

FIRST WOODWAY

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Fall Discipleship 2025

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Luke 10:1-2

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72 Years of First Woodway

First Woodway was founded in 1953 as Midway Baptist Church. Over the years, it has deeply rooted itself in the Woodway community - loving, serving, and uplifting its neighbors. This year marks 72 years of faithfulness, and we trust that God will continue to guide us in the seasons of harvest ahead.

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Wednesday Night Activities

5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30

5:00 - 6:15
Wednesday Night Meal

6:30 - 7:30
Adult Studies

6:30 - 7:30
Adult Choir

6:30 - 7:30
Kids Discipleship

6:30 - 7:30
Kids Choir (KREW)

6:30 - 7:00
High School
Snack Shack

7:00 - 8:30
High School WNL
(Wednesday Night Live)

6:30 - 7:45
Middle School
PrimeTime

7:30 - 8:30
College Fellowship

menu

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are served hot from 5:00 - 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall before our studies.

Adults cost \$10, kids (5 - 12 years old) cost \$5, and kids 4 and under eat free. All meals include tea, water, coffee, salad, and a homemade dessert.

Scope out the menu ahead of time and make your reservations on the website (firstwoodway.org/discipleship), on the app (look under News + Events), or call the church office (254.772.9696). You may also scan the QR code on page 25 to launch the registration form and sign up.

09.03 Baris Restaurant
Pink tortellini with chicken, salad, roll

09.10 Cajun Craft
Fried chicken, mac ‘n’ cheese, green beans

09.17 Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant
Beef & chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, chips, salsa

09.24 Alpha Omega
Chicken gyros, fried potatoes

10.01 George’s
Pork chops, mac ‘n’ cheese, green beans

10.08 Cracker Barrel
Breakfast for dinner: fried chicken, french toast, hashbrown casserole

10.15 Helberg BBQ
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes

10.22 Clay Pot
Choice of: sesame chicken with rice or chicken curry with rice

10.29 Vitek’s BBQ
Pulled pork loaded potato, salad

11.05 Olive Branch
Chicken with pasta, salad, green beans, roll

11.12 Saltgrass Steakhouse
Choice of: cheeseburger or chicken sandwich, broccoli, chips

11.19 La Madeleine
Chicken la Madeleine with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine

adults



Jacob Limped

Led by Melodie Robison
For Women Only


Wed


5:30 pm


Sep 3


\$11


None

Just as Jacob limped, we all limp—sort of! Join us as we explore the life of the Old Testament patriarch, Jacob. As the son of Isaac and grandson of Abraham, Jacob was well-known for many things, including deception, waiting years for the love of his life, and an encounter with God that changed his walk and his name. The journey of Jacob—who became Israel—teaches us much about our own limping walk toward God and beside Him. *(*Class cost includes book.)*

The 7 Resolutions

Led by Jamie Kent
For Men & Women


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


\$15


RSVP

Are you tired of living by your own strength? Are you tired of falling into the same sin and repent cycle? Are you ready to form new habits that are not only life-changing but also life-giving? Then this study is for you! The “7 Resolutions” include: Join God, Think Truth, Kill Sin, Choose Friends, Redeem Time, Take Risks, and Focus Effort. This class will help you release old patterns, create new life systems, take hold of God’s promises leading to personal transformation. Join us for a 30-min coed lecture followed by 30-min discussion groups broken up by gender. Homework is required and takes less than an hour to complete each week. *(*Class cost includes book.)*

Rooted. Called. Equipped:
A 12-Week Study in Ephesians

Led by Rhonda Capron, Anne Ferguson, & Elizabeth Oates
For Women Only


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


None


RSVP

Ephesians shows us what it means to be rooted in God’s love, called to a new life in Christ, and equipped to live it out with purpose. In this study, we’ll discover how grace changes everything—from our identity to our relationships to our everyday choices. Come ready to grow deeper in faith and stronger in how you live it out.

Overview of the Bible

Led by Troy & Lori Gaddie
For Men & Women


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


None



RSVP

Do you feel like the Bible is a puzzle that you aren’t sure how to put together? Do you wonder what the Old Testament has to do with Jesus? Join us on Wednesday nights as we learn and discuss highlights of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, discovering how it is one story of God’s love for people.

 Meeting Day

 Meeting Time

 Start Date

 Cost

 Childcare

**Note: Class members who prefer to purchase the book on their own do not need to pay the class fee.*

David: Developing a Heart for God

Led by Robert Gutierrez, Tom Gutierrez, & Mike Hollingsworth
For Men Only


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


\$8


RSVP

Did you ever have role models growing up? In today’s society, it seems there aren’t many positive role models for young men. Role models may not have started on the right path, but eventually make a life-impacting contribution. David is an example of one such role model. Like David, God has plans for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11) and as men we can find ourselves at one time or another being detoured, misled, sinning, and failing. God’s plans are that He will not leave or abandon us, but will use those circumstances to develop us into “a man after God’s own heart.” (*Class cost includes book.)

Prayer Gathering: Ephesians

Led by Ronny Higgins, René Maciel, & Case Smith
For Men & Women


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


None


RSVP

Join us as we walk through Ephesians. Together, we will discover what it means to grow in God’s love, answer the call to a new life in Christ and become equipped to live it out with purpose.

Romans

Led by Jeremy Webb
For Men & Women


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


None


RSVP

Join us this fall for an exegetical and expository study of Romans 1–8 — the most influential portion of the most influential letter in all of Christendom. Paul proclaims the gospel as the power of God for salvation, revealing how sinners are made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ. These chapters lay the foundation of the Christian faith, teaching on sin, justification, and victory in Christ. As we study together, you’ll gain a stronger theological foundation, grow in knowing God more fully, and be empowered to serve Him more effectively and confidently.

Rich Towards God

Led by Owen Brown
For Men & Women


Wed


6:30 pm


Sep 3


\$15



RSVP

Join us each Wednesday as we tackle personal finance and learn what it means to live *Rich Toward God*. As we study the Parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12, we will build essential financial habits surrounding budgeting, spending, saving, investing, and giving. Come learn what the Scriptures say about money while journeying towards financial freedom. (*Class cost includes book.)

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Christian Writer’s Workshop

Led by Michelle Ruddell
For Men & Women

 Sun  5:30 pm  Sep 7  None  None

Do you have a story that needs to be told? Maybe it’s a story of God’s faithfulness, or family history that you want to preserve. CWW offers education, inspiration, and encouragement to writers from beginners to published authors. Get to know other writers as we share information and sharpen our skills. Sessions will include short writing assignments and instruction for writing improvement.

Just Moved

Led by Nancy Jackson
For Women New to Waco

 Tue  9:30 am  Sep 9  \$12  None

Moving to a new city presents many challenges and lots of hard work. That’s why we are pleased to offer a Christ-centered study titled, *After the Boxes Are Unpacked: Moving on After Moving In*. This powerful, hands-on class uses Biblical principles and practical how-to’s to help you make new friends and get acquainted with other women also new to the Waco area. (*Class cost includes book and binder.)

The Dwelling: “Hello, My Name is God”

Led by Vicki Lassiter
For Moms With Kids Still Living at Home

 Mon  9:00 am  Sep 8  None  RSVP

Have you ever stood next to a lifelong friend as they introduce themselves to someone new, only to realize you don’t know that friend as well as you thought? This fall, we will read Scripture and listen as God introduces Himself in a study titled: *Hello, My Name is God*. Whether you’ve attended church your entire life or are just starting your faith journey, this study will help us wrestle with topics such as God’s sovereignty, God’s judgment, spiritual warfare, and the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. If our purpose is to know God and make Him known, let’s make sure we really know Him! (There is a separate registration form for this class. Please see page 25 to sign up.)

The King’s Daughters:
“Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight”

Led by Jan Gilbert
For Women Only

 Wed  9:00 am  Sep 17  \$22  None

Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there? Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next? In this video-based study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. (*Class cost includes book with video access.)

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Wayward Men

Led by René Maciel
For Men Only

				
Thu	6:30 am	Ongoing	None	None

This early-rising group of men meets on Thursday mornings in The Venue to grow in the faith and in community together. Their Bible study time is always accompanied with donuts and coffee, and they would love for you to join them! Please contact René Maciel at rmaciel@firstwoodway.org with any questions.

God’s Seekers and Searchers (GSS)

Led by Dr. Weldon (Sonny) Kunkel
For Men Only

				
Thu	7:30 am	Ongoing	None	None

This group’s primary focus is to choose a book in the Bible for in-depth study. This group is not limited to First Woodway members but welcomes all men from the community who have an interest in understanding the Scriptures. They are led by Dr. Weldon (Sonny) Kunkel. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact Don Addison at daddison@hotmail.com.



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DivorceCare

Led by Leon & Jo Williams
For Those Affected by Divorce

 **Mon**  **6:30 pm**  **Aug 4**  **None**  **Rm 204**

Healing from divorce is not easy. At DivorceCare, people in separation and divorce find tools, teaching, and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. If you are facing this, you know it’s a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you’ve never encountered before. DivorceCare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. This 13-week Christ-centered program includes three main parts: video, group discussion and personal Bible study. Our last meeting for the fall semester will be on October 27. (There is a separate registration form for this group. Please see page 26 to sign up.)

GriefShare

Led by Dianna Palich & Jan Thrower
For Those Who Have Suffered the Loss of A Loved One

 **Wed**  **6:00 pm**  **Aug 20**  **None**  **Rm 224/25**

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. If you’ve lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you’ve probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you’ve never faced before. Our last meeting for the fall semester will be on November 12. (There is a separate registration form for this group. Please see page 26 to sign up.)

PorchLight

Led by Brad & Lisa Hyde
For Loved Ones of Those Struggling with Addiction

 **Mon**  **6:30 pm**  **Sep 8**  **None**  **Glass Rm**

Many families in our church share the same private struggle: a child or loved one who has wandered from God and fallen into addiction or a pattern of poor choices. PorchLight, a care group that helps families navigate the chaos, was birthed by Brad and Lisa Hyde out of their own experience as parents of a child who struggles with addiction. PorchLight is a ministry for the loved ones of those struggling with addictions. Whether a child, spouse, sibling, or parent: PorchLight is for any who are suffering along with their addicted loved one. No sign up needed.

Celebrate Recovery

Led by Melody Carson, Eric Upton, & Jonathan Sibley
For Those Working Toward Recovery from Addiction


 **Scheduled One-on-One Appointments Only**

Celebrate Recovery is an addiction recovery group for anyone looking to overcome their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. This group will provide an intentional, non-judgmental community committed to honesty, accountability, and hope all centered around eight principles from the teachings of Jesus. Freedom is possible. All are welcome. The group is currently meeting individually, with one-on-one sessions by gender to guide you step-by-step through the 12-step curriculum (52 weeks). As the group grows, we may begin meeting together in weekly groups (separated by gender). Please contact Alexis Gurley at agurley@firstwoodway.org to learn more or schedule a session.

 **Meeting Day**

 **Meeting Time**

 **Start Date**

 **Cost**

 **Location**

**Note: Childcare is unavailable for all Care Groups.*

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college youth & kids

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College Fellowship: Food, Worship, & Prayer

7:30 pm | MAC 2nd Floor

All college and college-age students are invited to gather on Wednesday nights for a meal together, followed by worship and prayer. The meal is free, and there’s no need to sign up. Just show up! It will be an encouraging, enriching mid-week boost.

Wednesday Night Live for High School

6:30 pm (Pizza + Snacks) + 7:00 pm The Venue

WNL is live and in person! This is your time to gather with other students for authentic worship through great music, hilarious skits, student testimonies, and a talk that will give solid direction for living out your faith commitment. Join fellow high schoolers (9th-12th grade) in The Venue every Wednesday. Snack Shack opens at 6:30 pm. Wednesday Night Live begins at 7:00 pm. This is the place for you to learn, grow, and reach out to your friends throughout the school year.

Last Wednesday: College Worship Gathering

8:00 pm | Off Campus

Last Wednesday is our monthly college worship service located closer to the Baylor campus (Aug 27 - Redwood Shelter, Sep 24 - Anthem Stories, Oct 29 - Truett Seminary). We encourage you to invite your friends, share a meal beforehand, and come ready to worship Jesus!

PrimeTime for Middle School

6:30 pm | MAC

Just what you need in the middle of the week—an opportunity to gather with your friends for some great fun and spiritual encouragement. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to come to the MAC every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for game competitions, fun mixers, student testimonies, great worship, and a relevant talk. PrimeTime ends at 7:45 pm.



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First Woodway Youth Ministry Page



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Babies through Threes

Childcare is provided for this age group for parents who attend a Discipleship Class on campus that night or are serving on Wednesday nights.

Pre-K through Fifth Grade

We are excited to offer Kids’ Choir for this age group. These kids will prepare songs for Sunday morning worship as well as for special performances throughout the year. Don’t miss this time of learning music and learning how to worship God through it.

First through Fifth Grade

Our 1st through 5th graders have a choice on Wednesday evenings. These grades can join our Kids’ Choir (see above), or they can join Discipleship Classes just for kids! They will memorize scripture, learn Bible skills, hear Bible stories, and apply Bible truths to their lives.

(There is a separate registration form for kids’ classes. Please see page 26 to sign up.)



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sign-up

Registration for Classes and Groups



Register on the Website
Visit firstwoodway.org/discipleship.



Register over the Phone
Call the church office at 254.772.9696. Office hours are
Mon - Thu, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm and Fri, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.



Register on the App
Visit the First Woodway app, under the News + Events tab.
Download the church app by texting APP to 254.328.1181.



Register via QR Code
Scan the Discipleship code below to launch the registration form.



Separate Registration
Some classes have separate registration forms.
Launch them from the website or via the QR codes below.



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