

# Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How: 2024

## Why does Our Sunday School exist? (Our purpose)

### SHBC purpose

To experience, know and enjoy God so we can make Him known with our words and with our works

### Our Sunday School purpose

To experience, know, and enjoy God—so we can make him known with our words and works

### Growing our relationships with...

God: "experience, know, and enjoy God"

People: "make him known with our words and works"

## How will we accomplish our purpose? (Our mission)

**Our Sunday School mission:** To grow our relationships with God and people using our heads, our hearts, and our hands

We do this by providing a safe space for...

- Studying the Bible: engaging our heads with a substantial interaction with truth  
→ this is doctrine/orthodoxy: our goal is to grow in lifelong learning
- Praying for others: engaging our hearts with meaningful connection with others  
→ this is passion/orthopathy: our goal is to grow in lifelong connection
- Serving others: engaging our hands with ministry training  
→ this is behavior/orthopraxy: our goal is to grow in lifelong service

## How do we get ready for class? (Our preparation)

1. We are ready to study by being rested and read up
2. We are ready to pray with others by leaning in and engaging
3. We are ready to serve by being on time, having open eyes to needs, open mouths to engage, and open hands to work  
("we" = anyone, regardless of \_\_\_\_\_, but we don't skip text)

## How do we study the Bible? (Our process)

1. Pray with others
2. Hear with others
3. Think with others
4. Talk with others
5. Study with others
6. Invite others

## What do we expect? (Our membership expectations)

### Members expect:

- weekly opportunities to study, pray, and serve
- daily prayer by name from Jim
- soliciting help for ad hoc needs
- a physical “quarterly”

### Teachers expect members to:

- do the mission
- do the preparation
- do the process

If you commit to these membership expectations, you can be a member.

## What do we believe? (Our theology)

*Baptist Faith & Message 2000*

## When and where do we do this? (Our schedule) (dv)

Sundays from 9:07 – 9:50 am in the Multi-purpose Room at 1505 Cloverdale Drive, Hixson, TN (except for Easter, and the Sundays closest to Christmas and New Year’s)

## Who does what? (Our assignments)

### Before class

- Members - welcome others
- Dave Barber - leads audio setup and operates PowerPoint

### During class (help needed)

- Jim Fleming - leads Our Sunday School and is the primary teacher
- January 28, February 4, March 10, ~~March 31~~, April 7, June 2, June 30, August 25, October 20, December 8, ~~December 22~~, and ~~December 29~~

### After class (leads needed)

- TBD - collects and distributes prayer requests after class
- TBD - schedules and leads lunches and parties

## What are our resources for the rest of 2024? (Our helps)

1. Holy Spirit
2. *Colossians* (NA28 and the Christian Standard Bible)
3. *Colossians: A Word-by-word Resource for Our Sunday School*
4. OurSundaySchool.com