

GROW

AT SHERWOOD

WINTER/SPRING 2024





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LETTER from the PASTOR

Thank you for picking up a copy of our Grow book! We are excited about what God is doing in and through the people of Sherwood. We look forward to joining in God's kingdom work in 2024.

Part of our focus for 2024 is helping people take the next step. It may be the next step in their walk with God, the next step in their marriage, or the next step in service, giving, or community. There's always another step of obedience, maturity, or understanding, and we want to encourage and equip people to take the next step with God.

Let's connect this idea with the vision of Sherwood. Sherwood exists to see people awakened by the gospel to a life of knowing Christ and making Him known. To truly engage the vision, we need to help believers progress on a path of discipleship that leads to greater maturity in Christ. This path should develop and deploy disciples who are equipped in the gospel, engaged in the kingdom, and able to entrust to others what God has entrusted to them.

This type of maturity doesn't just happen, and equipped believers do not emerge out of a frenzy of church activity. Rather, mature disciples are developed over time and are lovingly encouraged to take the next step with Jesus. Every journey begins with a first step. Throughout the year, we encourage people to seek God about

their next step. As the Spirit directs through Scripture and prayer, we continue that journey by taking the next step.

The Grow book is designed to help you progress in your walk with Jesus. In this book, you will find opportunities to connect with other believers, grow in your relationship with God, and engage in God's kingdom activity. We offer groups for people of all ages, all levels of Christian maturity, and all stages of life. We have opportunities for preschoolers, children, youth, college students, and adults. Regardless of the person, there's something for you!

To help in the busyness of life, we offer a Wednesday night meal to allow individuals and families to get connected with a minimal amount of frustration. These meals provide a great opportunity to meet some new people and hear how God is at work in believers' lives.

I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities listed in this book. Find a class. Get connected. Explore the fullness of what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus. Everyone's journey with Jesus will be a little different, but everyone's journey will require steps of obedience with Christ.

May God reveal the next step to each of us!

Paul



sundays

7:45 am

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM

8:15 am

ADULT CONNECT GROUPS

9:30 am

WORSHIP

11:00 am

CONNECT GROUPS FOR ALL AGES

5:30 pm

HOUSE OF PRAYER

6:00 pm

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

Interactive and music-filled time for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds centered around The Gospel Project lesson of the day.

KIDS ROCK

Completed first-fifth graders will join us in the Kids Rock Theater for a Bible lesson, music, and fun activities.

PRESCHOOL

WEE CARE + WEE WORSHIP

Sundays @ 9:30 am

CONNECT GROUPS

Sundays @ 11:00 am

Newborns
Joy 103

Crawlers
Joy 104

Walkers
Joy 106

Toddlers
Joy 107

Toddlers
Joy 108

2-Year-Old Class A
Joy 109

2-Year-Old Class B
Joy 110

3-Year-Old Class
Joy 113

4-Year-Old Class A
Joy 114

4-Year-Old Class B
Joy 115

Kindergarten Class A
Joy 117

Kindergarten Class B
Joy 118

KIDS

KIDS CONNECT GROUPS

Sundays @ 11:00 am

1st Grade (Last Name A-K)
Joy 201

1st Grade (Last Name L-Z)
Joy 203

2nd Grade (Last Name A-K)
Joy 205

2nd Grade (Last Name L-Z)
Joy 204

3rd Grade (Last Name A-K)
Joy 206

3rd Grade (Last Name L-Z)
Joy 207

4th Grade (Last Name A-K)
Joy 210

4th Grade (Last Name L-Z)
Joy 208

5th Grade
Joy 211

Buddy Ministry
Joy 215

First Steps
Joy 209 + Joy 213

preschool & kids connect groups



student connect groups



STUDENT CONNECT GROUPS

Sundays @ 11:00 am

Hope Building

At Sherwood, we believe spiritual growth is important. For that reason, we challenge every person to do life together with other believers in a Connect Group. A Connect Group is an environment of biblical community where students can feel welcome and accepted, encounter Christ and His Word and be disciplined. Our groups spend time in God's Word through Bible-based curriculum. Each group is encouraged to study the Bible weekly and hang out quarterly.

6th Grade Girls | Hope 108

6th Grade Boys | Hope 109

7th Grade Girls | Hope 104

7th Grade Boys | Hope 102

8th Grade Girls | Hope 103

8th Grade Boys | Hope 102

9th Grade Girls | Hope 210

9th Grade Boys | Hope 208

10th Grade Girls | Hope 206

10th Grade Boys | Hope 202

11th Grade Girls | Hope 209

11th Grade Boys | Hope 207

12th Grade Girls + Boys | Hope 201

ADULT CONNECT GROUPS

Sundays @ 8:15 am

LIFE APPLICATION

Couples 50-60s

Teacher: Frantz

Faith 203

RUTH'S SHINING LIGHT

Women 65+

Teachers: Pippin, Powell + Wilson

Fellowship 102

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Men 70-80s

Teacher: Weaver

Fellowship 103/104

ENCOURAGERS

Couples 60+

Teacher: Hatcher

Worship 108

Sundays @ 11:00 am

FOUNDATIONS

Couples 20s

Teacher: Flowers + Briseno

Faith 201

DISCIPLE MAKERS

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: Davis + Perry

Faith 202

FITNESS

Couples 40-50s

Teachers: Orr + Sheets

Faith 203

HIS WILL

Couples 30-40s

Teacher: Blackburn

Faith 206

NEW BEGINNINGS

Couples 30s

Teacher: Joiner

Faith 207

HEARTS + HANDS

Couples 45-65+

Teachers: Broome + Varnadoe

Faith 208

CORNERSTONE

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: Butler, Howell + Spalinger

Faith 209

LEGACY BUILDERS

Couples 40-50s

Teacher: NeSmith

Faith 210

Sundays @ 11:00 am

YOUNG ADULTS

Singles 18-30

Teachers: Gotthardt

Faith 211

BARNABAS

Couples 60+

Teachers: Harrison + Johnson

Fellowship 101

THE JOURNEY

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: McDaniel + Smith

Fellowship 103 + 104

ABIGAIL

Women 50+

Teachers: Davis, Martin + Wari

Fellowship 105 + 106

DOULOS

Singles 28-39

Teachers: Bland + Mallery

Fellowship 107

N'FUZION

Singles 40+

Teacher: Chambers

Fellowship 108

HARVEST

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: Fallin + Proctor

Fellowship 109

SPANISH FOR MISSIONS

Spanish-Class for all ages

Teachers: Galiano + McNease

Fellowship 201

RECONCILIATION

Spanish-Class for all ages

Teacher: Meza

Fellowship 202

Sundays @ 11:00 am

LIFE TOGETHER

Couples 30+

Teacher: Bennett

Fellowship 203

LOGOS

Couples 50-60s

Teacher: Cain + Logan

Worship 101

ABIDE

Adults 30-40s

Teacher: Mingo + Ofodile

Worship 103

GOING DEEPER

Couples 40-50s

Teachers: LaGrange

Worship 107

FELLOWSHIP

Couples 30s

Teachers: Flynt + Miller

Worship 108

AGAPE

Women 70+

Teachers: Beall + Majors

Worship 109

FAITHSEEKERS

Couples 60-70s

Teacher: Douglas

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 101

LIVING WORD

Couples 60+

Teacher: Mathis

Joy 122



mondays

YOUNG ADULT WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

6:30 pm | Off Site

Kelley + Richardson (Career)

Uniting with believers is a foundational aspect of discipleship. It is so important for young adults to be involved in a biblical community of believers who are walking in a similar season of life! Our Young Adult Ministry hosts discipleship groups that meet in homes throughout the week to provide an opportunity for singles 18-30 to join with other believers in building community together. The goal of these groups is to encourage one another, be accountable to each other, and walk through life together in community.

For additional details about the opportunities we offer and group study addresses, please contact Young Adults Pastor Alan Gotthardt at AlanG@SherwoodBaptist.net or call/text 770.315.7073.



tuesdays

GRIEFSHARE

10:30 am

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 102 | Liggin + Tabarrok

Helping individuals and families going through the grief process to understand what to expect and how to cope with the challenges accompanying the loss of a loved one. Grieving and growing is messy because life is messy. Join the journey with others who are grieving and experience the biblical reality that it's normal to hurt and necessary to grieve. GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

** Childcare is provided. Workbook for purchase at ABCC. Homework is encouraged.*

YOUNG ADULT WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

College Discipleship Group

7:30 pm | Gotthardts + Jansons

Freshmen Discipleship Group

7:30 pm | Pope

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women's ministry



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

PRECEPT - 1 THESSALONIANS

9:30 am | January 9 – April 30 (class will not meet on March 12 or April 2)
Faith 211 | Bennett

Amid persecution and local conflict, Paul wrote to encourage the continued faithfulness of the believers in Thessalonica. He instructed them in exemplary Christian living and inspired hope in the community by pointing to the coming kingdom and the return of Christ. Join us as we study verse-by-verse through this letter, praying that “the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (5:23).

ANXIOUS - FIGHTING ANXIETY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

9:30 am | January 9 – February 27
Fellowship 103-106 | Sharber

In a world full of sin and doubt, the battle is for our minds. God wants us to abide in Him. He desires that you live in peace that passes all human understanding. Worry robs us of that peace, but we have all we need to conquer our fears and thrive despite our circumstances. How do we make a home in God's Word? How do we allow the promises of the Bible to lead us and follow the voice of our Lord to perfect peace? Come join us and find out.

IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCIES - THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL IN ROMANS

9:30 am | March 5 – May 14
Fellowship 103-106 | Sharber

This study is a rich walk-through of Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Romans teaches us that salvation is just the first step in an eternal journey with Christ. Because of the gospel, our present reality in Jesus is that we have hope, peace, life, joy, faith, trust and endurance. He has accomplished our salvation and now we rest in Him as He accomplishes the work of sanctification in us as well.



wednesdays

FAMILY SUPPER

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Fellowship Center

Pricing:

Children 5 and younger- FREE

Individual Meals- \$7

Families (up to six members)- \$25

**Checks and cash accepted only, no cards.*

CHOIR + ORCHESTRA

6:30 pm

Choir | Worship 107

Orchestra | Worship Center

Rehearsal for Sunday worship services and special events.

DISCOVER SHERWOOD

6:30 pm

Faith 206 | Various Staff

Come and learn what it means to be part of Sherwood and how you can plug in. This four-session introduction to the church will teach you about the mission and vision of our church as well as give you a tour around our facility.



bible studies for all

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EXPLORE THE WORD

6:30 pm

Faith 211 | Driver

This is a Sherwood traditional Wednesday night offering. Prayer and Bible study with old and young; single and married. Curtis Driver is currently leading an in-depth look at Ephesians.

THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

6:30 pm

Faith 202 | Weaver

We think of love as being the cornerstone of a marriage. This is true, but it is cemented with great communication. How do we love? How do we give and receive love? How do we understand and communicate love to our spouse? This study provides proven steps to build a firm foundation for the love that will sustain a marriage for a lifetime.

CHRIST-CENTERED PARENTING

6:30 pm

Faith 210 | Stone

Lead your family to engage the culture with the gospel. Whether your kids are preschoolers, preteens, or young adults, you need to be prepared to help your children navigate the complex cultural issues of our day. This study will help equip you to guide children through difficult issues such as pornography, identity, homosexuality, abortion, technology, and more from a gospel perspective. This class is designed to give you an understanding of the current issues, examine them from a biblical framework, and challenge you to lead your family to engage the culture with the gospel of Christ.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

6:30 pm

Faith 203 | Manwiller

Financial Peace helps you learn to pay off debt and order your finances around a budget. It helps you see your money as a tool and not a master. Designed around biblical principles, this course can help you find financial freedom.

GRACE WALK

6:30 pm

Faith 208 | Daniel, Hall + Sebesta

Trying to live the Christian Life in our own strength is exhausting. Living by the Law is impossible. Come and learn how to abide in Christ and walk in His grace on a daily basis. Find the freedom He offers and see how much more effective your walk will be for His kingdom!

men's studies



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33 THE SERIES: A MAN AND HIS DESIGN | VOLUME 1

6:30 pm | January 10 – February 14

Faith 209 | Guin

The series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. Volume I contains six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men.

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS

6:30 pm | February 21 – April 17

Faith 209 | Guin

The study will explore what happened "in the beginning" as God laid the foundation of the earth and then established a path for the redemption of His people through His covenant with Abraham.

33 THE SERIES: A MAN AND HIS DESIGN | VOLUME 2

6:30 pm | April 24 – May 29

Faith 209 | Guin

In the pursuit of authentic manhood, every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique "story." In this second volume of 33 The Series, men explore their stories through a biblical perspective. With help from experts and regular guys, they will be equipped to learn from their past, come alive in their present, and enjoy God's best in the future.

women's studies



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KNOWN: STUDY OF IDENTITY

6:30 pm

Fellowship 101 + 102/107 + 108 | Bland

Would you like to start this new year of 2024 being confident in who you are and sure of your identity? That knowledge will affect how you relate to others. Join us in this study of identity as we do some self-reflection and discover what the Bible says about identity. We will study for eight weeks and use the book, *Known*, by Yarrow, an arm of Precept Ministries. There is no homework. We will do the lessons in this book in class each week. Our prayer is that you will finish this study with a greater understanding of your value and worth as you discover your identity.

albany biblical counseling center



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BE “TRANSFORMED”

6:30 pm

Women’s Class in ABCC 101

Men’s Class in ABCC Downstairs Conference Room

Teachers | Morgans + Nowickis

Are you serious about your sobriety? Join us as we walk through this biblical, scripture-saturated curriculum that takes the next steps beyond the goal of recovery and sets the eternal goal of TRANSFORMATION through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and God’s Word.

DIVORCECARE

6:30 pm

ABCC 103 | Richardson

Two are better than one, but what does one do when life throws a curve ball, and you find yourself alone? This can be a painful and lonely place to be. Don’t go through separation or divorce alone. Find help for your hurts, discover hope for the future and experience God’s healing. This group study has a heart for people in separation and divorce and a desire that people will come to know the hope, help and healing found in a relationship with the Lord.

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SINGLE AND PARENTING

6:30 pm

Faith 207 | Tabarrok + Willis

All over the world men and women find themselves in circumstances they did not plan for. Whatever the reason is, you now have this tough task of single parenting. This class helps single parents navigate this journey with practical help and encouragement as they seek to successfully guide their children to adulthood. This study brings hope and healing to the hurting single parent that they know the hope, peace and freedom found in a relationship with the Lord.

preschool & kids



PRESCHOOL

AWANA CUBBIES

6:30 pm | Joy 112 – Joy 115

AWANA Cubbies is for 3- and 4-year-olds where they will enjoy a fun-filled night of learning Bible verses and participating in team games. The heart of AWANA is the gospel message. AWANA strongly emphasizes memorizing and understanding Scripture while offering games and a variety of Bible-related activities.

Newborns

Joy 103

Toddlers

Joy 107

Crawlers

Joy 104

2-Year-Old Class

Joy 110

Walkers

Joy 106

KIDS

XPLORATION STATION

6:30 pm

Xploration Station is for children in kindergarten - 5th grade. Children will rotate through small group Bible time, recreation time in the gym, and Kids Praise worship in the Kids Rock Theater. Every night is packed with a lesson that teaches truth from God's Word, using activities and music to connect this truth in practical ways.

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade (A-K)

2nd Grade (L-Z)

3rd Grade (A-K)

3rd Grade (L-Z)

4th Grade (A-K)

4th Grade (L-Z)

5th Grade

Joy 201

Joy 203

Joy 205

Joy 204

Joy 206

Joy 207

Joy 210

Joy 208

Joy 211/Coke Room

middle & high school students



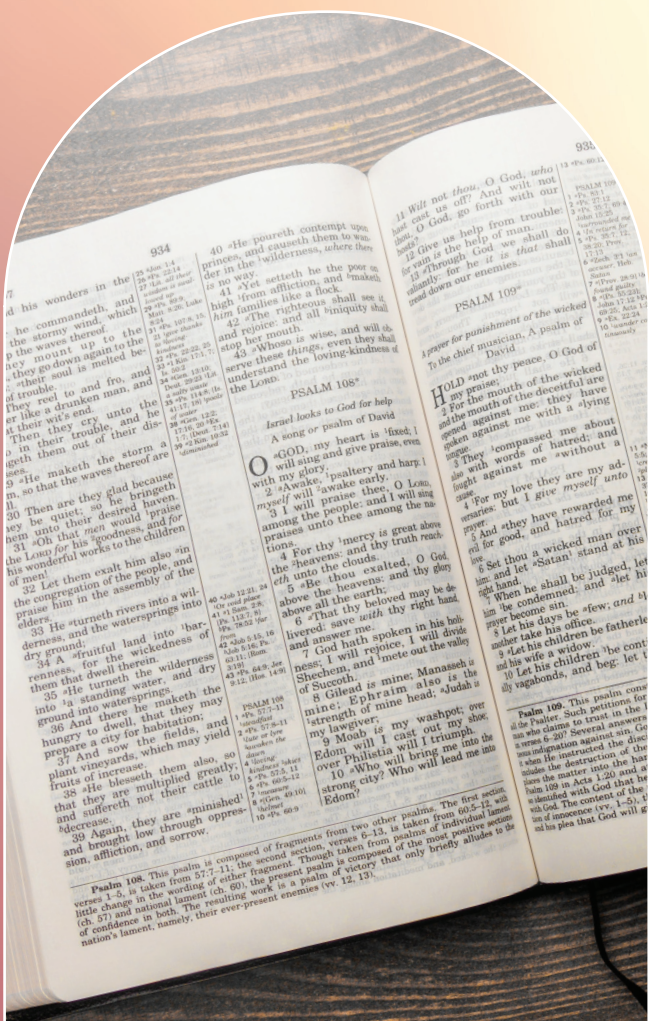
ELEVATE

6:00 pm | Game Room/Cafe/Basketball

6:45 pm | High School (Upstairs Worship Center)
& Middle School Elevate (Downstairs Worship Center)

ELEVATE is our mid-week worship gathering for students! Pastor Alan Gotthardt leads our middle school worship gathering, and Pastor Tim Johnson leads our high school worship gathering. Their messages are constructed to minister to students and challenge them to impact those around them for Christ. Our worship time is led by our Student Worship Team!

For more information visit SherwoodBaptist.net/students.



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PSALM 109

A prayer for the punishment of the wicked

To the chief musician. A psalm of David.

HOLD not thy peace, O God of David.

1 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

2 They compassed me about also with words of hatred: and fought against me without a cause.

3 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

4 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

5 Because I have said, I will not move: therefore have the enemies said, He shall be moved.

6 Therefore shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

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Psalm 108. This psalm is composed of fragments from two other psalms. The first portion, verses 1-5, is taken from 57:7-11; the second portion, verses 6-13, is taken from 60:2-10 with a little change in the wording of either fragment. Though taken from psalms of individual lament (ch. 57) and national lament (ch. 60), the present psalm is composed of the most positive sections of confidence in both. The resulting work is a psalm of victory that only briefly alludes to the nation's lament, namely, their ever-present enemies (vv. 12, 13).

thursdays

MEN'S STUDIES

THE RESOLUTION FOR MEN BIBLE STUDY

9:00 am | January 11 – April 18

Hope Center Upstairs Conference Room | 925 Pine Avenue
Bevel

During this class, men will learn how to spend time with God and His Word each day with a “learn and return” mindset. Men will learn and grow not just for themselves, but they are also learning for the person they will someday disciple in following Jesus.

THE PURSUIT

9:00 am | April 25 – December 05

Hope Center Upstairs Conference Room | 925 Pine Avenue
Bevel

The Pursuit shows how the three key relationships of Christ's life impact your growth as a disciple. Jesus lived in right relationship with the Father, with the Church, and with the world. All three relationships stayed in proper tension.



saturdays

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

10:00 am – noon

Hope Center | 925 Pine Avenue

- Carpentry | Men 13-18 | **January 13**
- Automotive | Men 13-18 | **February 10**
- Plumbing | Men 13-18 | **March 23**
- Sewing | Women | **March 23, April 20, May 4**

SERVE DAYS

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hope Center | 925 Pine Avenue

Serve Day is a day the Sherwood Church Family corporately commits to prayer and local mission projects to serve and share the love of Jesus Christ within the City of Albany. While multiple local mission projects are being accomplished each day from the ministries of Sherwood, Serve Day provides a Saturday when hundreds of members and guests can be individually involved in praying, serving, and reaching people.

January 27 | February 24 | April 27

Visit SherwoodBaptist.net/servedays to get involved!

VISITATION

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hope Center | 925 Pine Avenue

Sherwood Visitation is one way for the church to keep in close contact with a growing congregation. The visitation program encompasses visiting first-time guests who live in the community, visitors who are new to the community, or new members of the congregation.

January 13 | January 27 | February 10 | February 24 | March 23

If you would like to join the visitation team, please email Pastor Ken Bevel at KenB@SherwoodBaptist.net or call the church at 229.883.1910.

For more information on classes and the schedule, please call
229.883.1910 or visit SherwoodBaptist.net/grow.

Updates to the schedule will be posted on our website.