

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission:

The mission of the Chapel's Christian Education function is to bring people to a deeper understanding of their faith and love for the Word of God through age-appropriate teaching, educational resources, and programs, and thanks to the dedicated work of our Bible teachers, staff members, and Committee, many have drawn closer to God through the Chapel's Christian Education offerings.

Accomplishments:

- o Sunday School classes this year were provided Jim Cooke, Richard Doster, Mark Edwards, Dennis Hall, Dorothy Little, John Pitts, Jon Schneider, and Jan Smith. Subjects included Old and New Testament studies and themed lessons on prayer, the principles learned from creation, sojourners and exiles, creation science, the Sermon on the Mount, beauty, and eschatology.
- o Men's and Women's studies on Tuesday included Ephesians, Revelation, and the Women of the Old and New Testaments.
- o In the summer, Sally Ericksen returned to provide lessons on the key figures of the Reformation.
- o Jan Smith wrapped up her lessons on Watchman Nee's The Normal Christian Life and began a new series of lessons on the Gospel of John.
- o For the first time in recent years, a children's class is being provided at the Chapel. Caleb Jones is leading the "Fellowship of Bible Investigators" in the truths provided through the New City Catechism.
- o Thanks to the devoted work of Sandi Locklear and Sally Ginn, our Nursery continues to provide care for young children when their parents and grandparents are attending Sunday services.
- o Nancy Austen, with the assistance of Erin Schneider, has kept our Library up to date and organized. It provides excellent resources for members who want to expand their understanding and appreciation of the Bible and Christian living.
- o Sandy Sproat and her team came together again this year to provide us with our annual Lenten Meditation booklet, drawing us closer to the life, work, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School:

While we can happily record the accomplishments listed above, there was one shortcoming that we will strive to remedy in 2026. Despite the dedicated efforts of Kathie Davis and a great group of volunteers, we had to cancel Vacation Bible School due to a lack of enrollees. For 2026, we will work to identify a team leader, date, and program materials that will bring the Chapel family and community together to reach a new generation of children who will discover the love of God made available to us through Christ, our Lord.

Your 2024 Christian Education Committee:

Richard Doster, Sally Ericksen, Dennis Hall, Dorothy Little, John Pitts, Clayton Smith, Jan Smith

Submitted, October 31, 2025, by Jon Schneider, Christian Education Chair