



2023 Discipleship Opportunities  
John Knox Presbyterian Church

August 2023

Dear Friends,

Please think with me for a moment about the church: this church, the congregation of John Knox; and the larger Church, the Body of Christ in the world.

Often we think of the church as an organization or an institution. It is these things, to be sure, but I have found it most helpful to think of the Church as the Bible describes it—the Body of Christ.

To think of ourselves as a living organism, the Body of Christ, opens our thinking about what the church needs to flourish. Our physical bodies need nourishment, care, and the conditions that help them grow. The Body of Christ is no different! Individually and together, we require loving attention and steady nourishment to grow as vital servants of God and followers of Jesus Christ.

As we begin a new year of programs and learning, I hope you sense and share our dedication to discipleship—growing in our capacity to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. After his resurrection Jesus commissions the Twelve to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). We are called to grow in the life of Christ ourselves and to help others grow in living Christ’s life. Discipleship is the gift and the task of the Church.

This brochure presents a broad picture of the opportunities for growing in Christ at John Knox. I hope it inspires you to connect with people, events, and resources to which God might be calling you for your growth. More than that, I hope that our focus will deepen your desire to grow in the rich, beautiful life that God shares with us in Christ. Our deep companionship with our Lord is the source of countless blessings for ourselves and for others. I pray this richness for you and for us all.

Grateful to be serving Christ in fellowship with you, and eager to see how God blesses us, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

# Worshipping God

The primary occasion for our growth as Christ's followers is worship. Whether private moments of individual devotion, shared times with loved ones in our homes, or the congregational gathering on each Lord's Day, our Christian worship engages us with the love of God, the truth of holy scripture, and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Our dedicated worship of God provides the context of our encounter with Jesus and our ongoing transformation into his followers.

## Music Ministry

- Chancel Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Instrumentalist

To serve, or for more information, contact Luke Browder, Director of Music Ministry



## Worship Team

Consider


strengthening our worship through one of these support roles:

- Usher—welcome and assist worshippers; connect with newcomers. Contact Guy Cloer.
- Greeter/Guardian—provide watchful support for our gatherings. Contact Jim Grigsby.
- AV Team—oversee the sound system, video monitors, and livestream for our weekly worship. Contact Bobby Mock.

May our worship welcome all people into a joyful gathering, give glory to God, and help us to grow as a community of faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

# Children's Ministry



**JOHN KNOX**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## WAYS TO CONNECT

**Children's Church**  
"DURING 10:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP"  
"AGES K5 AND YOUNGER"

**Preschool Sunday School**  
"9:00 AM SUNDAY"  
"BIBLE STORIES AND ACTIVITIES"

**Elementary Sunday School**  
"9:00 AM SUNDAY"  
"BIBLE LESSONS, GAMES AND FUN"

**Nursery**  
"9:00 AM SUNDAY"  
"BIRTH TO 3 YEARS"

**Fellowship**  
VBS, PARK DAYS, PARENTS' NIGHT OUT AND MORE!

Contact Susan Felton with any questions!  
[sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)

**EACH CHILD WHO COMES THROUGH OUR DOORS COMES TO US AS A CHILD OF GOD TO BE NURTURED, ENCOURAGED, AND LOVED. WE PROMISE TO LOVE EACH CHILD AND TO GUIDE THEM AS THEY GROW WITHIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.**







# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
TEACHER**

**PARENTS'  
NIGHT OUT  
VOLUNTEER**

**VBS  
VOLUNTEER**

**TIME FOR  
CHILDREN  
SPEAKER**

**BLESSING BAG  
VOLUNTEER**



Contact Susan Felton to volunteer!  
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# Youth Ministry



John Knox Youth Ministry invests in the next generation by creating a place for middle and high school students to encounter the deep and personal love of God, engage in relationship with Him and with one another, and become equipped to love and serve beyond the church walls. To accomplish that mission, we gather regularly.....



Contact Carter Rief for more information!

- SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
- CONFIRMATION
- SUMMER TRIPS
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- SERVE AT TRIUNE MERCY CENTER
- MISSION TRIPS
- MINI RETREATS
- WAFFLE CONE WEDNESDAY
- ...AND MORE







Contact Carter Rief  
([crief@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:crief@johnknoxpres.org))  
for more information!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Chaperone a trip

Provide a Sunday night meal

Mentor a Confirmand

Teach Sunday School

Join the Youth Ministry Team



# Adult Sunday School Classes

## FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



**Fellowship Hall at 9:00AM each Sunday**

This educational offering is for people of all ages who are looking for a place to dig deeper into God's Word. If you are a visitor, a new member of the church, someone who has not found a Sunday school class home, or if you have fallen out of the routine of attending a class, please join us! Contact Gordon Turnbull for additional information.

## *the gathering* Sunday School Class

**UPPER LEVEL EDUCATION BUILDING  
9:00AM EACH SUNDAY**

A lively and welcoming group, purposefully engaging God's Word and each other. Discussions center on faith, family, marriage and are led by various members of the group. Contact Scott Reichen to learn more about The Gathering.



## *Women in Christ*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS  
UPPER LEVEL EDUCATION BUILDING  
9:00AM ON SUNDAYS**

This is a class where John Knox women can experience special fellowship while exploring a variety of inspirational books and topics. Contact Marilee Dorsey for more information.



## FAITH IN FRIENDSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

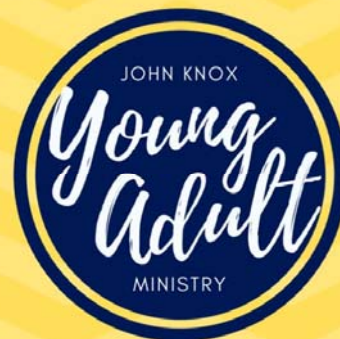
Kirk Room

11:00AM each Sunday

This class is for people of all ages who study God's word and how it shapes their lives. Together, we ask questions about faith and family and celebrate with periodic social events. Contact Patsy Evans for additional information.

This educational offering is for adults in their 20s and 30s. We gather to discuss biblical texts and their application to everyday life as well as periodic fellowship opportunities.

Contact Carter Rief  
([crief@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:crief@johnknoxpres.org))  
for additional information.



# John Knox Kindergarten & Parents' Day Out

The ministry of John Knox Kindergarten & Parents' Day Out expresses our deep, ongoing commitment to children and their families in our community.

Since 1958 our church has nurtured children in healthy growth in loving ways through the caring guidance of teachers and staff and the generous support of the church. We currently serve over 150 students and their families with loving nurture and instruction that provides a wonderful start to children's early development.

John Knox members get special consideration during annual registration for students.

If you are interested in offering your time and service as a volunteer with the program, please be in touch with our Director, Tami Wall.



**Shaping Hearts and Minds Through Christian Teachings**



# Small Groups for Study & Discipleship

## Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study:

An inductive Bible study that meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30 PM in the new parlor located on the Adult Sunday School Hall. Contact: Kathie White

## Wednesday Women in Prayer:

A weekly gathering of women dedicated to prayer. We meet in the Kirk Room on Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM. Contact: Sandra Burgin

## M3 - Men Meeting on Monday:

Men are invited to 13 Stripes Brewery in Taylors on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm for a time of fellowship, fun, and comradery as we have a devotion and check in with our brothers in the faith. Contact: Gordon Turnbull

## Men's 3X5 Monthly Prayer Group:

Discover a balance of life, work and prayer. The group typically gathers for a midday meal and book discussion on Christian faith. Fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM in the church's Youth Center. Contact: Guy Cloer or Gordon Turnbull.



Interested in Joining a Group, or Starting a Small Group? Let us know!

We want to encourage and support new groups to gather for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Let us know your interest, and we will seek to connect you with an existing group, or organize and equip you to start a new one. Talk to Gordon Turnbull, Justin Cazel, or Carter Rief.

# A Prayer

Holy and gracious God,  
you reveal yourself to us in Jesus Christ,  
who came that we might have life,  
and have it abundantly.  
Lead us to discover the richness and joy  
of life in the fullness of your love.  
May your Spirit guide us in our learning and growth,  
that together we may grow into our full stature  
as the Body of Christ in the world;  
for our blessing and your glory,  
in the name of Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

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