

Certified Created by God Leaders (cont.)



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- BS and MS degrees from University of Arkansas in Early Childhood Education
- Served at Ft. Smith First UMC since 1999
- Certified in Created by God at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas
- Uses an alternative Creative by God scheduling format to incorporate smaller congregations with her larger congregation in an annual human sexuality program.

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- From Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Public School Special Education teacher prior to serving in children's ministry
- Has been involved with the Walk to Emmaus community and small group adult discipleship ministries.
- Specialized mentorship with Mark Burrows of Ft. Worth First UMC in the area of children's ministry and creativity in children's worship.

What is Created by God?

Created By God is a Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th & 6th graders.

It seeks to:

- affirm growth and change as part of God's plan for life
- recognize and celebrate human sexuality as a good gift of God
- suggest guidelines for love-filled relationships
- challenge young people to assume responsibility for making wise choices
- open the lines of communication between parent and child



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Tweens, Faith and Human Sexuality

"We recognize the continuing need for full, positive, age-appropriate and factual sex education opportunities for children, young people, and adults.

The Church offers a unique opportunity to give quality guidance and education in this area. . ."

— From The United Methodist Book of Discipline, ¶161, The Nurturing Community, Section G, Human Sexuality

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Liz Wright

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- Married at St. Paul 43 years ago, both sons baptized and married at St. Paul.
- I have twin adult sons and four grandchildren ages 20 months through 18 years.
- Hold Master's Degree plus hours and taught in Little Rock Public School for 20 years.
- Was on staff at St. Paul UMC as Director of Family Ministries for over 20 years. Responsibilities included overseeing Children's and Youth Ministries.
- Served as a Co-Dean for first YEE camp (Younger Elementary Extravaganza) held at Camp Tanako.
- Have been a certified Created By God instructor for over 20 years.
- In addition to leading workshops for many and varied United Methodist churches I have also led these same workshop in Episcopal congregations as well as the Episcopal Colligate School in Little Rock. I am so very proud of the United Methodist Church for developing a curriculum designed to give accurate and honest information about a subject for which many feel too embarrassed or inadequate to discuss with their children.



Karen Anderson

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- Member at CUMC since I was a little girl and have been on staff as Christian Education Director for 12 years
- Taught elementary school for many years in Rogers and Little Rock
- Volunteered with children and youth ministries since I was 24 years old before turning "pro"
- Have been a certified Created by God leader for 5 years and volunteered as an adult small group CBG leader for MANY years
- "I live in Rogers with my husband who is a pilot for Wal-Mart. We both grew up in Rogers and claim CUMC as our church family since elementary school. We have 4 kids ranging from 13-23 years—side note, I led all 4 through Created by God! My favorite comment during a CBG class was when the kids have to draw a picture of what their face looked like when they heard they had to come to class. One young lady drew a huge smiling face. When questioned about it, she said, "Why wouldn't I be smiling? Church is my happy safe place. Of course I want to learn about this here!"

For more information about *Created by God*, including frequently asked questions and how to become a certified leader, go to :

<http://kidz.arumc.org/curriculum/created-by-god/>



John Shirron

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- Member of Cabot UMC for 27 years
- Sunday School teacher for 27 years
- Club 56 Youth Director (5th and 6th Grade) for five years
- Confirmation Director (7th Grade) for three years
- Currently assistant principal for ACE/ALE (Cabot School District)
- Experience with 5th and 6th grade
 - Cabot Middle School counselor for seven years
 - Cabot Middle School assistant principal for five years
- I have a wife, Paula and three children - Patrick - 14, Caleb - 11, and Katie - 8
- I have felt called to this ministry and hope that God blesses me with working with you and your kids with a wonderful ministry opportunity.

If you are interested in leading Created by God in your own congregation but you are not a certified leader, please contact



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Pam is a highly qualified Christian educator. She has many years of experience directing Created by God at a local church level and is a wonderful resource!