

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Simply fill out this form, tear it off, and drop it in a offering dish or at the welcome center. If you're already part of a group, there's no need to register again.

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



What type of group are you interested in?

- men women
 married couples
 co-ed (single/married)
 other _____

Which days best fit your schedule?

- Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Do you need child care? Yes No

Rank the two most important things you consider in selecting a small group:

- Close to home
 People in my age group
 People in my stage of life
 Topic of study

 I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED IN REGARDS TO LEADING A SMALL GROUP

AIMS OF FAITH GROUPS

the target goals of faith baptist's small groups

Accountability

Faith Groups provide a place of affirmation, openness and confidentiality as group members encourage and assist each other in their life with Jesus.

Involvement

Faith Groups provide relational connections through which care and the exercise of the biblical "one-anothers" can be offered to individual small group members and common interests are channeled toward outreach and service.

Modeling

Faith Groups provide a mirror of what a biblical follower of Jesus looks like. Through consistent application of biblical teaching, Faith groups are an essential contributor to spiritual growth. The Apostle Paul encouraged his readers and friends to model their lives after his, as he modeled his after Christ (1 Corinthians 1:11).

Faith Group meetings may look a little different based on the groups' make-up (age, gender, life stage), their ministry/outreach component or their chosen meeting time. However, every Faith Group's "aim" is the same: to provide group-based discipleship through accountability, involvement and modeling.

To put it another way, Faith Groups provide a place where the truths we have been equipped with can be used to do God's work and build up the church. As this occurs, "we ... grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).

THREE STEPS

finding a small group that is right for you

- 1 Attend a small group Sunday event where Faith Baptist's small group philosophy is shared in more detail. There you can become acquainted with some of the Faith Groups already available and functioning and meet group leaders and members personally.
- 2 Fill out the attached Faith Group form and turn it into the church office if you have questions or would like direction in finding a Faith Group that's right for you.
- 3 If you would like to talk through your possible involvement in a small group, feel free to contact the church office directly by phone or e-mail.

QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED

- how often do Faith Groups meet?
Faith Groups meet at varying times and frequency. Newly formed groups should aim to meet at least every two weeks.
- how long am I committed to a Faith Group?
There is no specific length of commitment. Each group decides how long it will meet (most meet for six months or longer).
- is it possible to join a Faith Group anytime?
Faith Group Sundays offer a perfect opportunity to join or rejoin a small group. However, you can join a group at any time!
- is membership required for being part of a group?
No. Faith Groups are open to all who commit to the small group covenant.
- do Faith Groups have goal of multiplying?
Yes. Faith Groups seek to grow and multiply. Reproduction is a mark of a healthy small group.



WHY FAITH GROUPS

“small groups are where much of the theology taught in our pulpits begins to be fleshed out in conversation and action” (Ed Setzer).

Faith Baptist’s structure for spiritual growth involves three communal gatherings of differing sizes in order to meet various needs: (1) worship services, which allow the Faith family to gather in its entirety for mutual encouragement and corporate worship, (2) Sunday school classes, which offer age appropriate biblical teaching and (3) small groups, which extend mutual care and an environment of accountability to its group members.

The relational connections that Faith Groups provide are the reason we urge every person to find a group to call their spiritual home. It is easy to hide or get lost in a larger gathering such as a Sunday morning worship service or even a Sunday school class, but a small group offers the chance to be known and to get to know others on a deeper level. Also, Faith Groups attempt to follow the model presented in the book Acts as it shares practices of the early church’s believers, including devoting “themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers ... praising God and having favor with all the people ...” (Acts 2:42, 47).

These regular habits or disciplines – spending time together, sharing a meal, studying the Scriptures and praying collectively – allow group members to share their spiritual walk with one another within the context of their everyday life.

Consider joining a Faith group today! A place where you can know Christ, live Christ and make Him known. We pray that you will!

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