

She further said, "Those who have newly come to the faith should be patiently and tenderly dealt with, and it is the duty of the older members of the church to devise ways and means to provide help and sympathy and instruction for those who have conscientiously withdrawn from other churches." Ev. 351.

The goals of the Sabbath School: a. Spiritual nurture 2. Fellowship 3. Community Outreach
4. World mission

If someone is absent three Sabbaths in a row, and no one knows where they are, it is a sign that something is wrong.

How can the church pastor know who are absent in church?

The Sabbath School classes can be a big help to the pastor to know the state of the church, who are present, who are absent, who are visitors or guests during Sabbath services.

EGWhite said, "the formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented by One who cannot err." Evangelism, p. 115.

In the survey made by the Pacific Union Conference, a small class is preferred than a big class. 6-8 members in each class. These classes become action units. In a big class, everyone doesn't know each one. In a small class, each one know everyone, and there is involvement and participation. Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho of Seoul, Korea, who has a 150,000 – member church uses the small group method, to grow his church and to know the state of his church.

The General Conference Adult Sabbath School has recommended the following format:

20 minutes Sabbath School program

60 minutes class time

20 minutes SS program led by Superintendents/Coordinators

Developing leaders, Chairing SS committee; Building a soul-winning Sabbath School; Recruiting volunteers. Select associate SS superintendents to take care each Sabbath, for spiritual nurture, fellowship, community outreach, world mission, investment, and visitors' Sabbath. -long range planning, -varied programming, -advertise your program, -involve your members, -use of mission spotlights

60 minutes SS class time

25 minutes care/outreach time led by Care Coordinator

Three officers in each adult SS class, -teacher/facilitator, care coordinator, and SS class secretary. During the 25 minutes care time, the **care coordinator** leads out -welcomes and introduces members and guests, acknowledge birthday, anniversary celebrants, -calls for testimonies on how God has blessed during the week, checks on absent members (assisted by class secretary), plans for visitation (Sabbath afternoon) -phone call, -writing a card, -personal visit; prayer time; plans for class outreach. The class becomes a nucleus for revival and care, -class members are involve in activities, and caring attitude, -not only become members but also disciples. Chris and Yolanda Blake in their book, Reinvent Your Sabbath School, suggestions to make during the 25 minutes care time, -prayer ministry, -outreach ministry, -money ministry, -social ministry

35 minutes SS lesson study by the Teacher/Facilitator

The teacher/facilitator need to be prayerful and as for the daily baptism of the Holy Spirit, AA 50 – "every worker should offer his petition to God. and pray for the daily baptism of the Holy Spirit." Need to prepare. Before opening God's Word to teach, there should be more preparation than a brief perusal on Friday night. A good habit to establish is to spend a concentrated hour on Sabbath afternoon, becoming familiar with the main points of the new lesson. During the rest of the week you can dig for more material. (Loma Linda Filipino church has a Sabbath afternoon one hour to review the new lesson conducted by the senior pastor.), -guiding class to learn and grow, -give an overview of the major points., -