

CONNECTIONS

Adult Connection Classes and Connection Groups

Connections is our ministry to adults looking for opportunities to grow in Christ and build relationships with others in our First NLR family. You are encouraged to try one, two or however many it takes until you find the group that fits your personality, stage of life, or where you are on your journey of faith.

We have a great team of leaders who teach each one of the groups. Several have been leading their group for many years. They are happy to join you as you grow in your relationship with Christ.

The classes included in this booklet reflect those meeting during January through March, and are listed by the day of the week. Hopefully, this will allow you to find the best group for you. Each includes their meeting time and location, and the class contact.

I am available for any questions you have. Feel free to contact me at kdorsey@firstnlr.com or at the church office, 501.758.8553.

***Kane Dorsey
Director – Care and Connections***

Coming This Quarter

Financial Peace University Beginning Saturday, February 3rd 6:15pm

Room 106 / Reality Room

In this nine-week class, you'll learn Dave Ramsey's practical, biblical steps to beat debt, take control of your money, build wealth, give generously, and secure your family's future! The cost is \$97.00 for the required materials.

Please email FinancialPeace@firstnlr.com if you would like to sign up for this class.

Group Contact(s):
Brent and Amanda Fairchild –
fairchildbw@archildrens.org

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Applied Life

Room 102

A class for all ages and all walks of life. The teachers encourage class participation. We laugh, we cry, and we learn how to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Class Contact(s):

Liz Bevis, Co-Teacher - 501.590.4411 or lbevarosa@gmail.com

Tami Harlan, Co-Teacher - 501.758.0292 or tami.harlan@dhs.arkansas.gov

Cross Walk

Room 215

Cross Walk is a diverse group of people who love to study the Bible and apply it to everyday life. Come join us and learn more from God's Word.

Class Contact(s):

Greg Murry, Teacher - 501.733.2549 or gmurry@conwaycorp.net

Soul Café II

Fellowship Hall

Soul Café is a verse by verse bible study. It is a blend of ages and life stages - you'll find all kinds of people in Soul Café. It will combine group discussion and teaching from Pastor Randy. Come study the book of Romans with us!

Class Contact(s):

Pastor Randy Jumper, Teacher - 501.758.8553 or rjumper@firstnlr.com

Soul Café I meets on Saturdays at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

Real Life

Room 214

Real Life is for the single adults of First NLR. It focuses on applying Biblical truths to everyday situations and growing in maturity in Christ. This class teaches how to handle REAL LIFE issues with prayer, God's strength, and application of Biblical principles. We invite you to join us for weekly fellowship, meet new people, and grow in maturity.

Class Contact(s):

Shawn McCown - bigmac2929@icloud.com

Cassandra Booker - cabooker@ualr.edu

Real Life meets at 8:30am and 10:00am

Sunday at 10 a.m.

Back to the Basics

Room 215

A diverse class for adults of all ages. The class begins each week with fellowship over breakfast followed by praise reports and prayer. Teaching themes range from in-depth review of biblical passages to works by Christian authors to video series. This Spring, the class will be studying a book of the New Testament.

Class Contact(s):

Byron Robertson, (Co-Teacher) - 501.960.2909 or hrobertson@comcast.net

Ronnie Ruple, (Co-Teacher) - 501.313.7545 or paparuple50@yahoo.com

Jim Whitson, (Co-Teacher) - 501.351.5284 or jimwhitson@yahoo.com

Challengers

Fellowship Hall

A traditional style class serving mostly blended, senior adults but anyone is welcome. Pick up some coffee in the coffee lobby and join us for a donut and a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth. You will meet some wonderful people in our church. Our study comes from the standard Assembly of God curriculum – each student will get a copy to use for your own personal study. We begin with a short time of singing some older hymns and choruses.

Class Contact(s):

Mattie Ruth Tipton, Teacher – 501.833.2338 or jimrtipton@comcast.net

Creative Living

Room 210

Connect with other class members while having fun and learning to live in Christian love. This class addresses current issues and the teachers rotate with in depth teaching in the Bible and its principle for all ages. Full breakfast is served every Sunday.

Class Contact(s):

Pastor David and Cheryl Richards, Teachers, 501.320.1254 or

drichards@firstnlr.com

Randy and Janet Granderson, Teachers, randy.granderson@cps.k12.ar.us

Deaf Class

Room 105

In the Deaf Connections Class, you will learn and grow closer to Jesus. We meet weekly to worship God, learn about the bible, and spend time with each other. All of our meetings are conducted in American Sign Language and interpreted into English. We also join with First NLR for their services on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays - those services are interpreted into American Sign Language.

Class Contact:

Pastor Gary Tomlinson, Leader – gtomlinson@firstnlr.com

Discovery

Room 102

A Bible study of Old and New Testament applications for everyday life. The class is interactive and challenging for all ages.

Class Contact(s):

Barbara Culpepper, Teacher – 501.682.4311 or

Robert Johnson, Co-Teacher – ramjohnson2@gmail.com

Family Builders

Reality Café

If you want to see your family bond strengthened, you need to come join our group! Whether you are married or a single parent, don't miss this opportunity to learn how to deepen your family and children's relationships – no matter what your family looks like. Members love to have fun together and plan several events throughout the year.

Class Contact(s):

Brent Fairchild, (Co-Teacher) - fairchildbw@archildrens.org or 479.926.0662

Amanda Fairchild, (Co-Teacher) – asfairchild04@gmail.com or 479.926.0661

Fellowship

Room 103

The Fellowship class is principally made up of senior adults. We love to study the word of God.

Class Contact(s):

Chuckie Shirley, Teacher – 501.517.4525 or crshirley@sbcglobal.net

Iglesia Hispana

Domingo a las 10:00am en el cuarto 211 Se habla Espanol y Ingles.

Bienvenidos!

Para mas informacion contactara

Lupita y Manual Hernandez 501.658.8223 lupitajuarez@sbcglobal.net

Yvette Rivera 501.352.9147 ydrivera63@yahoo.com

Rosa Hatch 501.410.4465 rmariaju@yahoo.com

Breakfast is served. This class is a perfect place for all Latinos to gather and have fellowship.

Living Sanctuary

Room 101

Everyone is welcome! The Living Sanctuary is a class of learners of all ages.

Our lessons focus on how to spiritually develop and grow into strong, mature Christians. You are personally invited to join us.

Class Contact(s):

Phyllis Felton, Teacher – 501.416.5773 or phyllisfelton@sbcglobal.net

NXT:Young Professionals

Room 206

Out of college and launched into your career? This is perfect for you. In this class you'll meet people from all walks of life: military, teachers, graduate students, businessmen and others. It's a great place for young adults who have launched into their careers to meet others and grow in their faith.

Class contact(s):

Pastor Randy at rjumper@firstnlr.com or 501-952-8503.

NXT:Transitions

Room 202

Transitions are hard, don't go through them alone! Especially the transition from High School to the NXT stage of life. This class is designed for the college aged individual. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for you to meet others and discover what life is and what you can become!

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Cassandra Booker – cabooker@ualr.edu

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SOLO Single Moms

Room 104

This class is designed to help Single Moms connect with other Single Moms going through similar life situations. Members enjoy encouragement, fellowship and support, and learn Biblical principles to strengthen their relationship with God. Periodic events are planned for all.

Class Contact (s):

Renee Donaldson, Teacher – 501.554.2182 or rdonaldson@firstnlr.com

Single Moms also meets on Saturdays at 6:15pm

Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

COOL Adults – Centered Only On Love

Room 207

COOL Adults is a special needs ministry providing an opportunity for adults aged 19 and above to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially.

Class Contact(s):

Gary Tomlinson at 501.758.8553 or gtomlinson@firstnlr.com

GriefShare

Room 214

Has your world been rocked by a loss? Did a spouse, child, family member or friend die and you are trying to deal with your grief? GriefShare is a 13 week adult support group program designed to be a warm, caring environment to find help on your journey from mourning to joy. Contact John and Daisy for the next class dates – you can join anytime. The cost is \$15 for the workbook.

Group Contact(s):

John and Daisy Dippel, Leaders - 260.418.6515 or GriefShare@firstnlr.com or daisykayp@yahoo.com

God's Fire

Room 103

People go through times of trial and testing that sometimes feels like a furnace, a "refiners fire". This class revolves around scriptural teaching on handling stress experienced during times of testing. The primary concept is how God's grace is sufficient for our needs. Additionally, the Word says we are to bear one another's burdens - so we often talk about our church community as a source of comfort during life's difficult times. Class members are provided time to interact with the material presented during each class session.

Group Contact(s):

Byron and Sue Scheider, Teachers – 501.316.8673 or
scheider11@gmail.com

Life Recovery Central

Room 215

Life Recovery Central is a class that addresses the issues that interfere in our most important relationships. A wide variety of life issues are represented at Life Recovery Central including: dependency on alcohol or drugs, pornography, low self-esteem, need to control, depression, anger, co-dependency, fear of rejection, fear of abandonment, perfectionism, broken relationships, and abuse. Join us as we seek God's healing power from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors in this Bible-based recovery journey.

Class Contact(s):

Pastor Layne and Marsha Mason, Teachers – 501.618.0303 or
lmason@firstnlr.com

Life Recovery Central meets on Saturdays at 6:15pm and Sundays at 11:30am

Sunday Afternoon

Chronic Illness Support Group

Room 103

1st and 3rd Sunday of Each Month

This group provides Christ centered connection, encouragement, and care to those managing a chronic illness - focusing on our hope in Christ instead of our physical limitations. Join us at 4:30pm as we share our journey of managing a chronic illness together.

Group Contact(s):

Tamara Milby, Teacher - tamara_adeline@yahoo.com

Sunday Prayer Meeting

Room 210

Join others as we pray for our church family, city, state, nation, and world.

This guided prayer time is open to anyone-we begin at 5pm. To add a prayer request to the list, contact Kane Dorsey at 501.758.8553 or

kdorsey@firstnlr.com

Group Contact(s):

Kane Dorsey – 501.758.8553 or kdorsey@firstnlr.com

Pastor David Richards – 501.758.8553 or drichards@firstnlr.com

Monday

Monday is Family Day.

No weekly activities are scheduled. Take this opportunity to spend some time with those you love!

Tuesday

Celebrate Recovery

Sanctuary

Celebrate Recovery is a place of grace where you will find God at the center of your road to recovery from hurts, habits, or hang-ups. If you want to discover honesty, acceptance, truth and love, join us every Tuesday night for this powerful spiritual adventure.

Weekly schedule:

5:30pm – Dinner

6:45pm – Large Group Worship

Praise & Worship and Teaching or Testimony

7:45pm – Open Share Small Groups

8:45pm – Solid Rock Cafe

Group Contact(s):

Pastor Layne and Marsha Mason, Leaders – at 501.618.0303 or

lmason@firstnlr.com

HOPE – Widows Ministry

You don't have to be alone just because you are a widow. This group of ladies have experienced the loss of their spouse but not the zest for life. HOPE has various activities both at the church and off site. Spend time with ladies who have walked the journey you are on and have found God's peace along the way.

Group Contact(s):

Shirley Maynard, Leader – 501.758.8553 or smaynard@firstnlr.com

Kicks for Christ – KFC

MAC (Murry Activity Center) Activity Zone

KFC is the discipline of the martial arts along with Christ centered teaching. There are classes for children and adults. All levels of disciplines are available as they meet each Tuesday night.

Group Contact(s):

Pastor Tyler Loy – 501.758.8553 or tloy@firstnlr.com

NXT:Small Group Bible Studies

Several nights during the week, small group bible studies are available for you to grow in your faith. Several groups meet on Tuesday and Thursday night. Options include guys groups, girls groups and a co-ed group. These smaller setting are designed to study scripture deeply and build lifelong friendships. For more information, guys contact David Stafford at davidjamesstafford@gmail.com and girls contact Rachel Stafford at rachelannstafford@gmail.com

Tuesday Prayer Meeting

Room 103

Join others as we pray for our church family, city, state, nation, and world. This guided prayer time is open to anyone-we begin at noon. To add a prayer request to the list, contact Kane Dorsey at 501.758.8553 or

kdorsey@firstnlr.com

Group Contact(s):

Kane Dorsey at 501.758.8553 or kdorsey@firstnlr.com

Wednesday

Christian Thinking and Life Skills

Room 215

PROVERBS 23:7 “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Come explore how your mind can be channeled into healthy ways of thinking through God’s word. Emotional and relationship issues are mental processes that God’s grace can resolve, if you learn to receive it. God’s Word instructs us to be renewed through the transforming of the mind (Eph. 4:23). With forty years of experience providing mental health services, Byron Scheider serves as the leader of this discussion. He has been a member of North Little Rock First Assembly for more than twenty years and has served for many years as class pastor for the class Leaving Addictive Behaviors Behind on Wednesday evenings and God’s Fire on Sunday mornings.

The class meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

Group Contact(s):

Byron Scheider, Leader – scheider11@gmail.com

Latino Parenting Classes

Room 211

Parenting is hard work! This class is a Spanish speaking forum, focused on helping Latino parents lead their families to reflect Christ. Join us at 7pm.

Class Contact(s):

Pastor David Richards, Leader – 501.758.8553 or drichards@firstnlr.com

The Journey Bible Study

Room 104

This Wednesday night connection class studies the Bible through a guided discussion or topical format. We develop our faith in growing our knowledge of the Scripture helping us to reach our community.

We begin at 7:15pm.

Group Contact(s):

Britney Hardin – Britney.hardin@hotmail.com

Donnivane Hall – donnivanehall@yahoo.com

WILD Bowling

Millennium Bowl

It's not just about the game, it's about spending time together. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, join us each Wednesday for a great time together! Meet us each Wednesday, 9am, at the Millennium Bowling, 7200 Counts Massie Rd., Maumelle.

Group Contact(s):

Reta Russell, Facilitator – 501.320.1217 or rrussell@firstnlr.com

Women's Connections Group

Room 210

Do you want a place to learn, grow, have fun and make friends? Join our Connections Group for Women! It's for women of all ages and we meet every Wednesday at 7pm. We will offer a variety of classes and activities including crafts, Bible Study, demonstrations, and practical teaching on relevant topics. No need to sign up – just show up.

Group contact(s):

Kathy Brockinton, Facilitator - kbrockinton@firstnlr.com or 501.758.8553

Thursday

Keenage Potluck

Fellowship Hall

Join our senior adults (55+) for a potluck the third Thursday of each month at noon. Bring your side dish or dessert and enjoy the company of other Keenagers.

Group Contact(s):

Shirley Maynard, Senior Adult Director – 501.758.8553 or smaynard@firstnlr.com

Ladies of Grace

Ladies of Grace shows love through fellowship. Join us for a potluck meal and spending time together in prayer one Thursday of the month at 6pm both on and off site. Our purpose is to grow in our Christian relationships, show God's love one to another, and show God's love to our community. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

Group Contact(s):

Darlene Lantrip, Leader – 501.961.9005

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Friday

Watch for announcements for Friday night events in the Monthly Activity List. These can be found at the Activity Counter in the Main Lobby.

Saturday at 6:15pm

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Single Moms also meets on Sundays at 10am in room 104

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Soul Café II meets on Sundays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall