in You and become leaders in Your will and Your time.
- Help us further the kingdom of God in our world at this time. According to Philemon 6, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."

Lord, guide, protect and bless Connie Fowler, Mission Bend Director of Christian Education, as well as all the faculty, participants, families, helpers, members and guests.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASS TEACHERS

Nursery Librada Rinaldo, Elizabeth Johnson, Judith Lahai

Toddlers Janina Baez

2-and 3-year-olds Dulce Segovia Labichino, Sarah Trainor, Christine Guillen

4-year-olds and Kindergarten Mary Etta Kelly, Ruth Jeffers, Norma Peters

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Shuntell Owens and Marcia Lee 3rd and 4th Grade Mike Phillips, Mariann Condron

5th and 6th Grade Girls Jane Duke, Sandy Barnett

5th and 6th Grade Boys Jeff McFarlane

7th and 8th Grade Audra Allen, Mike Stovall Sr. High Soul Fuel Janet McBryde. Gwen Yon

MYF Youth Director Alfred Villamil, Assistant Youth Director Jennifer

Duke, Dine-A-Bite Coordinators Janet and Scott McBryde, Events Coordinator Michele Frisbie

**CONFIRMATION** Rev. Christie Hale, Connie Fowler, Sandra Bordelon, Linda Best

Genesis Jim Box, Larry Edwards, Gary Wilcox

Happy Believers Darrell Oakland
Just Us Girls Sandra Bordelon
Just Us Guys Mike Martin

## **ON-GOING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES**

Pastor's Bible Study

Youth Bible Study

Spiritual Disciplines

B.A.D. Girls and Guys

Ladies of the Lord (LOL) Bible Study

Rev. Josh Hale

Rev. Christie Hale

Rev. Hilda Marcel

Connie Fowler

Sandra Bratton

Grief Share Sharon Robins, Terri Trainor

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY AND OTHER SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDIES/ACTIVITIES

Disciple I Connie Fowler
Disciple II Sandra Bratton
Disciple III Sandra Bratton
Spiritual Gifts Survey Jackie McFarlane
Contemplative Prayer Rev. Cindy Serio
Putting Your House in "God's Order" Eston Hupp

#### FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FACILITATORS AND AIDES

Adult Library Coordinator

Janet McBryde, Nancy Fairchild

Children's Coordinator Sarah Trainor Adult Coordinator Sandra Bordelon

Attendance Michele Frisbie, Nancy Fairchild, Linda Hooker VBS Director Kylee and Brandee Brouwe, Wendy Meeks

Children's Worship Folders Sharon Sibert
Teacher Elizabeth Johnson

Substitute Teacher Ruth Stovall, Elizabeth Johnson

**SECURITY TEAM** Kathy Aaron, Don Franklin, Scott McBryde

I ask these things in the holy, mighty name of Jesus Christ, and for His sake, that Your will be done on earth through the Mission Bend Christian Education Program as it is in heaven. Amen.