

Bible Study in Martin, TN
Presbytery of the Mid-South

Last summer, one of our church members had to move to an assisted living facility. Without her own transportation, her participation in church events suddenly was limited. What could our church do to help her in her new home?

I was familiar with Horizons Magazine and their yearly Bible Study. When a friend suggested forming a study group at the care facility, the idea took root.

When I met with the Activities Director of the home I was able to assure her that the materials I would use were biblical and would not push any one denomination's theology. The Director was concerned that only a few might come. But I knew two other women from our church who wanted to participate, and I was willing for the group to be small.

So, we began in September. We meet once a month. We started with eleven. Now attendance ranges from thirteen to twenty. One day a woman came late because of a medical treatment. She was glad she hadn't missed it. And everyone was quick to assure her that she was welcome for any part of the discussion. Most of the attendees are women, but we also have one or two men who join us.

The Bible Study has become an important monthly activity for our church member in her new home. This study has become important for me too. When I recently responded to a query about the most meaningful part of my ministry, I realized that this study group has become a joy for me as well, and I look forward to it every month.

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