

Welcome to the Dawson Family of Faith! This guide provides descriptions of all adult Life Groups (formerly called Sunday School classes). We have groups that meet at 8:25 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. You are invited to connect with a group. Welcome Center Greeters are available to assist you with locating the group you select. Our groups are led by gifted leaders who are trained and knowledgeable as they speak, teach, and live out God's Word. Please join with us in carrying out the Great Commission!

If you have a question and/or comment regarding Life Groups at Dawson, please share that with us:

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Life Group Stages & Ages:

Young Adult: 18-40 / Median Adult: 40-65 / Senior Adults: 65+

Life Group Symbols

◆ Married ★ Single p Men n Women

<<< 8:25 a.m. Life Groups >>>

Senior Adults: 65+

◆ / ★ / p / n / Mullins/Childers/McClellan (254 North)

This group is a warm and welcoming group of everyday people, singles and couples, in our 50's and 60's. We usually use LifeWay's Explore the Bible series for Bible study and a variety of teaching styles to keep the lessons interesting and meaningful to our daily lives. You are invited to visit us!

◆ / ★ / p / n / Vaughn/Monroe (255 North)

This group is a mature (single/married) adult group, ages approximately late 50s to early 80s. We use LifeWay's Explore the Bible literature and teach through lecture and interactive styles.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Phillip Inman (256 North)

This group is for couples and singles, ages mainly range from 65-80. We use the inductive study method to walk through scripture.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Wilson/Wear/Redding (303 West)

This group welcomes couples and singles, ages 55-80. Lessons are taught using a lecture format with freedom to comment and discuss. We use BaptistWay Press curriculum, typically a book of the Bible with an occasional theme-based rotation.

◆ / ★ / p / Hal Jacks (101-B West)

This is a men's group for ages 65+. We use Explore the Bible series in a lecture/discussion format.

◆ / ★ / n / Cortes/Herr - "The Faith Group" (101-A West)

Participants are women ages 80 and above. Study Guide: LifeWay's Explore the Bible. Format: Lecture and group discussion.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Jacks/Shotkus - "Agape Group" (100 West)

This group includes couples/widows/widowers ages 80-95. The lessons for senior adults from LifeWay's Bible Studies for Life series are taught using a lecture/discussion format. We are a very warm and friendly group who welcomes visitors.

<<< 9:40 a.m. Life Groups >>>

Young Adults: 18-40

★ / p / n / College (Gym)

This group mixes lecture with small group discussion of Scripture. We have undergraduates from all college campuses in the Birmingham area attending. Or if you're from Birmingham and you're home from school for the weekend, please join us. We'd love to connect with you!

★ / p / n / Hartin/McCutchin/Schaefer (252 North)

This Young Professionals class is made up of graduate students and young adults beginning their careers (ages 22-28). We enjoy weekly fellowship and Bible study as we encourage one another to grow in our spiritual walks.

◆ / Together For Life Marriage Course (Fellowship Hall)

TFL is a 13-week course that teaches engaged and newly married couples valuable truths that will help make your marriage last a lifetime. This course is offered twice a year (Spring & Fall). TFL has a wonderful group of married couples who teach each week.

◆ / Nast/Whittington (255 North)

If you are in your 20s or early 30s and are engaged or newly married, come join us as we study and fellowship together each week.

◆ / Hall/Lambert (253 North)

Being engaged or newly married is an exciting and challenging time in life. Having a group of other people in the same stage of life to connect with, serve with, and study the Bible with is important. As we study lessons that are rooted in the Bible and also practical for marriage, we will grow in our relationship with Him and each other.

★ / n / Petty/Cuenin (FRC 13)

Our group consists of single ladies in their late 20s - mid 40s who gather together for biblical study and community. We have a lecture/discussion format as we walk through different books of the Bible. Come join us!

TOP 10 Things You Need To Know About Dawson Life Groups...

1. You will learn and discuss the Bible on a personal level.
2. It's a great way to make our big church small.
3. You don't have to know much about the Bible.
4. There is a place for everyone in the family.
5. You don't have to talk if you don't want to.
6. There's one that fits your schedule and needs.
7. You won't be asked to pray out loud.
8. We'll help you find the right one.
9. We encourage you to try more than one.
10. You'll make friends in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Mahaffey/Settle/Wolbach (257 North)

This class is a community of young professionals (ages 27-36) that meets Sunday mornings for Bible study. Teachers lead a discussion-encouraged lesson using the Bible as the textbook.

◆ / Flowers/Black/Powell (259 North)

Our group is for young married couples, most in their 30s. Each week we study Scripture in a teacher-led discussion format with an occasional special topic series, just to break up the routine.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Glass/Lewis (256 North)

This group is for couples in their mid to late 30s that seek to know God better. Lessons most often take a topical approach seeking godly direction from Scripture.

◆ / Gardner (258 North)

Our group is for married couples in their late 20s - early 40s. We focus on practical applications of God's Word while dealing with life experiences of a new family. Our group serves as a place to build relationships, strong marriages, and family.

◆ / Cole/Yanosky (353 North)

This group is a young adult gathering of couples in their 30s to early 40s. Open group discussion is encouraged each week as we spend time studying Scripture from both the Old and New Testament.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Woodruff/Owens/Harpole (254 North)

Our group provides a place to learn Scripture and search out how to apply it to our everyday lives. We have weekly lectures with question and answer, and challenges that follow. Most of our group members are in their 30s and 40s.

◆ / Powell/Stewart (354 North)

This group is made up of couples in their mid 30s - mid 40s. Most (not all) members have children. We aim to cover a broad range of topics - books of the Bible, biblical characters, life-application studies, theology, current events, etc.

<<< 9:40 a.m. Life Groups >>>

Median Adults: 40-65

◆ / ★ / p / n / Rives/Thornton (251 North)

This multi-generational group is made up of married and single adults. All ages and stages of life are welcome! The primary target for this group are those who are new to the Dawson church family. This group will be discussion based Bible study with much practical application each week. This group will use Gospel Project material. This material walks chronologically through the Bible.

◆ / ★ / p / n / George/Gowing/Waters (352 North)

This new multi-generational group uses LifeWay's Gospel Project curriculum, a three-year curriculum that traces how we can see Jesus from Genesis to Revelation.

◆ / ★ / n / Johnson/Fite/Gaines (FRC 12)

This multi-generational ladies group integrates lecture and discussion as we dig into God's Word and apply it to our lives. LifeWay's Gospel Project curriculum takes us on a three-year journey throughout the entire Bible. We will see Jesus from Genesis to Revelation.

◆ / Bevill/McAlpin (FRC 10)

This group is made up of married couples, probably with kids, most likely with busy lives, and definitely in need of a weekly Bible-based lesson. Our intent is to foster community in our group and further the kingdom in our world.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Garlington/Pierce/Cronin (FRC 22)

This group ranges in age from early 30s to late 40s. We alternate a topical study with a book of the Bible. Every Sunday, we typically fellowship and listen to announcements then break into discussion groups. Each group has a leader/facilitator. We enjoy doing "life together."

◆ / ★ / p / n / Leonard Tillman (FRC 23)

The Tillman group studies the text of the Bible through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Members include both married and single adults, and are generally in their 40s and 50s.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Matt Grill (FRC 21)

Our group consists of couples and singles, age 30s-50s. Each week we spend time in fellowship and Bible study. Visitors welcome!

◆ / ★ / p / n / Gillum/Vanderver (FRC 20)

This group does not focus on whether or not you fit a certain age range. Instead, it is focused on creating a community of individuals in similar life stages. Come fellowship and grow with us as we dig into God's Word.

◆ / Bowdre/Martin (355 North)

This is a couples group with ages ranging from 40s-50s, some with kids and some without! We practice in-depth Bible study, frequently looking at a book of the Bible verse-by-verse. We encourage group discussion and questions – and we get both!

◆ / Dorril/Marlin (351 North)

Our group has an age range of approximately 40 to 50. Group members have children in the age range of elementary school age up through early college. Currently we are studying LifeWay's The Gospel Project. The teaching style is more discussion-based than lecture-based.

◆ / ★ / p / n / McLemore/Arendall/Martin (356 North)

This is a median-aged group of singles and married couples, with children in high school, college, and out of college. On Sunday morning, our main focus is Bible study using LifeWay's MasterWork curriculum and a question-and-answer format to encourage discussion. Our members are attuned to caring for each other and welcoming visitors and new group members.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Stuart/Baugher/Coker (308 West)

Our group consists of younger to middle-aged couples with a few singles. We usually study a book of the Bible for a few months and then a current Christian book on a specific topic.

◆ / Chapman/Lawrence (302 West)

This group welcomes 40-and-older adults who are interested in intensive Bible study. The teachers bring cultural, historical, and linguistic resources to better understand the teaching of the Bible and to apply it to our own lives.

◆ / Lott/Vinson (306 West)

Our group consists of couples in their 50s-60s. Bible studies include books of the Bible (scriptural) as well as biblically themed/topical studies. Preferred literature is LifeGuide Series published by InterVarsity Press. Format is Q&A led by teacher.

◆ / ★ / n / Becky McFarland (350 North)

This group is open to women of all ages. We are working our way through the Bible, one book at a time. Discussion is interactive with leader-facilitated commentary, and group question and answer. All visitors are welcome!

◆ / ★ / p / n / Westlake/Shepherd/Duncan (301 West)

This group includes parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents from 50 to 70+. We are singles and couples enjoying lecture and discussion sessions.

◆ / Mitch Elmore (201 West)

A couples group ages 50's to 60's. We study specific books in the Bible (currently finishing up Acts). While technically we have a teacher-led discussion, group participation is highly encouraged and generally the rule.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Internationals - Shirley McCarty (211 West)

This group studies the Bible in simple English and through pictures. There is no specific age range; we welcome anyone who wants to learn more English words and study the Bible.

Senior Adults: 65+

◆ / ★ / p / n / Williams/Wells/Anderson (304 West)

Our group incorporates daily Bible study and Sunday discussion, involving all who join us. We study God's Word first and generally use Precept materials to guide us accordingly. All adult age groups are welcome.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Pate/Mason (Cafe West)

This group truly represents a group of believers from many walks and stages of life. We are all united by a single-minded purpose to know God's Word more intimately. You might say that Colossians 1:10 (...growing in the knowledge of God) gives a fairly effective description of our fellowship as we prayerfully make ready weekly to meet on Sunday mornings.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Kilpatrick/Johnson (205 West)

Our group includes both men and women of a retired/wish to soon be retired age group. We use LifeWay's Explore the Bible material and the study starts out lecture-led but discussions, questions about the text or Scripture, and/or shared life experiences are encouraged.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Hendrix/Walker (200 West)

Missions/ministry-oriented empty-nesters; singles and married couples. Sessions are discussion format – 90% are Bible book studies, 10% are topical studies. Monthly fellowships and/or projects.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Elliott/Corbin/Martin/Williams (204 West)

Ages 65-80. Five teachers rotate teaching as we study books of the Bible chapter-by-chapter.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Lytle/Byrd (303 West)

This group provides weekly, in-depth Bible study for adults 60 years and older, couples as well as singles. The study material is LifeWay's Explore the Bible series. The teaching style is mostly lecture-led, however, participation with challenging questions and various viewpoints is encouraged.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Frank Donaldson (101-B West)

Every lesson study is centered on God's Word and is also a worship period. Though the teacher has primarily a lecture format, questions and comments are encouraged. LifeWay's Explore the Bible series is used. A men's group with an average age 70+.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Martin/Hatfield - "New Horizons" (207 West)

Age group 70+ years. Christ is the center of our Bible study. LifeWay's Explore the Bible curriculum used. Teaching method varies (discussion, lecture, etc.) depending on subject matter. Comments and questions welcomed and encouraged.

◆ / ★ / n / Dyer/Hughes/Owens (100 West)

We are a ladies group aged mid-70's to mid-80's whose members are single, married, or widowed. We use a variety of teaching methods that include questions and answers, lecture, and discussion. We use LifeWay's Bible Study for Life materials. We welcome visitors and new members.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Finley/Hatcher (101-A West)

The diverse backgrounds of this men's group (75+) assure a broad perspective on the lessons and make them more meaningful. We examine our relationship to Christ who challenges us to be faithful and live life fruitfully. LifeWay's Explore the Bible quarterly publications are used as guides for study.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Bill Dawson (206 West)

Our group ranges in age from mid-50's to mid-70's, but most members are in their early 60's. Members consist of married couples and several single ladies who are either widowed or divorced. Our Bible study centers on LifeWay's quarterly Explore the Bible series.

◆ / ★ / p / n / Steve Adlman (202 West)

In-depth study of the books of the Bible. The teaching method is a lecture with class discussion.

<<< 11:00 a.m. Life Group ◆ / ★ / p / n / Adult Special Education >>>

If you are interested in recommending someone for this Adult Special Needs group, please contact Debbie Moss at 205-871-7324 or dmosse@dawsonchurch.org.