

CONNECTION GROUPS



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Hi there!

We may not know each other, at least, not yet. But if we could meet and I could encourage you to do just one thing, it would be to accept God's grace and love. But if I could encourage you to do two things, the other would be to join a Connection Group.

We have created these groups with you in mind. We know that life is a lot easier when lived in community. We have several great groups with great leaders. More importantly, in each of these groups are people, just like you, waiting to connect.

So, what are you waiting for? You'll find a Connection Card in the back cover of this booklet. Just fill in some information and circle the group number you are interested in and voila!, you're connected!

Questions, contact Rick.
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Name _____

Best Phone Number _____

Email _____

I'd like to attend Group # _____

Top 10 Reasons to join a Connection Group

10. Receive encouragement from other believers.
9. Give encouragement to other believers.
8. Get to know some great people.
7. Understand God's word better.
6. Benefit from having others pray for you regularly.
5. Share openly, without concern of confidentiality being broken.
4. Enjoy occasional service projects alongside your friends.
3. Receive accountability in problem areas of your life.
2. Get off the spiritual island, thinking you're all alone in this.
1. Develop relationships that will last a lifetime.

Creation Science Study

Group Leader: Del Fisher

Meeting Day: Thursdays (starting February 9)

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: Parlor

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: How do you fit dinosaurs into the Bible? Big bang or what? Did creation really take 6 days? How did we get here? Was there really a world wide flood? How old is the Earth?

Do you have questions like these?
The Creation study is the one for you!

To register for this group, mark **#1** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.



Dug Down Deep Study

Group Leader: Rick Nier

Meeting Day: Thursdays (starting February 9)

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: Room 4

Materials: Book: *Dug Down Deep*
by Joshua Harris (Cost - \$11)

Other Specifics: *Books must be paid for by January 29 so they arrive on time.*

Course Description: What are you going to build your life on. *Dug Down Deep* is systematic theology like you've never seen it before. Readable. Relevant. Powerful.

Our beliefs direct our actions. So it is a good idea to know what you believe.

To register for this group, mark **#2** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

How Teens Live - Girls

Group Leader: Erin Hayes

Meeting Day: Thursday

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: To Be Determined

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: There will be one group for guys and one for the ladies, to discuss life and all that comes with it.

Pay attention to updates in the youth ministry to learn more about these groups.

To register for this group, mark **#13** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.



How Teens Live - Guys

Group Leader: Sean Smith

Meeting Day: Thursday

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: To Be Determined

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: There will be one group for guys and one for the ladies, to discuss life and all that comes with it.

Pay attention to updates in the youth ministry to learn more about these groups.

Wild at Heart

Group Leader: Rick Swaim

Meeting Day: 4th Saturday of each month

Meeting Time: 8am

Meeting Location: Fellowship Hall

Materials: Wild at Heart by John Eldredge
(Not required to be in the group)

Other Specifics: Begins January 21

Course Description: What is a Christian man? 'Every man was once a boy. And every little boy has dreams, big dreams: dreams of being the hero, of beating the bad guys, of doing daring feats and rescuing the damsel in distress.'

Come for the food, stay for the discussion. Jump in on small projects that need the right man.

To register for this group, mark **#12** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

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Beth Moore Bible Study

YOUturn

Group Leader: Ellen Swaim

Meeting Day: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Meeting Time: 7-9pm

Meeting Location: Room 4

Materials: Course Handbook (\$18.50)

Other Specifics:

Course Description: Join Beth in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. She peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you.

Group Leader: Rick Nier

Meeting Day: Sundays

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

Meeting Location: Church, Fellowship Hall / Various Locations

Materials:

Other Specifics: Begins January 22

Course Description: After you graduate high school, then what? For some it is college, for others a job. You have new opportunities and new friends. You also have newfound freedom which means new choices. Come be a part of a group that can help you navigate this time in your life.

To register for this group, mark **#4** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

To register for this group, mark **#11** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.



Youth Bible Study

Group Leader: Rick Gensch / Deb Morrison

Meeting Day: Sundays

Meeting Time: 9:15am

Meeting Location: Youth Room

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: Every Sunday morning teens have the opportunity to open up God's word and have their eyes opened to God's grand plan for their lives.

Teachers Rick and Deb have worked with teens for over a decade and have a deep desire to see them impacted by God's love. Topics vary but the truth remains forever.

To register for this group, mark **#10** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

Fourth Friday Crop 'til you Drop

Group Leader: Kelly Hurley

Meeting Day: 4th Friday (begins January 27)

Meeting Time: 6pm

Meeting Location: Fellowship Hall

Materials: Scrapbooking supplies

Other Specifics: Bring a finger food to share.

Course Description: Ladies unite for a creative outlet. Bring your scrapbooking supplies and enjoy some time with friends. You can crop until you wish to crop (cut, design, paste) no more.

Contact Kelly Hurley for any other details.

To register for this group, mark **#5** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.



Primetimers

Group Leader: Elsie Hoppas

Meeting Day: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Meeting Time: 5pm

Meeting Location: Various Locations

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: This group is for those 55 and better. Once a month they meet for food and fellowship. The other time they will have various programs designed for their interests.

Young Adult Bible Study

Group Leader: Jeff Puckett

Meeting Day: Sundays

Meeting Time: 9:15am

Meeting Location: Church, Fellowship Hall

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: Each week this class will be digging into a different section of scripture and focusing in on how it affects our daily life. Expect lots of discussion.

To register for this group, mark **#6** on your Connection Card and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

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Discovery

Koinonia

Group Leader: Wes Smith

Meeting Day: Sundays

Meeting Time: 9:15am

Meeting Location: Church, Room 5

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: You have probably heard of the great Old Testament prophet Elijah. But did you know that his successor, Elisha, had twice as many miracles recorded in the Bible?

If you want to know more about them, you will have to find your way into Room 5 on Sunday mornings.

Group Leader: Rick Swaim

Meeting Day: Sundays

Meeting Time: 9:15am

Meeting Location: Church, Room 4

Materials:

Other Specifics:

Course Description: Beginning in Matthew 17, Jesus covers some pretty tough topics. How do you handle divorce, rich people and sin in the church?

Jesus tackles all the hard topics and even some that are not so hard, unless you try to actually live it. Come be encouraged with teaching from the Gospel of Matthew.

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