

# Small Groups Fall 2026

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## ACTIVITY GROUPS

- **Sunday**
  - **6:00 PM-Fantasy Football**
    - Join us for a great time of fellowship and football this NFL season. First-time or long-time player, we will learn and have fun together as we set our line-ups weekly and meet monthly. The draft will be live and in person on September 6th. Requirements: ESPN account and a device to access your team.
- **Monday**
  - **6:00 PM- Soccer for Christ**
    - Our group brings people together through community, fellowship, and a shared love of the game. Soccer is a powerful tool that breaks barriers, builds meaningful relationships, and creates opportunities to share Christ's love. Whether you're an experienced player or have never played you're welcome. This is to enjoy the game, encourage one another, grow in our faith, and build lasting friendships in a Christ-centered environment.
  - **6:00 PM-Yarn & Thread**
    - Beginners or Pros, young or well-seasoned, are welcome to a fun group where you can learn crochet, knitting, and, eventually, sewing. Go at your own pace.
  - **Time Varies-Men's Softball**
    - Men's softball group. We'll meet/play at GT Bray Park. Game dates and times are to be determined. Join us for fun, fellowship, and the love of the game.
- **Tuesday**
  - **4:30 PM-Honoring God with My Body**
    - Low-impact exercise class with a focus on Balance, Strength, and Flexibility. Growing in our knowledge that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and learning that throughout the Scriptures many parts of our bodies are mentioned, plus fun facts.
  - **6:30 PM-We're Not Kidding at the Bridge**
    - This is a couples group for those who have never had children, either by circumstance or by choice. This is a Christian social group with various activities planned as we move forward.
  - **6:30 PM-Making Origami**
    - A crafting group that will be teaching new origami projects every week. We will also be open to anyone who practices a creative hobby and wants to come work on their hobby in a group setting.
- **Wednesday**
  - **10:00 AM-Bridge Quilting**
    - This semester, in our quilting group, we will be working on simple quilts and gift-giving ideas.
- **Thursday**
  - **9 AM-Bridge Cycling**
    - Join us as this group rides (usually 17-25 miles), prays, and enjoys each other and God's creation together.
- **Saturday**
  - **8:00 AM-Saturday Morning Walking Desoto**
    - Join this small group each Saturday for a beautiful walk in the De Soto Nature Trail. Enjoy time in nature, and meet some new friends while getting healthy.
  - **3:00PM-Outdoor Rec**
    - Our group will participate in outdoor recreation monthly. Activities will include, but are not limited to, beach volleyball, beach football, outdoor basketball, ultimate frisbee, and so much more!
  - **6:00 PM-Fun, Games, and Fellowship**
    - A monthly game night for fun, games, and fellowship!
- **Tues., Thurs., & Sat.**
  - **6:00AM-Walking Our Way Healthy**
    - 1 Cor 6:19-20 reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we should honor God with our bodies. This group is for those who would like to walk the Riverwalk and occasionally the Green Bridge. We will enjoy fellowship with each other, while being outside in this beautiful place we live and worshipping God.

# MARRIAGE & FAMILY GROUPS

- **Sunday**
  - **8:00AM-Marriage Builders**
    - This group is designed for anyone—regardless of your current marriage situation, how long you’ve been married, your age, or whether your spouse can attend with you. Drawing from honest personal experience and biblical truth, this study creates space to explore the real challenges many couples face, even when things seem “basically okay” on the surface. Whether your marriage feels stuck, distant, or just in need of a tune-up, this group will help you identify and break down walls that may be keeping you from deeper connection. You’ll be encouraged by the reminder that no situation is hopeless when God is at the center. Join us as we seek to grow stronger—individually and together—and discover that it’s never too late to pursue God’s best for your marriage.
- **Monday**
  - **6:30PM-Marriage by Design; Principles for a Healthy Marriage**
    - Marriage doesn’t grow stronger by accident—it grows through intentionality, understanding, and meaningful conversation. Marriage by Design is a welcoming group for couples who want to strengthen their relationship and build a healthier life together. Through ten practical, faith-centered conversations, we’ll explore topics such as communication, differences between men and women, finances, intimacy, parenting, love languages, and the meaning of marriage as a covenant. This is not a lecture or counseling group. It is a guided space where couples can reflect, talk, learn from one another, and have conversations that are often difficult to make time for in everyday life.
- **Wednesday**
  - **6:00 PM-Young Families**
    - Find purpose, peace, and joy in the season of raising a family as young parents. Parenting small children can feel like a blur of endless routines, late nights, and constant motion. It’s easy to wonder, how do we build a marriage that is not in survival mode, in this stage of life? This Bible study through Ecclesiastes discovers timeless wisdom for modern young families. We’ll explore Scripture about learning to embrace the mess and beauty of this exact stage without wishing it away, strengthening your marriage with Christ at the center when life gets busy, finding holy purpose and everyday contentment in the routine of new family life.
- **Friday**
  - **6:00 PM-The Fight For Us**
    - Learning how to stop fighting with each other and start fighting for your marriage through practical mental health strategies. 5-week Bible study with guide and video series.
  - **6:30 PM-God Leads: Young Married Couples**
    - A welcoming community where young married couples grow in their relationship with God and one another. We’ll prayerfully seek the Lord’s direction for each gathering, following where He leads. While each meeting may look different, every gathering will include prayer, fellowship, and an intentional focus on growing closer to Christ.
- **Saturday**
  - **3:00 PM-Gather With Community**
    - A welcoming place for believers of all ages to come together, share good food, enjoy fun games, build friendships, and grow in faith and community.

# MEN'S GROUPS

- **Tuesday**
  - **8:00 AM-Becoming A Kingdom Man**
    - Men's group growing towards being the Husbands, Fathers and Community Members that God calls us to be.
  - **6:30PM- Men of God**
    - This semester, Men of God is going to focus on one of the greatest challenges we face in becoming effective disciple makers: spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare can take many forms. It can distract us, discourage us, tempt us, cause isolation, and disrupt our relationship with the Lord. When we fail to recognize it for what it is, it can prevent us from being effective in the mission God has given us—to grow His Kingdom and make disciples. This Fall, we're going to take a deep dive into the different forms of spiritual warfare we face—the battles that can keep us from becoming the men, husbands, fathers, leaders, and disciple makers God has called us to be.
- **Thursday**
  - **6:30 AM-Men's Catalyst**
    - Our Thursday morning Bible Study group is open to all men, regardless of their level of experience with the teachings of Christ. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30am, and there's no set format - we simply choose a book to read and discuss. Whether you're a seasoned warrior or a newcomer to the faith, we welcome you to join us. We look forward to having you become a part of our community of believers.
  - **7:00 AM-Renew**
    - We'll be journeying through David Jeremiah's Revelation Bible study series. Aiming to strengthen the hope we have in our relationship with Christ as we develop a kingdom-focused mindset and eagerly await the return of our soon-coming King.
  - **7:00 AM-A Discipleship Journey**
    - Join us as we study A Discipleship Journey! Which is geared for those who are hungry to grow as a disciple of Jesus, as well as those who desire to become effective and fruitful disciple makers.
  - **6:30 PM-Every Man's Battle**
    - Winning the war on sexual temptation, one victory at a time. In this 12-week small group, we will explore Biblical teachings on sexual impurity and learn to live a pure life God's way.
- **Saturday**
  - **7:00 AM-Men's Breakfast**
    - We are seeking God, searching for three specific areas: 1. Searching for Love as men 2. Realizing the greatness of our God 3. Changing our motivation in life. We read and study the Bible. Breakfast provided. If you can chip in \$5.00, it will help with the cost.

## WOMEN'S GROUPS

- **Monday**

- **10:00 AM-Sit With Me; Let's Ignite Your Prayer Life**
  - Would you like renewed energy and a connection to the Lord? Would you like to revitalize your prayer life? Would you like to learn how to model a powerful, courageous, steadfast, and faith-filled prayer life for your family? Do you want a prayer life that exudes trust and confidence? If yes, then grab a friend and come on in! We'll explore, grow, laugh, and learn together! Come Sit with the author and then the Father. Your prayer life will never be the same.
- **5:30 PM- Walk-In Worship**
  - Our group will meet to walk/run intervals. Then we will talk about Sunday's message and pray for each other.
- **6:00 PM-Life Lessons From Psalms**
  - Life Lessons from Psalms by Max Lucado. Journeys through the book of Psalms, discovering what the living word reveals. Psalms help us express our hearts to God. In life, we need support from the Father. The Psalms are a great place to start!

- **Tuesday**

- **9:30 AM-Prayer and Scripture**
  - Every month we read a book of the Bible and then discuss it and share our thoughts on it. We also have a time of worship and prayer.
- **12:30 PM-Tea & Testimony**
  - Building courage and confidence to share daily testimonies over High Tea with party nibbles. Bring your beautiful teacup and saucer if you have one.
- **6:30 PM-Healing Hearts**
  - Healing Hearts is a group that provides a safe and supportive space for women seeking healing, growth, recovery, and transformation through God's love. We walk alongside women as they explore their stories, recognize patterns and wounds that may impact their relationship with God and others, and discover pathways toward restoration, freedom, and wholeness. Through intentional discussions, prayer, worship, and time in the Word, we address topics that support emotional healing, spiritual growth, and personal transformation. Whether navigating trauma, recovery, life transitions, or the challenges of everyday life, women are encouraged and supported as they build resilience, deepen their faith, and grow in their identity and purpose in Christ.

- **Wednesday**

- **10:00 AM-Moms with Littles**
  - This group is for moms of little kids that aren't in school yet. We will get together every other Wednesday at the indoor playground and let the kids play. Our kids will love meeting new friends and our moms will find great community and fellowship.
- **1:00 PM-Wednesday Women**
  - The Romans study by JD Greear is a 24 week study divided in 2 sections. Part 1 utilizes an 11 session video series over chapters 1-7. Part 2 continues with a verse-by-verse journey through the early-to-mid chapters of Romans.
- **6:00 PM-Get Out of Your Head**
  - Find hope and practical tools for breaking free from negative thought patterns and reclaiming control of your mind through the power of God. By learning to surrender our thoughts to Christ and stand firm in His truth, we can experience greater freedom, peace, and purpose. Through Scripture, discussion, prayer, and guided study, participants will discover how transforming their thoughts can transform their emotions, outlook, and everyday lives.

## WOMEN'S GROUPS

- 6:30 PM-Find Your People/Friends and Sisters
  - How do I make friends? The question that circles around so many of us. Are you surrounded by people, yet still feel alone? Are you living in a bubble because you don't want to "bother" others? Join us to learn how God's plan connects us in ways you never thought possible. You'll walk away with deep connections and lifelong friendships. The village you're looking and longing for is within "Find your people, building deep community in a lonely world" a 7 week journey of video/discussion with personal studies between sessions. Then we'll expand our deep connections with "Friends and Sisters," equipping you with how to find belonging to one another in the family of Faith. In this 5 week study we'll discuss our readings and use podcasts videos, and games to learn, love, share, and connect in fun ways. You'll need to purchase (Amazon): Find your people – Jennie Allen & Friends and Sisters – LifeWay Women
- 6:30-God's Girls
  - Widows helping other widows at different restaurants every other week.
- 6:30-A Return to Purity
  - We'll walk through the book Re-Virginized over eight weeks, gathering to discuss each chapter, share honest reflections, and support one another in a safe, grace-filled space. This group is for women who feel stuck in current relationships, tired of repeating unhealthy patterns, or waiting and trusting God for a future spouse. Together, we'll seek healing, freedom, and deeper intimacy with Jesus.
- 6:30PM-How Do We Read the Bible?
  - We will be studying how to read the Bible, what the Bible teaches us about the character of Jesus, and how to ultimately model our lives that way. This is a part video (led by Beth Moore) and part group study.
- Thursday
  - 9:30AM-Silver Belles
    - Monthly gathering for women celebrating at least 75 years of life to enjoy games and fellowship.
  - 6:30 PM-Praying with Women of the Bible : 2
    - From Eve to Esther and Mary Magdalene to Martha, the women of the Bible offer essential lessons on who God is, who we are, and how we, as women, communicate with our Creator. This is an intimate journey into the lives of women in Scripture who brought their real needs to a real God. Author and prayer leader Sherry Harney brings a fresh and deeply personal way to connect with their stories.
  - 6:30 PM-Sit With Me: Let's Ignite Your Prayer Life!
    - A book study; Sit With Me: Let's Ignite Your Prayer Life! A guide to transforming your prayer life by addressing feelings of being stuck and help readers develop renewed energy and connection to the Father.
  - 6:30 PM-Healing the Hurt With God
    - God was there during your hurtful experiences, and He is here to heal you. Survivors of mentally and physically harmful relationships experience the impacts well beyond the end of the actual events. With God, we made it through, but often not without self-doubt, painful memories and concern about our relationship with the Lord during the relationship and as we heal. The trauma is real and long-lasting, but God is always there and can get us through the aftermath. Using the book Called to Peace by Joy Forrest, we will navigate together the internal healing process with God as our guide.

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- **Friday**
  - **5:30 PM-REFLECT Elevation Church Ladies Night**
    - **One-time Live Stream of Elevation Church Ladies REFLECT Event.**
  - **6:30 PM-The Hidden Peace**
    - **In a world filled with anxiety, insecurity, and the pressure to appear strong, The Hidden Peace by Dr. Joel Muddamalle reveals an unexpected path to lasting peace: humility. Through relatable stories, biblical wisdom, and practical insights, see how embracing our limitations and weaknesses can lead to greater strength, security, confidence, and purpose. Rather than seeing weakness as something to hide, discover how God can use it to deepen your faith, transform how you approach suffering, and draw you into a more meaningful relationship with Him.**

# YOUNG ADULT GROUP

- **Sunday**
  - **6:00 PM-Young Adults**
    - **Calling all Young Adults! We would love for you to join us for food, fun, Bible study and more! If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, single or married, we are excited to hear your story and grow in Christ together. We are meeting every Sunday and look forward to all that God has in store!**

# OUTREACH GROUPS

- **Sunday**
  - **10:00 AM-Foster Friendly Outreach**
    - **Foster Friendly Faith is a small group committed to making a positive impact in the local foster and adoptive community through simple, meaningful projects. With nearly 280 children in out-of-home care in Manatee County, we want to help our church become a place where foster and adoptive families feel seen, supported, and surrounded by community. Together, we'll come alongside these families through practical acts of service, encouragement, prayer, and support as they love and care for some of the most vulnerable children in our community.**
- **All Services-Baking Angels**
  - **Love to bake cookies, brownies, cupcakes? Hunger's End Food Pantry feeds the homeless and low income families of Manatee County (approx. 200) the third Monday of every month at 5pm. Homemade desserts bring so many smiles. You can bake ahead of time and drop off when convenient.**
- **Monday**
  - **5PM-Hunger's End**
    - **Join us, the first Monday of each month, as we serve together with a ministry partner at a local food pantry serving low income families and the homeless of Manatee County.**
- **Thursday**
  - **6PM-Bethel**
    - **Our group will gather around the table to break bread, share life, and show the love of God in a simple and genuine way. Our heart is to feed people—spiritually and physically— and feel welcomed. Our desire is for the entire group to carry a heart to reach out to people, to love them intentionally, and to invite those who have never heard about Jesus. We pray that every gathering becomes an opportunity for someone new to experience His love, His grace, and His hope through us—one person at a time.**
  - **6:30PM-Living the Word**
    - **Built from Jesus admonition to Love God and His children. And using the books of Bob Goff. Love does and Everybody Always, we explore and develop a heart for Living the Word of God.**
- **Saturday**
  - **Serve Saturday**
    - **This Group will provide needed support and extra hands of help to ministries in the community. We will work primarily with Hunger's End Food Pantry in downtown Bradenton preparing food bags, helping organize the pantry or clothes closet, and sorting through donations. This is an outreach effort taking place once a month on the third Saturday of the month. The leader will communicate on the date of the first Serve Saturday at Hungers End Food Pantry from 10-12 pm. All Students are welcome!**

# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

- **Sunday**
  - 9:30 AM-Digging Deeper
    - Ever hear a sermon on Sunday and by Tuesday forget what it was about? Well, Digging Deeper is for you. We will review the day's sermon and sermon points and we then discuss how we can apply it to our lives.
  - 10:00 AM-Starting Point
    - Course is open to all: new in faith, Jesus followers, and seekers exploring Christianity.
- **Monday**
  - 9:00 AM-Each One Reach One
    - This is a seven-week small group that will help you confidently share your faith and disciple others.
  - 6:00 PM-Regulation Tools from God
    - Using the emotional and communications tools God has given us to improve our lives, spiritually and emotionally.
  - 6:00PM-Life Lessons from Psalms
    - We will be going through life lessons from Psalms by Max Lucado. A basic Bible study. We will go through the book of Psalms. Each week read specific chapters and seeing what the living word reveals. Psalms has one purpose- to help us express our hearts to God. In life we need support from the father. Psalms is a good start.
  - 6:30 PM-Grief Share
    - Grief & Loss Support Group. For those who have lost a loved one.
  - 6:30 PM-Intro to Greek
    - An opportunity to learn how to pronounce/read Koine Greek, and then we will read passages from the New Testament.
- **Tuesday**
  - 10:00 AM-Aging Faithfully
    - The Holy invitation of growing older.
  - 6:00 PM-Heaven
    - God has put eternity in our hearts. Utilizing Randy Alcorn's book 'Heaven' as a guide, we will discuss and picture Heaven as described in Scripture - a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with God's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.
  - 6:30 PM-Mere Christianity
    - Join us as we study C.S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity as it explores the core beliefs of Christianity and provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. The book remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis' reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age.
  - 6:30 PM-Developing Leadership Potential
    - Giving you the skills, knowledge, and support network to succeed in a leadership role.
  - 7:00 PM-Grupo de Alabanza
    - \*Spanish Group- Fellowship, bible study in Spanish. Estudio bíblico y compañerismo en español. We praise God in all circumstances! We will read the book "Power in Praise" by Mr. Carothers, Bible reading, praying, and fellowship.
  - 7:00 PM-Acceptance is Real
    - Acceptance Is Real is a journey designed to help people discover—or rediscover—that God's love, grace, forgiveness, and invitation are still available, regardless of past mistakes, failures, doubts, disappointments, or years spent away from faith. It provides a welcoming environment built around honest conversation, community, and no judgment, reminding participants that their past does not disqualify them from finding acceptance and a path back to Christ.
- **Wednesday**
  - 6:30 PM-Faith, Technology, & Social Media
    - This group is about learning how to Navigating the Digital World as a Christian.
  - 6:30 PM-Good Ground Bible Study
    - A Bible study to plant God's word in our hearts and grow closer in Him together through community.

# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

- **Wednesday**

- **6:30 PM-Single in the Middle**

- **Designed for singles ages 30–55 who want to grow in their relationship with Christ while navigating the different seasons of relationships and life. Together, we'll explore what Scripture teaches about purpose, healthy relationships, dating, marriage, discernment, and honoring God in every season. Through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, service, and social activities, we'll encourage one another to pursue Christ first and become the people God has called us to be.**

- **Thursday**

- **10:00 AM-Faithful Followers**

- **Are you ready for the return of Jesus? Our group will read and study *The King Is Coming* by John Bevere. The book moves beyond prophetic speculation to address the most timely and crucial question before our generation: How should we live in light of Christ's imminent return? By masterfully unpacking Scripture to challenge the subtle indifference that keeps many from fully living for Jesus. Bevere helps you: UNDERSTAND biblical prophecy with clarity and confidence; DEEPEN your relationship with Jesus and live with a holy awe of God; CULTIVATE an eternal perspective that inspires you to confidently share the hope of the gospel with others; and EMBRACE your identity as the spotless bride of Christ, ready for His glorious return. Whether you've studied prophecy for years or are just beginning to explore these truths, this book will prepare you to live with assurance, purpose, and holy expectation. According to Scripture, every believer will respond to Christ's return in one of two ways: with shame or with confidence. Each week, our group will discuss assigned chapters from the book, watch accompanying short videos that add value to the reads and grow in fellowship and understanding of Scripture that helps us prepare for the 2nd coming of Christ. You'll need to purchase the hardcover book (not the study guide); Amazon sells the book for about \$16. Bring it with you to the first class, Thursday, September 10, starting at 10am. See you then!**

- **6:00 PM-Bethel**

- **Our vision is to become a group that gathers around the table to break bread, share life, and show the love of God in a simple and genuine way. Our heart is to feed people—spiritually and physically—and to open the doors of our home so others can come and be welcomed. We desire that everyone who is part of this group carries a heart to reach out to people, to love them intentionally, and to invite those who have never heard about Jesus. We pray that every gathering becomes an opportunity for someone new to experience His love, His grace, and His hope through us—one person at a time.**

- **6:30 PM-DEEP Trust**

- **Do you have a burning desire to go deeper? Do you long to discover the "MORE?" The WORD of God is filled with nuggets of treasure just waiting to be discovered. Each week we will dive into: Deep Thoughts, Revelations, Understanding, Surrender, and Truths. All of which lead to DEEP TRUST; opening the eyes of understanding, equipping you with knowledge of who God is, and who you are in him.**

- **6:30 PM-Living the Word**

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- **Friday**

- **6:00 PM-Gifts and Talents from GOD**

- **Giving Insights on the difference between talents given from God and gifts given from God.**

- **6:00 PM-Faith in Focus**

- **This Bible Study by Eliana Rivers is designed for people with ADHD, overthinkers, and those who struggle with traditional quiet-time devotionals. 12-week, distraction-friendly layout featuring short daily reflections, single key verses, and creative journaling prompts. Empowering you to let go of perfectionism and shame, embracing movement and flexibility in your spiritual routine.**