Small Groups

Growing through Small Groups, Bible Studies, and Sunday School

“Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro…”

Ephesians 4:13-14

The purpose of small groups, Bible studies, and Sunday School is to cultivate relationships that share the power of the Holy Spirit. We exist to share the power of the Holy Spirit expressed through our 7 Core Practices:

- Share Who You Are
- Care for One Another
- Pray Together
- Read and Practice Scripture
- Invest in People
- Serve Community
- Create and Send Leaders

Faith is not taught. Faith is caught. And it usually happens through relationships. That’s not to say teaching is not important. Solid teaching grounded in God’s Word is critical and you will receive great teaching at First Pres. But people who have had great teaching don’t always know Jesus. There are fewer who have immersed themselves in Christian community who don’t know Him. Most Christians whose faith impacts their daily life can name at least 3 or 4 important relationships that changed their world.

We are asking you to be in a small group, Bible Study, or Sunday School class because it is a great way to grow in Christ. And it just takes allowing yourself some time and space to form a Holy Spirit infused and empowered relationship that cultivates our 7 Core Practices.

In this book are opportunities to find community to grow together in Christ. We have opportunities led by amazing disciples of Jesus for kids, youth, families, couples, men, and women. If you can fog a mirror, we have something for you! We hope you will find at least one smaller community to be a part of and discover the joy of growing into the fullness of the image of Jesus.
Small Group registration is now open. Sign up at fpcedmond.org/adults, or drop the attached card in the offering plate during worship, in our main office, or into the Small Group Box in the Great Hall.

Catalog Guide:
This catalog is sorted by group focus. Details on group meeting times, location, host and description are posted under each group.

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How to Sign Up for a Group:

**ONLINE**
1. Visit fpcedmond.org/adults
2. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page to Small Groups
3. Fill out the pertinent information and submit your answers
4. Someone will contact you with a group suggestion

**IN PERSON**
1. Fill out the Small Groups Registration card
2. Submit it to the Small Group box in the Great Hall, drop it in the offering plate during worship, or turn it in to the main office
3. Someone will contact you with a group suggestion and Group Leader contact information
General Groups

Group: Following the Sermon Series
When: Tuesdays | 1:00pm
Where: The Gresham’s Home
Contact: Mary Lou Gresham | greshams@att.net

Additional Information:
OPEN - Continuing through the fall

Group: Drop in Group
When: Wednesday (Starting Mid-August) | 6:15pm
Where: FPCE
Contact: Terri and Rick Winblad | terriwinblad@gmail.com
         Jen & Eric Laverentz | jenlaverentz@gmail.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - 3-4 couples as a drop in but singles are welcome
Follow’s Youth & Kids Ministry schedule
There is a Church Dinner is at 5:30pm on Wednesdays, so they usually eat dinner
and meet at 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Group: Young Adult Group
When: Wednesday night | 7:30pm
Where: FPCE Parlor
Contact: Jim Hartzog | jthartzog@aol.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - Very Small Group | Mixed Gender
Men’s Groups

Group: **Friday Morning Men’s Group**

When:  Friday Mornings | 7am - 8am

Where:  FPCE Room 2115

Contact:      Jim Bower | bowersafe@gmail.com
                  Chuck Smith | cowboychuck1950@gmail.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - Several moderators lead our men’s group. We meet every Friday morning at 7:00 am. Light breakfast, songs, prayers, and a lesson is our normal format. We end promptly at 8:00am. The group is open to men of all ages. We wholeheartedly welcome all new participants!

Group: **Scripture Based Small Group**

When:  Thursday Evenings | 7pm

Where:  Paul Mathews Office @ 201 NW 132nd Street

Contact:  Joel Hall | joel@okcfirm.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - This is a small group that was seeded over 20 years ago. There is no set leader as we dive into predetermined scripture and then share what it revealed and our plan to implement what we learned. We have several members who are not members of FPCE.
Couples Groups

Group: **Right Now Media Video Group (Couples, Ages 40s-50s)**

When: Wednesday | 6:30pm
Where: FPCE
Contact: Kari Galliart | karigalliart@cox.net

Additional Information:
OPEN - We are using Right Now Media videos. It is a group of couples in our late 40s, early 50s. If there is someone that is sort of in that age group that is looking for a small group, we would welcome them.

Group: **Meet & Eat Group**

When: Decided Each Week
Where: Decided Each Week
Contact: Gail Yanko | dgyanko@cox.net

Additional Information:
OPEN - Meet & Eat groups are 6 to 8 people who gather to eat.

Women’s Groups

Group: **Young Mom’s Bible Study**

When: Tuesday mornings | 9:45am to 11am
Where: FPCE
Contacts: Robin Bickley | robin.bix@gmail.com
Jen Laverentz | jenlaverentz@gmail.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - The group is for young moms, mostly coming from ECP. During the school year we meet at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:00a.m. We are an open group.
Women’s Groups

Group: **Women’s Group**

When:  
- Tuesday night  |  7:00pm  
- Wednesday Morning  |  9:15am  
- Saturday Morning  |  8:30am

Where: FPCE

Contact: Dana McLain  |  momrunr@aol.com

Additional Information:
This is a Bible Study that is offered 3x/week to fit most schedules…variety of options. All study the same thing each week. This fall it is Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. 7 week study beginning Sept 15th

- Tuesday nights - 7pm Jan Gruel facilitates one large group
- Wednesday mornings - 9:15am Break into approx 6 small groups for homework discussion then large group for dvd
- Saturday mornings - 8:30am Missy Attebery facilitates one large group

Group: **Ladies’ Renewal Group**

When:  
- 3rd Monday each Month  |  6pm to 7pm

Where: FPCE Room 2109

Contact: Gail Yanko  |  dgyanko@cox.net

Additional Information: OPEN

Group: **Women’s Ministry Bible Study**

When:  
- Tuesday night  |  7:00pm  
- Wednesday Morning  |  9:15am  
- Saturday Morning  |  8:30am

Where: FPCE

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Group: Small Women’s Group with Bible and Book Study
When: Wednesday nights | 6:30pm
Where: FPCE Parlor
Contact: Sarah Timberlake | SarahLTimberlake@outlook.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - We are a group of married and single women of all ages. We have studied the Bible and books and are just completing a book on the Holy Spirit. We welcome new members and are dedicated to caring for each other through every situation and support various missions of First Pres.

Group: Jesus In Me Book Study
When: Wednesday & Thursdays | 9:30am (both days)
Where: Suzann’s Home
Contact: Suzann Allison | suzannallison@gmail.com

Additional Information:
OPEN - Studying “Jesus In Me” by Ann Graham Lotz | Thursday at 9:30am
and “Jesus In Me” by Ann Graham Lotz | Wednesday at 9:30am

Group: Crochet & Knitting Women’s Small Group
When: Monday | 1pm to 3pm
Where: FPCE Room 2114
Contact: Lynn Walker | lenniwalker44@gmail.com
Claudia Moguin | ckmoguin@cox.net

Additional Information:
OPEN - “Healing Hands” Crochet & Knitting Women’s Small Group teaches newcomers to knit or crochet and uses their gifts to bless others.
Women’s Groups

Group: Evening Circle
When: 3rd Thursday of the Month | 6:30pm
Where: FPCE Room 2106
Contact: Tanna Smith | smith1818@aol.com
Additional Information: OPEN

Group: Rebecca Circle
When: 1st Wednesday of Month | 9:30am
Where: Various Homes
Contact: Rose Harper | oscarsissy@gmail.com
Additional Information: OPEN

Group: Martha Circle
When: 1st Tuesday of Month | 12:30pm
Where: FPCE Room 1224
Contact: Libby Cahalan
Additional Information: OPEN
Sunday School & Bible Studies

Sunday School classes are offered for all ages and meet from 10:00am - 11:00am on Sunday mornings through the church.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
    Sunday at 10am | Room 2106 | Open to all (historically older adults)
  - “Finding Jesus in Media” by Dr. Wesley Fryer
    Sundays at 10am | Room 2126 | Adult Class
  - “Faith 2:42” by Kari & Mark Galliart; Susan & Mark Gamber; Jayne & Bill Roberts
    Sunday at 10am | Room 2127 | Late 20s to 30s (Married & Single)
    Sunday at 10am | Room 2115 | Adults
  - “Acts” by Emily Blaess
    Sunday at 10am | Room 2109 | Women
  - “Knowing God” by Tim & Ruthie Hast and Dave & Nancy Martin
    Sunday at 10am | Room 2124 | Families with Children
  - “Discipleship” (Joel & Sarah Hall)
    Sunday at 10am | Room 1249 | High School Seniors Only (Graduating in 2022)
  - “Apologetics” by Jen Laverentz & Ken Mendenhall
    Sunday at 10am | Room 1250 | Youth & Adults
  - Confirmation Class: “Standing Legacy” by Various Teachers
    Sunday at 10am (Starting September 12th) | Youth (pre-sign up) | Room 1248
  - “Crafting A Rule of Life” - The BLOC - by Brett Hardy and Jim Hartzog
    Sunday at 10am | Fellowship Hall or Room 1205 | Young Adult & College Age

Kids Ministry: by Danielle Jones & Melina Owen (+ Volunteers)
Sunday at 10am | ‘Miracle Movies’ or Room 1237 | Kids
Weekly Bible Studies

A variety of Bible Studies meet throughout the week in different areas of the church. All ages and stages - there’s something for everyone!

• TUESDAY
“Elijah – Faith & Fire” by Jan Gruel
Tuesday Evening (Starts 10/5) | Zoom Only | 7-8:30pm | Women

• WEDNESDAY
“Elijah – Faith & Fire” by Dana McLain & Amy Schulke
Wednesday mornings (Starts 9/15) | Room 2115 | 9:15-11:15am | Women

Kids Ministry: by Danielle Jones & Melina Owen (+ Volunteers)
Wednesday Nights (Starting 8/25) | ‘Miracle Movies’ or Room 1237 | 6-7:30pm | Kids

Student Ministry: Worship, Word, and Small Groups by Alyssa Dees (+ Volunteers)
Middle School in the gym | High School in the Yinger Sanctuary | 6-7:30pm | 7th-12th grade

“A Journey of Restoration” by Amy Reid
Wednesday Nights | Room 2106 | 6-7:30pm | Adults (young or mature)

“Simple Methods to Get More out of Bible Studies” by Crystal Depue
Wednesday Nights | Room 2109 | 6-7:30pm | Anyone

“The Pastor’s Bible Study: The Book of Judges” by Rev. Todd Cooper
Wednesday Nights | Room 2108 | 6-7:30pm | Anyone

• FRIDAY
“Science & the Bible, Sermon on the Mount and Phillippians” Alternating Teachings by Wes Fryer, Ken Rees & Lee Schmidt
Friday Morning | Room 2115 | 7am | Men

• SATURDAY
“Elijah – Faith & Fire” by Missy Atteberry
Saturday mornings (Starts 9/18) | Room 2115 | 8:30-11:30am | Women
GATHER
1. SHARE who you are
2. CARE for one another

GROW
3. READ and PRACTICE scripture
4. PRAY together

GO
5. INVEST in people
6. SERVE community
7. CREATE and SEND leaders

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