

## Types of Small Groups

- Married Couples
- Families with Younger Children
- Families with Older Children
- Singles
- College Age
- Men Only
- Women Only
- Youth (6th-12th grades)
- Newly Married/ Engaged Couples
- 60's Plus

## Sundays

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

- Worship Services
- Children's Ministry (Infant to 5th Grade)
- Adult Classes

9:00 a.m. ONLY

- Youth Sunday School (6-12th Grade)

5:45 p.m.

- Sunday Night Live / Adult Classes (runs Sept through April)
- Choir for all ages [Adult is at 7:00 p.m.]
- IMPACT (Jr. & Sr. High Youth)

## Midweek Activities

- Small Groups
- Ladies Bible Studies
- Men's Sports Fellowship
- Ministry Teams
- Counseling Appointments
- Retired Men's Fellowship
- Senior's Potluck



# Small Groups

Sharing life...  
Changing lives.



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"We follow God better  
when we follow God together."

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A church after  
God's own heart

## What is a Small Group?

Small groups at First Christian Church are groups of approximately 5-18 people who gather together in Christian community for the purpose of life transformation. Small groups meet either once a week or every other week in a group member's home.

### What happens during one?

Typically, groups involve Bible study, prayer, personal sharing, and mutual encouragement. Each group is encouraged to have an apprentice who is training to lead a new group and to have every member actively bringing new people into the group so that the cell can divide into two groups and begin the process again.

### What's the purpose?

The ultimate goal is to have every adult who attends FCC active in a small group. In addition, we hope to be reaching out to people beyond our congregation even before they start attending FCC.

Each group establishes a loving community that looks after one another physically and spiritually. They reach out to new people and help each other grow deeper in their faith.

They work together to apply God's truth to the real life situations that they are encountering, and they seek to have their lives progressively transformed into being more like Jesus. Please pray for our small groups and consider your own involvement in them.

### Why should I get involved in a small group?

In a small group, you have the opportunity to really get to know people. You will find mutual support, spiritual growth, and opportunities for service. Ultimately, you will be able to see your life transformed by a closer relationship with Jesus.



## Experience True Community

One of the greatest desires of the human heart is to know and to be known. This same sense of community is a central theme of the Bible and is consistently modeled in the life of the early church. In the book of Acts, we see a beautiful picture of what true Biblical community is like.

*"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ" (Acts 5:42).*

In Acts 2, the Bible describes how the early church devoted themselves to fellowship with each other and how they shared their lives and their possessions gladly with each other.

*"We cannot get larger until we get smaller."*

The Church is called to be a place where people love one another, serve one another, carry each other's burdens, and look out for one another. All of these goals are best carried out among small groups of believers, and so we place a very high value on our small groups.

## How Do I Get Started?

There are a number of different ways to get into a small group. One way would be to ask some of your friends at church if they are involved in a group and if you could visit to check them out. (They will probably be thrilled that you asked!)

There is also a list of available groups posted in the hallway on the small groups bulletin board. You can look at the times, days, and leaders to help figure out which group might work for you. The leaders phone numbers are provided so that you may contact them.

If you would like help getting matched up with a group, then call the church office or talk to the Discipleship Minister, Todd Thomson. There are a rich variety of groups, and most have their own specialty. We will help you find a group that fits your schedule and interests.

