

# STUDY LEADER NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOLIVAR

## PROMOTION SUNDAY IS COMING!

Promotion Sunday Is August 14!

Most of the time when we think about Sunday School Promotion we celebrate the growth of our children and students. Promotion in our Children's and Youth Division allow us to adjust our Bible study to match developmental achievements.

However, before you think Promotion Sunday just affects our children and students think again. It is a time of change for our whole church family. Each year we extend an invitation to our teachers to continue teaching. Many classes will experience a change of leadership or a change of space.



Sunday School Promotion is a Total Church Event.

It is a time when we ask our current teachers about class members they have discipled to teach and are now ready to prayerfully consider teaching a class of there own. In preparation of Promotion Sunday we take a look at the allocation of rooms vs. enrollment and attendance. This allows us to make adjustments to allow continued growth in our Sunday School.

As we prepare for the new Sunday School year on August 14. If your classroom is to small or large, please give me a call this week. If you have a class member that is "ready" and needs an invitation to serve as a Bible study facilitator, please give me a call. Your input is important. Larry Stehr - 326-2431 or [lstehr@fbcbolivar.org](mailto:lstehr@fbcbolivar.org)

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## M.I.S.S. LIST

Attached to the back of the Sunday Leader News is the M.I.S.S. LIST.

The M.I.S.S. LIST is a list of people in your class that have missed the last six weeks.

That's right, it is a listing of people who are Missing In

Sunday School. Class members who for one reason or another have missed a significant number of Sunday's.

Please make a focused effort to contact each person on this list and invite them back to Bible Study and offer to pray with

them on the phone. Make a note beside each name as you talk with them and return your M.I.S.S. list to the church office.

This is a great opportunity to not only invite class members back to Bible Study, but be open to discovering ministry needs as well.

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### A word about online attendance...

We know many of you bring an iPad, iPhone, notebook computer to Bible Study to aide in teaching, reference work, etc.



Did you know you could mark class attendance in your class on your computer? To learn how please give Jo Bettes a call in the church office at 326-2431 to get things set up.

Your class members can also stop by one of the five check in Kiosks around the building as well. The Kiosks are not just for nursery check in any more.

## WHEN IS IT OK

I am often asked the question, “When is it ok to drop a member from the class roll?”

First, names on a list represent the people that our class has a relationship with. The roll sheet represents the relationships that a Bible Study unit forms with an individual or family. The roll sheet/attendance sheet is a record of part of that interaction.

So when do we “drop” a member from our class roll sheet?

1. Death. Unlike the political rolls of Chicago we don't keep deceased individuals on the roll. After a period of time these names are removed as the church office closes the record.
2. Moved. If someone has moved out of the area and it is a reasonable assumption that

they will no longer be able to drive to Bolivar to attend Bible Study and Worship. As a loose rule of thumb we consider a thirty to forth minute drive to FBC our local church field or Springfield to Wheaton and Stockton to Buffalo.

3. Request. Sometimes an individual will ask to be removed from a Sunday School roll. After a conversation they tell us they are regularly attending another church, are going to another class and need to be transferred, etc.

How do we drop someone that meets one of the three rules? Just write a note on the attendance sheet explaining why and draw a line through the name. I hope that is helpful information.

## Why is there a Deacon on our roll sheet?

Well, the better question is what is an associate class member? Many of our classes have a deacon or teacher of another class listed at the bottom of the roll sheet. An associate member is a class member that on the roll sheet to receive class information because they are providing deacon care for the class or they are providing leadership for another class.

They are there to remind us to pray for those that minister to us and those that are part of our class that are ministering to other's. I hope every class grows to have a list of member's who are serving each week that need prayer, encouragement and fellowship.