

What Is Sunday School?

What is Sunday School? What is its purpose and place in our church and in the church as a whole? The questions are not too radical nor are they too simple.

Sunday School's purpose is to be one of the



What is your definition of Sunday School?

greatest outreach/ evangelistic tools of the church. Sunday School or Small Group Bible Study is designed to strike a balance between biblical community and biblical content. All these big words to say, Sunday School is the following:

- ◆ The second step in our churches discipleship plan (1st being worship).
- ◆ A place where relationships are formed and fostered.
- ◆ A place where the Bible is studied and digested.
- ◆ A place where ministry begins.

- ◆ A place where the Gospel is shared.

Are the 5 purposes of Sunday School present in your class?

Join with other classes this year to make these 5 purposes your classes priority this year. As a leader, Sunday School is not for you, it is for the students and guests that come through our doors.

Thank you for all your hard work, your sacrifices each week, and your willingness to serve the Kingdom of God by teaching His Word.

Goal #1: Expect New People Every Week

In today's world we have high expectations of everyone around us. We expect our President to lead our nation to a better place. We expect our business leaders to provide jobs, goods, and services at a high quality

and lost cost. We expect our pastors to be above reproach and godly. Why would we not expect new people to be in our Sunday School classes each and every week?

Guests see and hear differently than our core

members. The building, the lesson, the interaction has to address the guest more than the long-time member.

How would you rank your classes expectation of guests?

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Goal #2: Expect People to Say “Yes”



While working with the Nominating Committee over the past two years, my eyes and ears have been opened. Many people did say “yes.” However, we heard “no” quite a bit as well. Either word is contagious in their own way. Many times “yes” is the

answer when we expect it to be.

The question then comes to mind, “What can we expect people to say “YES” to?” The following list seems to be reasonable:

- ✓ **An invitation to attend**
- ✓ **Enrollment** (to join the class)
- ✓ **Preparation** (people will be prepared if asked to help lead)
- ✓ **Participation**

✓ **Service inside and beyond class** (people want to have a purpose)

- ✓ **Evangelistic prayer**
- ✓ **Training**
- ✓ **New Ideas**

As you prepare your pray through and prepare you lesson next week, think about asking some in your class to say “YES” to something more than attendance.

Did you know that over 700 people will come through our Christian Life Center every Saturday in February? Will you help share the love of Christ on one of these Saturdays?

Prayer Central



During the rest of this month, there will be over 700 people in and out of our CLC each Saturday as Upward continues. What a great opportunity for our church to TELL others about Jesus. Upward has been one of the best

opportunities for our church to connect with the community. Many of the players and families are unchurched.

How can your class support Upward and the almost 350 coaches, players, leaders, cheerleaders, etc. ? Here are a few suggestions:

- ⇒ Adopt a team and pray for this team all month. The list of teams is in the CLC.
- ⇒ Adopt a Saturday or

Friday night. We have games each Friday night and Saturday morning. Come and hang out with the players, coaches and parents and share the love of Christ with them.

- ⇒ Write notes of encouragement to the leadership team. Mike “Sarge” Pollock is the commissioner who has assembled an incredible team around him.



Please pray for Haiti. Our KBC and SBC agencies are sending volunteers constantly. Each organization is sending back a long-term plan for future trips. However, right now we need to pray. Here are some ways to pray for Haiti and their people:

- † Pray for those who have been affected by the quake (those still trapped or homeless or injured or traumatized).
- † Pray for Haiti’s 9 million people, more than 80 percent of whom live below the poverty line.
- † Pray for all those who are

involved in the relief effort.

- † Pray for those who are trying to organize people and resources to assist with the relief efforts.
- † Pray that God would stir up His people to respond with the love of Christ.
- † Pray that hope and peace will fill the hearts of the Haitians.