



GROW AT SHERWOOD

FALL 2024

UNITE

WITH

BELIEVERS

LETTER FROM 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.

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



SUNDAY

DAY



7:45 am

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM

8:15 am

ADULT CONNECT GROUPS

9:30 am

WORSHIP+WEE CARE

11:00 am

CONNECT GROUPS FOR ALL AGES

5:30 pm

HOUSE OF PRAYER

6:00 pm

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR

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

KIDS ROCK

First-fifth graders will join us in the Kids Rock Theater for music, skits, and a lesson centered around truth from God's Word.

CONNECT GROUPS





Connect with fellow believers in the same stage of life as you. Find the right class for you and every member of your family on the following pages.

Sundays @ 8:15 am

LIFE APPLICATION

Couples 50-60s

Teacher: Frantz

Faith 203

RUTH'S SHINING LIGHT

Women 65+

Teachers: Pippin + Wilson

Fellowship 101/102

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Men 70+

Teacher: Weaver

Fellowship 104

ENCOURAGERS

Couples 60+

Teacher: Hatcher

Worship 108

**ADULT
CONNECT
GROUPS**

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 205

GOING DEEPER

Couples 40-50s

Teachers: LaGrange

Faith 206

NEWLYWEDS

Couples 20s

Teacher: Kendrick

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

LIFE TOGETHER

Couples 30+

Teacher: Bennett

Fellowship Center

BARNABAS

Couples 60+

Teachers: Harrison + Johnson

Fellowship 104

LOGOS

Couples 50-60s

Teacher: Logan

Fellowship 106

THE JOURNEY

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: McDaniel + Smith

Fellowship 103

ABIGAIL

Women 50+

Teachers: Daniels, Davis + Wari

Fellowship 105 + 106

DOULOS

Singles 28-39

Teachers: Bland + Mallery

Fellowship 107/108

N'FUZION

Singles 40+

Teacher: Chambers

Fellowship 105

HARVEST

Couples 50-60s

Teachers: Fallin + Proctor

Fellowship 109

Sundays @ 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Spanish-Class for all ages

Teacher: Trochez

Fellowship 202

ABIDE

Adults 30-40s

Teacher: Mingo + Ofodile

Worship 103

FELLOWSHIP

Couples 30s

Teachers: Russell + Walker

Worship 108

LIVING WORD

Couples 60+

Teacher: Mathis

Joy 122

FAITHSEEKERS

Couples 60-70s

Teacher: Douglas

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 101

**PRESCHOOL
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 110

2-Year-Old Class B
Joy 111

3-Year-Old Class A
Joy 112

3-Year-Old Class B
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
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

**STUDENT
CONNECT GROUPS**

Sundays @ 11:00 am

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

**KIDS & STUDENT
CONNECT
GROUPS**



MONDAY



YOUNG ADULT

Community Nights

6:30 pm | Gramm

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 community nights that meet in homes 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.

ALBANY BIBLICAL COUNSELING CENTER DECONSTRUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY

10:30 am

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 101 | Cox

“Deconstruction” is a movement sweeping through today’s church, causing some traditional Christian beliefs to be labeled “toxic” and triggering confusion and consternation across generations. In this eye-opening book, Childer and Barnett help readers understand deconstruction, where it comes from, why it is compelling to some, how it disorients lives, and ways to respond lovingly.

GRIEFSHARE

10:30 am

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 102 | Andrew + 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.


DISCUSSIONS FOR PHASE II OF COUNSELING

10:30 am + 6:30 pm

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 103 | Hadden

With the rising demand for counselors, the need for biblically-based training has increased. This discussion class will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays of alternative weeks to help persons who have completed phase I to reach their goals.

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

A photograph of a person reading a newspaper. The person is wearing a red top with white polka dots. Their hands are resting on the newspaper. The background is a solid red color with white polka dots. The text 'TUESDAY' is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters across the center of the image.

TUESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

PRECEPT - 2 THESSALONIANS + TITUS

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Faith 211 | Bennett

The Thessalonian believers were interested in the end times, just as we are today, but they were confused until they received this letter from Paul. We'll study more about the day of the Lord and the coming of Christ as we study 2 Thessalonians. In Paul's letter to Titus, we'll learn how to live with integrity in a nation without morals. Can the church effectively engage and change this destructive condition in our society? How does your life reflect your faith? Develop character and integrity in the midst of a society that has lost respect for God.

"WE OVER ME"

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Fellowship 103-106 | Sharber

"We Over Me" is an in-depth look at the opening three chapters of Revelation, which contain letters to seven specific local churches. Jesus sees and knows the struggles, the sins, and the sacrifices of each church intimately. He commends and corrects each one personally. Revelation isn't just a book about a future unfolding, but also a call to the Bride of Christ to persevere and be pure. Jesus is coming back for His people, but He isn't content for us to limp along as we wait for Him. Whether our churches flourish or flounder depends on each member's commitment to personal holiness. Join us as we focus on how to choose "We Over Me" in the church.

** Childcare is provided. Workbook for purchase at The Source. Homework is encouraged.*

YOUNG ADULT WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

College Discipleship Group
7:30 pm | Gotthardt + Janson

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.

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a patterned shirt and light-colored pants, is singing into a microphone. To her right, a person in a dark blue shirt has their hand raised in a gesture of praise. In the background, other congregants are visible, some with their hands raised. The church has dark wood paneling and large, multi-paned windows. The text "WEDNESDAY" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the center of the image.

WEDNESDAY



FAMILY SUPPER

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Fellowship Center

Pricing:

Children 5 and under- 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.

LOVE AND RESPECT

6:30 pm

Faith 202 | Weaver

The deepest need of a woman is security. She finds that in being loved unconditionally. Men, on the other hand, understand love best through the lens of respect and ladies sometimes have a hard time understanding respect in an unconditional way. Dr. Emerson Eggerichs helps unpack how to better communicate love and respect to each other and take your marriage to the next level. Come join us for this 12-week study and help improve your marriage to become a better picture of the gospel.

THE FORGE

6:30 pm | August 14 – September 11

Faith 210 | Daniell

This five-week small group study uses featured clips from the new Kendrick Brothers' movie, *The Forge*, to ignite a passion for knowing Christ personally, following Him sacrificially, obeying Him willingly, and helping others become disciples of Christ. The world doesn't need another strategy, it needs men and women who are devoted to Jesus and committed to helping others know and follow Him through lifelong discipleship.

FULLY DEVOTED

6:30 pm | September 18 – November 8

Faith 210 | Daniell

The follow-up study to *The Forge*. Jesus invited us to know and follow Him. This is the heart of being a disciple of Christ. *Fully Devoted* helps us understand everything the gospel has for us as disciples. It practically lays out a pathway for our growth in our own walk with Jesus so that we become the disciple and the disciple maker He intends us to be. Come join us for this 8-week follow-up to *The Forge* Movie and take the next step in kingdom growth.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL

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.

EXPERIENCING GOD

6:30 pm

Faith 208 | Hemmings

God is inviting you into an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. When you recognize where God is working, you can join Him in what He is doing. Carefully listening to His voice will anchor you in His plan and set you free to live it with boldness and freedom. Then you will experience God doing through you what only He can do. Experiencing God is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. This is a truly life-changing study.

SHERWOOD ONMISSION

6:30 pm | August 14 – October 30

Worship 103 | LaGrange + Sebesta

Sherwood OnMission is part of the Missions Mobilization Pathway, designed to equip and deploy you toward knowing Christ and making Him known. The class includes five modules: Gospel Integration, Discipleship Strategy, Mission Focus, Cross-Cultural Immersion, and Discerning Personal Calling, all aimed at cultivating a deeper gospel-centered life. Upon completion, our hope is that you will know your purpose in Christ (John 17:3, Matthew 28:18-20), be more equipped for greater kingdom work, and be commissioned with a clear direction of service.

This is a prerequisite certificate course for Sherwood Baptist Church mission trips. Attendance is required for at least 10 out of 12 classes. The course will include take-home assignments, guided devotionals, and fieldwork.

*** Childcare is provided. Workbook for purchase in the Source Bookstore. Homework is encouraged.**

THE TITUS TEN | FOUNDATIONS FOR GODLY MANHOOD

6:30 pm | August 14 – October 16

Faith 201 | Guin

Become the kind of man God intends you to be – and lead other men to do likewise! Drawing from 10 qualities in the apostle Paul's letter to his mentee, Titus, Smith helps you grow in your understanding of the gospel, your identity, character, doctrine, and more.

FULLY DEVOTED

6:30 pm | October 23 – December 4

Faith 201 | Guin

This study will explore a reproducible pathway for discipleship that takes believers from first steps to full surrender to Jesus. In addition, men will gain a biblical understanding of the gospel and the call of discipleship.



MEN'S STUDIES

WOMEN'S STUDIES



REVELATION

6:30 pm | August 14 – October 30
Fellowship 103-106 | Bland + Wari

Jen Wilkin helps women grab hold of the encouragement John's Revelation offers the church. Sometimes seen as hard to understand, Revelation is God-breathed and inspired and also accessible as we walk through its pages with the Holy Spirit as our instructor. Come join in as Revelation is revealed as the culmination of God's Great Story.

NONE LIKE HIM

6:30 pm | August 14 – October 30
Fellowship 101-102, 107-108 | Sebesta + Casey

A 12-week book study of None Like Him by Jen Wilkin. The book explores 10 attributes of God that describe Him alone. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We're not and that's a good thing. Instead of relying on ourselves, we rest in trusting Him and letting Him be God. When we come together each week, there will be time for discussion, prayer and further exploration of the themes in each chapter.

DIVORCECARE

6:30 pm

Faith 207 | Shirrey + 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.

GRIEFSHARE

6:30 pm

ABCC 102 | Mock + Pollock

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SINGLE AND PARENTING

6:30 pm

Faith 205 | Tabarrok

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.

PARENTING PRODIGALS

6:30 pm

Worship 109 | Croft + Kadron

This class is a book study giving gospel hope for parents and friends of prodigals. This book study will help you navigate these circumstances in your life in a biblical way while also rejuvenating your soul.



FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS

6:30 pm

Faith 203 | Sanders

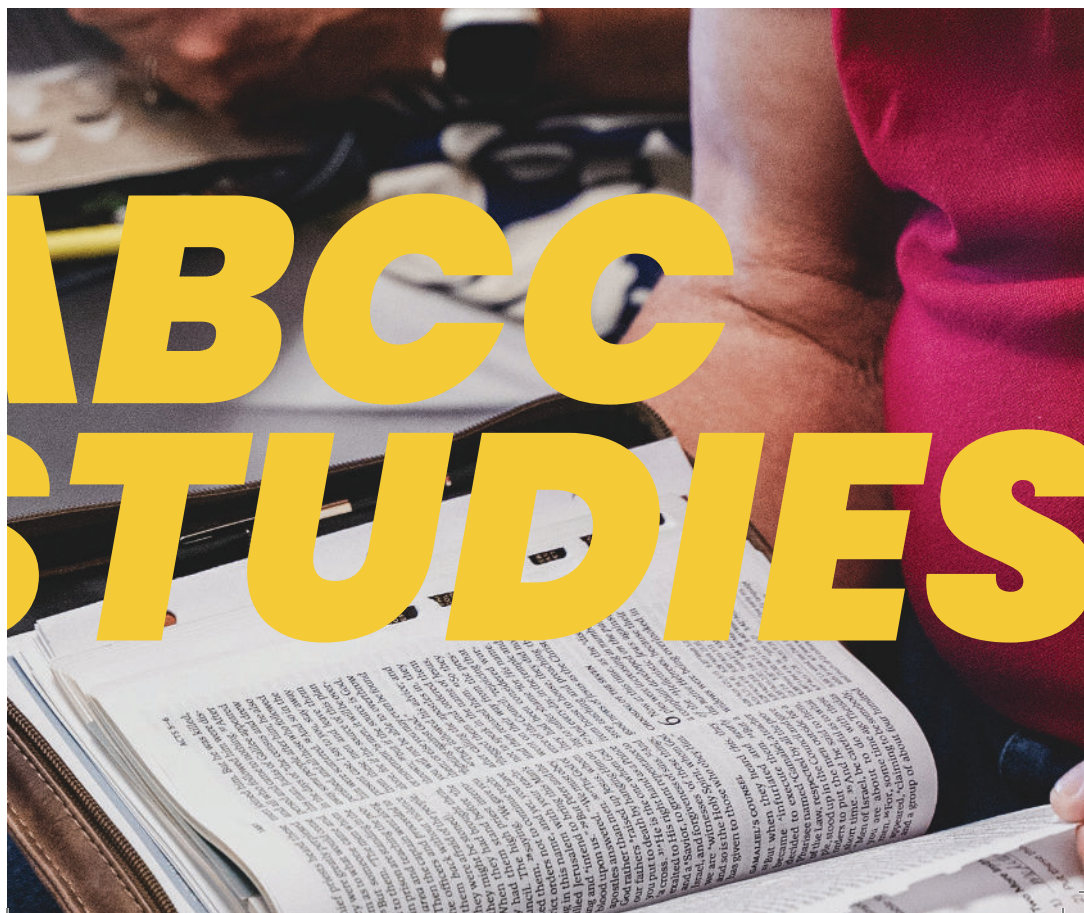
Whether you are a young adult needing help with finances or an older adult in a new and different season of life needing guidance on handling your finances, this class will help you learn how to biblically steward your God-given resources.

BE "TRANSFORMED"

6:30 pm

Men's Class in Alabny Biblical Counseling Center 101
Nowicki

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.





KIDS ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL

AWANA CUBBIES

6:30 pm | Joy 112 – Joy 117

AWANA Cubbies is for 3- to 5-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 1st - 5th grade. Children will rotate through small group Bible time, recreation time in the gym, and M&Ms (Music & Missions) 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.

1st Grade (A-K)

Joy 201

1st Grade (L-Z)

Joy 203

2nd Grade (A-K)

Joy 205

2nd Grade (L-Z)

Joy 204

3rd Grade (A-K)

Joy 206

3rd Grade (L-Z)

Joy 207

4th Grade (A-K)

Joy 210

4th Grade (L-Z)

Joy 208

5th Grade

Joy 211/Coke Room

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!

SPECIAL EVENTS

SERVE NIGHTS

ELEVATE Serve Night is dedicated to our student ministry uniting to serve the community. On select Wednesday evenings, during our regular programming hours, we will engage in various service projects to love and support those around us. Each evening will feature a distinct project, providing everyone with the opportunity to participate in meaningful and impactful ways.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

ELEVATE Night of Worship and Prayer is an event where our middle and high school students gather for an evening devoted to worship and prayer. Throughout the year, we will host these unified nights focused on addressing specific needs within our local community and across the globe. These events are among the most cherished by our students at ELEVATE, offering reflective moments and significant opportunities for spiritual development.

TURKEY BOWL

Prepare for an exciting time at our Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament! Join us on November 15 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Legacy Park for an evening of thrilling gridiron action. But that's not all! We will have concessions to keep you fueled, Spikeball for additional fun, and plenty of fellowship along with other exciting activities.

We share details for upcoming Serve Nights and Nights of Worship and Prayer weeks in advance, so students can prepare ahead of time. For more information on upcoming events and activities, visit SherwoodBaptist.net/students or stay informed about all student ministry events by texting @elevatesbc to 81010.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



THURSDAY

SDAY

MEN'S STUDIES

THE PURSUIT

9:00 am | August 15 – October 7

Hope Center Downstairs Warehouse Space | 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.

THE JOURNEY

9:00 am | October 14 – December 4

Hope Center Downstairs Warehouse Space | 925 Pine Avenue
Bevel

Join us for The Journey Bible Study, where we'll explore the foundations of Christian discipleship. This study offers a starting point for meaningful discussions and a deeper understanding of God, the Bible, Christian living, and eternity. Whether you are new to faith or looking to strengthen your spiritual journey, this study will provide valuable insights and guidance.



SATURDAY

ABCC

REST + RENEW

10:00 am – noon

Albany Biblical Counseling Center 101

This is a women's ministry with Amber Willis, focusing on one's worth and identity in Christ.

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hope Center | 925 Pine Avenue

- Automotive | Men 13+ | **September 14**
- Sewing | Women 13+ | **September 14, October 5, October 26**
- Cooking + Self-Care | Men 13+ | **October 5**
- Carpentry | Women 13+ | **October 26**
- Electric Circuits | All 13+ | **November 9**

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.

September 14, October 26 and November 23

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.

**August 17 | September 14 | September 28 | October 26
November 9 | November 23**

Fall classes begin the week of August 11-17.
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.