

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Here at FBC we believe that having a few close friends who will pray for, exhort and help you is part of our Christian heritage. Our church is large enough that it can be difficult to get to know people well enough for this to take place. The Small Group Ministry exists to facilitate our members in finding and developing these types of relationships.

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

A small group within the church is a voluntary, intentional gathering of from three to twelve people regularly meeting together with the shared goal of mutual Christian edification and fellowship.¹

¹ Taken from "How To Build a Small Groups Ministry" by Neal F. McBride, Navpress, pg. 73

MEETING YOUR NEEDS

All of our small groups have three things in common: 1.*Prayer* 2.*God's Word* 3.*Fellowship*. Every time they meet these basics are practiced.

However, each small group is also unique because of the members themselves and their life circumstances:

- Schedules-we have groups meeting on almost every day and time of the week.
- Married or Single -there are groups of couples, groups of singles and groups that are a mixture.
- Male or Female -we have men's and also women's groups.
- Area of study-each group chooses what content it wants to work with to meet its members' needs.

TRAINED LEADERSHIP

All of those who lead our small groups have gone through and continue to receive training. They have access to materials that can edify and encourage their group. Many use DVD series from excellent teachers like:

- Andy Stanley
- John Ortberg
- Rick Warren
- Beth Moore
- Jim Cymbala

Others use Bible books or topic books to look at the Scriptures directly.

Still others work on special areas of need or training such as:

- Evangelism
- Basic discipleship

Small Groups are Fun!

There's a small group for you!

GETTING INVOLVED

To find a group you can be a part of contact:

1. Ken Buck

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OR

Cell Phone 515-203-1212

OR

2. Let the church office or one of the other staff know your name and phone # and Ken will contact you.

Hope to hear from you soon!