

# Christian Education

## 2011-2012

The purpose of Central United Methodist Church is to worship God in word and deed as we learn, teach, practice, share, and witness the way of Christ daily.

### *Education Staff*

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Central United Methodist Church

# Adult Sunday School Classes

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10:00 - 11:00 a.m. between Worship Services

## Sunshine Class

Room 179

Contact: Barbara Deas (665-7088)

- Mentally, physically, or visually challenged adults or anyone who wants to spread sunshine
- Enjoy helping people
- Very concerned about family, friends, and anyone with problems

## Crossroads

Room 278

Contact: Meghan Jinnies (mjinnies@yahoo.com)

- Young adults ages 18 and up
- Relaxed and casual atmosphere
- Coffee and curriculum available in class

## New Beginnings

Room 272

Contact: Tara Smith (taramariesmith@gmail.com)

- Married couples, young parents, and professional singles
- Ages 20s, 30s, and 40s; all ages welcome
- Scripture-based lessons and discussions
- Class members lead discussions using UMC adult curriculum
- Meet socially for a quarterly dinners and family events

## Searching Disciples

Room 275

Contacts: John Jacobs (jjacobs9@sc.rr.com), Jim Harris (jharris5@sc.rr.com), & Tim Kahn (tfkahn@gmail.com)

- Interesting, diverse mix of ages and stages of life ranging from late 30s to 60s
- Small group, round table discussions
- Seeking to grow in faith & examine a variety of viewpoints
- Projects include donating clothes and food to needy families at Christmas, participating in Rebuilding Together, and donating food to the Manna House
- Studying an *Introduction to Genesis*

## Lifeways

Room 276

Contact: Susan Breeden (sbreeden@sc.rr.com)

- Primarily adults in their 30s and 40s, all ages welcome
- Instructor-led with an emphasis on biblically-based group discussion on real life, contemporary Christian issues
- Annual Christmas social
- Join us weekly for coffee and conversation

## New Horizons

Room 279

Contacts: Marvin Owen (marvin.owen@acstechnologies.com) & Steve Reaves (662-0566)

- Adults in their 40s and 50s - the "sandwich generation"
- Led by members
- Discuss a variety of topics
- Informal atmosphere
- Meet monthly to eat, see a movie, & enjoy each other's company

## **Christian Discussion**

**Room 277**

**Contacts: Jerry Peace (pax526@gmail.com) & Debra Stephens (629-0252, debrastephensbennie@yahoo.com)**

- Primarily 40s through 60s, but all ages welcome
- Formal lessons (Bible study or other United Methodist literature), current events, contemporary culture, fellowship
- Mission to grow toward four goals:
  1. An always closer relationship with God through Christ
  2. Constant seeking of His will for our lives
  3. Faith and trust to surrender to his will
  4. Love for all our brothers and sisters
- Discussion is voluntary, but encouraged
- Jerry Peace and Ron Love share teaching duties

## **Sarah Blanton-Philathea**

**Room 174**

**Contact: Sue Lynch (sbl5251@yahoo.com)**

- Mixed age group from 40s to 80s, couples and singles
- Various teachers lead the lesson from the United Methodist Adult Bible Studies curriculum
- Members enjoy caring fellowship, coffee, hymns, and devotions.
- Participates in and supports a variety of service projects, primarily CHOICES Charter School
- Large class with an average attendance of 60 people

## **Christian Family**

**Room 173**

**Contact: Jerry Couch (jcouch@sc.rr.com)**

- Very active class for seniors, both singles and couples
- Various teachers throughout the year stressing Adult Bible Studies
- Regular contributions to missions and church needs
- Year-round fellowship through eat-outs and class parties

## **Wesley Fellowship**

**Room 170**

**Contact: Joe Ann Whitaker (jonesyw843@yahoo.com)**

- Singles and couples, ages 50s - 100s
- Small group, but growing!
- Five excellent teachers who teach on a rotating basis
- Lessons based on the United Methodist Adult Bible Studies
- Discussion encouraged to seek a variety of viewpoints
- Goal is to grow in faith and love for God and our fellow man
- Strong interest in supporting church projects, missions, and outreach needs
- Music and social activities are important to our class; part of our social activity is to go out for lunch once a month

## **Journeys**

**Room 273**

**Contacts: Curtis & Jeanne Bollinger (cebollinger@gmail.com, sarajean2323@yahoo.com)**

- New class designed to help Young Adults in their Christian journey
- Scripture-based lessons and discussions
- Meet for social gatherings regularly

# Youth Sunday School

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**10:00 - 11:00 a.m. between Worship Services**

Sunday school classes for youth (grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) take place Sunday mornings 10-11 in the youth wing. Classes are designed to help youth study the Bible and talk about their faith in ways that are real and relevant to them. Materials will be provided for all participants. Youth are encouraged to bring their Bibles to class. Please come and join your age-appropriate class for fellowship, fun, and discussion. Friends and parents are always welcome!

## **Jr. High Sunday School**

**Jr. High Lounge, Room 205**

The Jr. High Sunday school class meets in the Jr. High Lounge. Students will engage stories from scripture through drama, art, games, and other active ways. All Junior High youth are welcome to come and be part of the *ACTION!*

## **Confirmation Sunday School**

**Room 207**

Those students participating in the Confirmation Preparation Process (CPP) will participate in the Confirmation Sunday school class that will meet weekly starting in September. The class will use the *Credo* curriculum published by Cokesbury. Young persons in the eighth grade are encouraged to participate in the CPP, but youth of all ages are welcome to join the group. Please contact Grace Timms if you have questions about the Confirmation Preparation Process.

## **Sr. High Sunday School**

**Sr. High Lounge, Room 204**

The Sr. High Sunday school class gathers in the Sr. High Lounge. Over the 2011-2012 academic year the class will focus on the following topics: Old Testament Prophets, Decision Making, Letters of the New Testament, Spiritual Practices, and Modern Methodism.

## **Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Night UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)**

Sunday Night UMYF is a weekly ministry that takes place most Sunday evenings between September and May. A typical UMYF evening will include dinner and fellowship, crazy games, worship, and a biblical program. UMYF will also include some special events such as Secret Destinations, Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods, and the Manna House Christmas Party.

## **UMYF Evening Schedule**

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5:45- 6:10	Dinner and Fellowship in the Davis Christian Life Center
6:20-6:45	Games in various locations
6:45-7:45	Praise & Worship/Program in the Youth Hall

The Sunday night schedule does change from time to time, so it is recommended that you visit the Central Youth Ministry website at [www.centralmethodist.net/ministries\\_youth.html](http://www.centralmethodist.net/ministries_youth.html) for the most up-to-date information. As always, parents are welcome to participate and/or observe.

# Children's Sunday School

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. between Worship Services

## Preschool Sunday School

Ages may vary, for the classes are structured to parallel the child's academic year.

3K.....	Nursery Corridor Room 147
4K.....	Nursery Corridor Room 145

## Elementary Sunday School

5K.....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 225
1st Grade.....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 227
2nd/3rd Grade .....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 221
4th Grade .....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 220
5th Grade .....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 231
6th Grade .....	Elementary Educational Wing Room 232

## Children's Church

During each Sunday morning worship service, children ages 3K through first grade are invited to talk with the pastors about the text for the day at Children's Time. Afterward, they participate in a moving, hands-on adventure in Children's Church with the Nursery Staff! While attending this exciting ministry, they learn about the life of Jesus through Bible stories, music, and hands-on crafts geared to their age groups.

3K & 4K.....	Nursery Corridor Room 147
5K & 1st grade.....	Nursery Corridor Room 145

## Nurseries

Nurseries are open on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Infants (birth - walking well) .....	Nursery Corridor Room 132
Toddlers (walking well - age 2) .....	Nursery Corridor Room 135
Two's.....	Nursery Corridor Room 144
Young Three's.....	Nursery Corridor Room 142

## Wednesday Evening Nurseries

Nurseries are open on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Infants .....	Nursery Corridor Room 132
Toddlers.....	Nursery Corridor Room 135
Two's/Young Three's.....	Nursery Corridor Room 142
Preschool Class (3K-5K) .....	Nursery Corridor Room 145

## Music Department

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings. Performances are during Sunday morning services.

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Rehearsals</i>	<i>Performances</i>
Adult Choir	18 & Over	7:30-9:00 p.m.	All 11:15 a.m.; Some 9:00 a.m.
Handbells	Adults	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Occasionally and for both services
Junior Choir	Grades 3-6	6:15-7:00 p.m.	3-4 each year
Elementary Choir	Grades 1-2	5:30-6:15 p.m.	3-4 each year
Preschool Choir	4K-5K	5:30-6:00 p.m.	3-4 each year

# Wednesday Evening Christian Education Opportunities

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Come enjoy our Wednesday evening opportunities for Christians of all ages beginning September 7, 2011. A delicious, nutritional meal is available from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. in the Davis Christian Life Center (\$2 for children; \$5 for adults), followed by classes beginning at 6:15.

## Children's Programs

### Children's Choirs

All Children's Choirs meet on the second floor of the sanctuary building. Following Preschool Choir rehearsal, 4K and 5K children are escorted to the nursery area for lessons and crafts.

Jed's Kids is a program offering children in grades 1-6 the opportunity to learn to read music through the use of percussion instruments such as drums and xylophones. Beverly Hazelwood and Sharon Tanner will lead the program.

<i>Children's Choir</i>	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Room</i>
Preschool Choir	4K-5K	5:30-6:00 p.m.	#293
Elementary Choir	Grades 1-2	5:30-6:15 p.m.	#292
Junior Choir	Grades 3-6	6:15-7:00 p.m.	#292
Jed's Kids (Percussion)	Grades 1-6	7:00-7:30 p.m.	#292

### Bible Blast

**Room 219**

1st-6th graders gather for purposeful games, focused on learning and reviewing Bible stories, memorizing Scripture, and applying what they learn to their daily lives. Children who participate will earn Bible Bucks each week which they can spend in our Magnificent Market, available several times during the year.

1st-2nd Graders .....6:15-7:00 p.m.  
 3rd-6th Graders .....5:30-6:15 p.m.

## Youth Programs

### Jr. High YOW! (Youth on Wednesday)

**Youth Area**

The primary weekly Jr. High ministry program is Jr. High YOW! (Youth on Wednesday). This season, the Jr. High group will ask the question "Who is God?" Each week, the group will answer that question through games, skits, and projects and leave with a real dare from Jesus.

Youth Hall Open (for talking, hanging out, & playing games) .....6:00 p.m.  
 YOW! Program (prayer, Pows & Wows, games, Bible study, discussion) .....6:15-7:30 p.m.

YOW! will not meet during major congregational events (Talent Show, Ash Wednesday service, etc.) to encourage youth and adult volunteer attendance/participation in those events. Visit the Central Youth Ministry website for scheduling updates.

### Sr. High Youth Wednesday Night Options

Sr. High YOW! Bible Study .....6:15-7:30 p.m.  
*9th and 10th graders will meet in the Sr. High Lounge (Room 204) for a time of student-led fellowship, Bible study and discussion, and prayer. The topics will be chosen by student leaders.*  
 Bible Blast Student Leader (9th - 10th graders) .....Contact Kim Dowd  
*Attend Bible Blast, assist adult leaders, build relationships with children*  
 Children's Choir Volunteer (9th - 12th graders) .....Contact Sharon Tanner or Honor Bonds  
*Attend 80% rehearsals, assist directors/volunteers, build relationships with children*

# Wednesday Evening Christian Education Opportunities

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## Adult Programs

Wednesday Night Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. in Davis CLC. Programs begin at 6:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.  
Central's hospitality coffee bar is free and open to all from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Commons Area.

### **Forty Days of Fruitful Living: Practicing a Life of Grace**

**Room 273**

**Leader:** Meg Jiunnies (mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net)

This six-week study (September 14 - October 19, 6:15-7:15 p.m.), coinciding with the Sunday church-wide curriculum Central is beginning in September, is offered on Wednesday night for those who cannot attend during the Sunday school hour. We will explore practices of discipleship in order to deepen our own spiritual growth and see the presence of God more clearly in daily life.

There will be other practical application Bible studies offered throughout the year.

### **Disciple Classes**

Contact Meg Jiunnies (mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net) for more details; scholarships available upon request.

- **Disciple I** studies 70% of the Bible; prerequisite to other Disciple classes. 34 weeks/\$50
- **Disciple IV** studies Old Testament writings, Gospel of John, Epistles of John, James & Jude, and Revelation. 32 weeks/\$50
- **Christian Believer** focuses on the classical doctrines of the Christian faith and Bible study. 30 weeks/\$50

### **The BOMBS: Band of Mothers Bible Study**

**Schofield Library & Media Center**

**Leader:** Jeanne Bollinger (sarajeon2323@yahoo.com)

Are you a mom of young children and in need of some spiritual and mental TLC? At times, have you felt more like a "ticking time bomb" rather than "the bomb" as a mom? If so, join us for our new Bible study and support team. We will discuss topics that concern our children, our loved ones, and ourselves. Come and get your questions answered, your fears calmed, and learn what God has to say about mothering.

### **Live@Central**

**Spears Fellowship Hall & Various Locations**

Live@Central presents a variety of interesting, stand-alone, secular programs and is a wonderful opportunity to invite guests to Wednesday Nights at Central. There is never any cost to attend, and all programs are open to the public. Program Coordinator: Murray Jordan

## Other Christian Education Opportunities

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### **Central 101**

**Room #172**

**Leaders:** Rev. Cynthia Taylor & Rev. Stephen Taylor

This three-week study (August 14, 21, & 28, and again on February 26, March 4, and March 11, 2012) is open to new members, prospective members, and long-time members who are curious about Methodism and the work of Central UMC.

### **Disciple Classes**

Contact Meg Jiunnies (mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net) for more details.

- **Disciple I** studies 70% of the Bible; prerequisite to other Disciple classes. 34 weeks/\$50
- **Disciple II** studies Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. 32 weeks/\$50
- **Disciple III** studies the Prophets and the letters of Paul. 32 weeks/\$50
- **Disciple IV** studies Old Testament writings, Gospel of John, Epistles of John, James & Jude, and Revelation. 34 weeks/\$50
- **Youth Disciple** will be based on the Christian Believer materials; no prerequisite. 8 weeks/No Cost

# Other Christian Education Opportunities

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## Women Wanting Wisdom Series

This series includes a variety of offerings at different times in order to include as many women of the church as possible.

### **WWW: Women Wanting Wisdom Redux**

**Sundays @ 5:45-7:00 p.m., Oct. 9 - Nov. 6**

**Sponsored by the Women's Task Force**

Did you miss Central's WWW series the first time around last January because of other commitments? You have a new chance to experience the fun and fellowship of Central's wonderful wise women! Join us on Sunday evenings as women from all ages and stages of life come together to discuss issues important to our lives as Christian women. The first session will be "Why We Are Here and Wisdom Defined." Future sessions will include questions and answers with physicians as we discuss our children and our bodies, a panel discussion with some "spiritual mothers," and personal testimony from Rev. Cynthia Taylor. Take a little time out of your hectic schedule for fellowship and learn with other remarkable women of Central! Materials will be provided; please enroll by contacting Meg Jiunnies (662-3218, [mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net](mailto:mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net)).

### **WWW: Seasons Women's Retreat**

**White Oak Retreat Center, Winnsboro, SC, Oct. 28-29, 2011**

Don't miss out on this time of relaxation, fellowship, and reflection on Ecclesiastes 3:1, sponsored by Central Women's Task Force. We have only 25 spaces available for this overnight retreat. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday as well as accommodations for double occupancy and retreat materials are included in the registration fee of \$75.00. To register, please contact Meg Jiunnies (662-3218, [mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net](mailto:mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net)).

### **WWW: Fighting the Funk!**

**Spears Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays @ 6:15-7:30 p.m., Jan. 4 - Feb. 1**

The Women's Task Force will sponsor a new series of sessions to inspire women during the "winter blues" days and focus on the time in our Christian calendar between Epiphany and Lent. This will be a time for both reflection and hands-on activities that will help you fight the funk of cold, dark winter days. You are invited to participate in Christian discussion and fellowship as we explore ways of living fully in Christ and being able to feel joy in God's world - even in the midst of bad weather, work and school demands, and the aftermath of holiday spending sprees. Grab a friend and join us as we learn from one another and God some new strategies for Christian life.

### **Women's Short-Term Bible Study**

**Room #164/165, Mondays @ 9:15-11:15 a.m., Sept. 12 - Nov. 28**

**Leader: Courtney Graham**

Central will again offer several short-term women's Bible studies starting with Beth Moore's "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Additional studies will be held at the same time period in the winter and spring of 2012; watch the bulletin for more details. There are no costs for these studies except for the workbooks which are available at local bookstores. If you would like to register for any of the studies or for more information, please contact Meg Jiunnies (662-3218, [mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net](mailto:mjiunnies@centralmethodist.net)).

## Men's Bible Study

### **27:17 Men's Bible Study**

**Spears Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays @ 6:30-7:30 a.m.**

**Leader: Rev. Stephen Taylor ([staylor@centralmethodist.net](mailto:staylor@centralmethodist.net))**

Men of all ages are welcome to join this group as it works its way passage by passage through the gospels with the goal that men may become better followers of Christ. The format also encourages men to support and pray for one another. As Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

# Other Christian Education Opportunities

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## United Methodist Women

President: Mary Davidson (665-6828, davidson77@sc.rr.com)

Central United Methodist Women are Women United in Service, Fellowship and Spiritual Reflection -- a group of ordinary women doing extraordinary things. Our purpose is to: know God, experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, develop creative, supportive fellowship, and expand concepts of mission.

Circles meet monthly from September to May. These smaller groups allow for a more intimate setting that encourages fellowship and spiritual reflection. A typical meeting includes UMW business, Bible study, fellowship, and plenty of food!

### Sarah Blanton Circle 2nd Mondays @ 2:00 p.m., Moody Parlor

Leader: Rebecca Smith (662-2255) / Teacher: Carol Cockfield (662-6540)

Non-working women ages 60+

### Christian Women Circle 2nd Mondays @ 7:00 p.m., Member Homes

Leader: Jane Hubis (667-0538) / Teacher: Joe Ann Whitaker (662-4194)

Working & non-working women ages 40+

### Pearl Jones/Rosa Sanders Circle 1st Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m., Member Homes

Leaders: Betty Wyman (662-2301) & Jo Richardson (662-1379) / Teacher: Betty Gail King (662-2277)

All women ages 40+

### Sara Glenn/Leila Epps/Elizabeth Moody Circle 1st Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m., Room #170

Leader: Karen West (662-4487) / Teacher: Catherine Thompson (661-5510)

Non-working women ages 50+

### Erin Glenn/Mary Motte Herbert Circle 1st Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m., Moody Parlor

Leader: Ann Wansley (669-8716) / Teacher: Jody Parker (669-4477)

Working & retired women ages 50+

### Joy Anderson Circle 1st Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m., Moody Parlor

Leader: Jeanne Stephens (669-7636) / Teacher: Mary Ann Snow (669-8886)

All women ages 50+

## United Methodist Men

President: Rufus Hackney (662-9375, rrhackney@yahoo.com)

Central United Methodist Men meet each month to fellowship, dine, and enjoy informative and/or entertaining programs together. The UMM gather the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Spears Fellowship Hall unless otherwise noted for special events. All men are invited to join and invite a friend to attend as well. Please check the bulletin for the most accurate information.

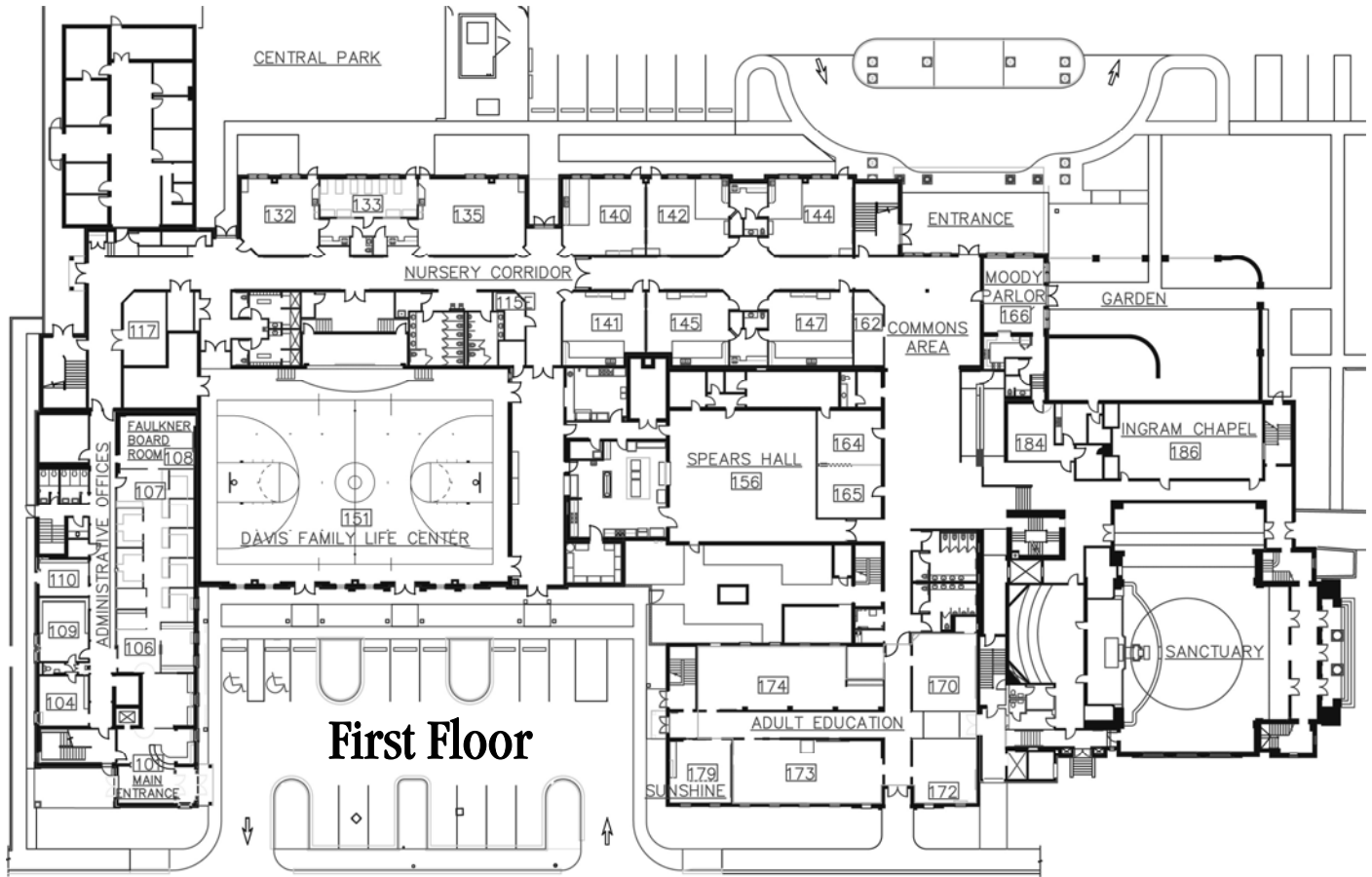
# Getting Around

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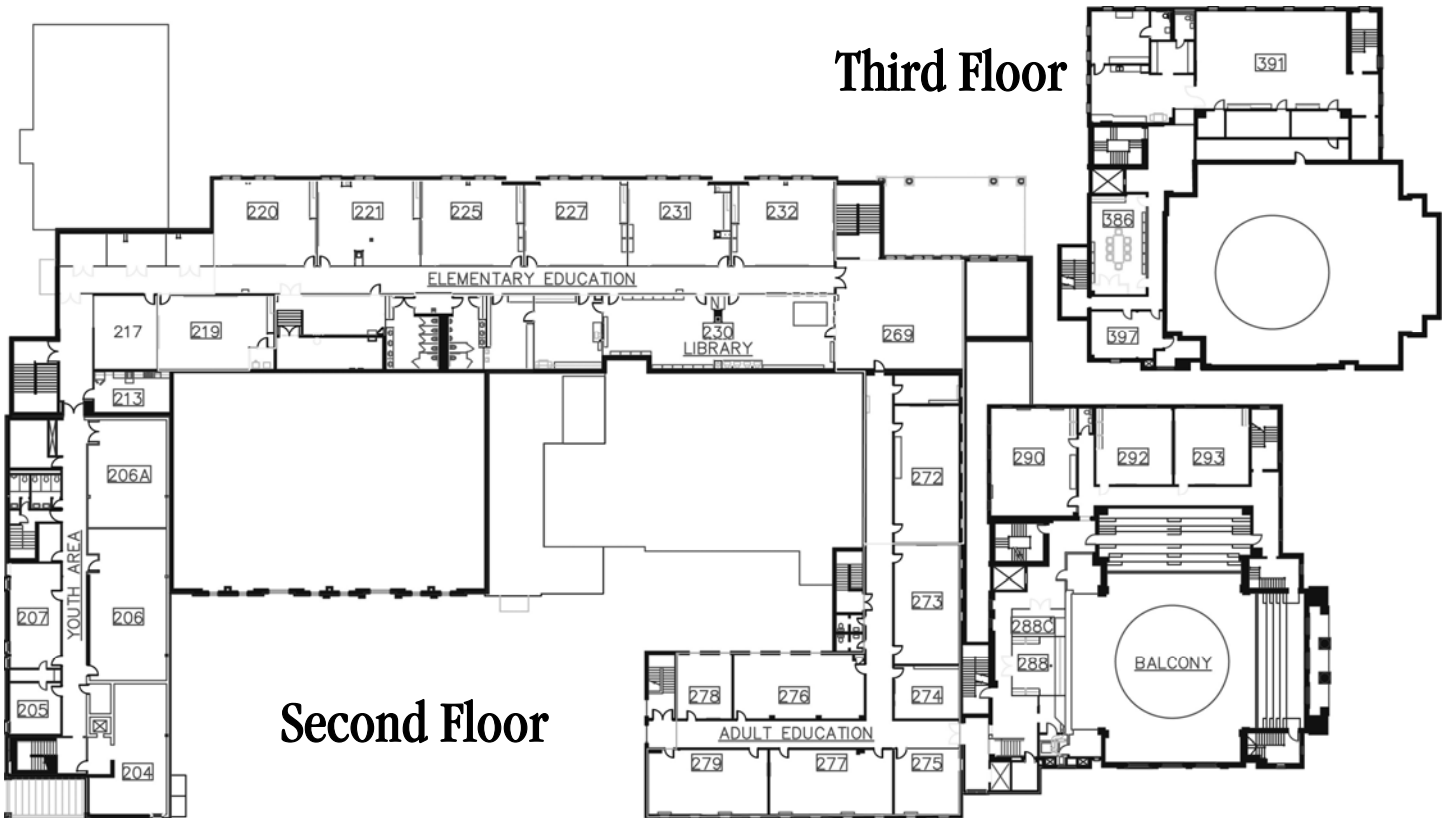
The main access to the building is through the Commons Area. This door is located on the North side of the building and is accessible from the Irby Street parking lot. Look for the brick columns.

- To get to the **Sanctuary Building**, enter through the Commons Area and go straight. You will see a hallway on the left with stairs; this will lead you to the first, second, and third floors. If you have trouble with stairs, there is an elevator to the right of the stairwell in the hall.
- To get to the **Adult Educational Wing**, enter through the Commons Area and go straight. You will pass a hall on the left and right; continue straight. Directly across from the restrooms on your left is a stairwell that leads to the second floor of the Education Wing. If you are looking for a first floor class, continue past the stairwell. You will find classes on the left and down the hall to the right. There is also an elevator located at the end of the hallway between rooms 170 and 172 that provides access to the Adult Classrooms 271-279, Children's Assembly room, Media Center, and Elementary Educational Wing.
- To get to the **Nursery Corridor**, enter the Commons Area and turn right. The hallway is directly in front of you.
- To get to the **Elementary Educational Wing**, enter through the Commons Area and make an immediate right. Just prior to the Nursery Corridor, you will find a staircase to the right. Take the staircase to the second floor. Exit the staircase and turn right. You will find elementary-level classes on the right and the Media Center on the left.
- To get to the **Administration Wing**, enter through the Commons Area and make an immediate right. Follow this hallway (Nursery Corridor) all the way to the end and make a left. This hallway is the first floor of the Administration Wing and there are offices on both sides. To get to the second floor, the **Youth Hall**, there are stairwells at either end of the hall.

# Building Floor Plans



## Third Floor



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