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GROW with others

Bethany United Methodist Church

Small Groups

Catalog

Fall 2017

Want to join an Adult Group?

The process is easier than ever... Just choose one of the following options!

Online:

1. Go to www.bethanyumchurch.org and click on Ministries: Adult
2. Read through the descriptions and choose the group or class that seem to best meet your needs
3. Contact the Director of Adult Ministries, Laura Gregg via email at adult@bethanyumchurch.org and request to be connected with the leader of that group or email the leader directly (see church directory for lists of email and phone numbers)
4. Get connected and join the group!

In Service:

1. Look through this catalog and choose desired group(s).
 2. Attend "GROW with others" Kick Off Event (8/20/17, 9:40am) and sign up for groups in person
- OR*
3. Write "Please connect me with _____group" on your connection card and turn into offering plate. We will follow up with you.

Small Groups – Fall 2017

Meets at various times and places

Bethany UMC also encourages participation in small groups and fellowship opportunities that meet at times other than Sunday mornings in homes, coffee shops, or at the church for fellowship, encouragement, worship, prayer, Bible study, and group ministry and outreach activities. A small group is an intentional gathering, meeting regularly for the purpose of joining God's mission and has its roots in the early Christian church and the Wesleyan foundation of the Methodist Church. You can email adult@bethanyumchurch.org to find out more and when new studies are beginning

In Small Groups, we...

Get Connected - Proverbs 27:17

We believe that small groups are a great place to get connected to community! Through time together in a small group we believe that people will find a friendly and caring community of people from Bethany. There's nothing better than being a part of a community along the journey as we all go through life together.

Grow Spiritually - Romans 12:1-18

Regardless of the type of group someone participates in, we believe that small groups are a great place for people to grow spiritually. God develops us each spiritually in many different ways. Sometimes we grow through spending time with other believers. Sometimes through reading books together. Sometimes through putting our faith into practice by serving other people. No matter what group you're in, there's a next bold step through small group participation that gives you great opportunities to grow!

Small Group Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Small Group?

Small Groups at BUMC are a place to connect, learn about God, and serve others. Most groups consist of around a dozen people. Many meet in members homes, but some meet back at the church and others meet in restaurants. They are places for relationships in Christ to develop and allow for accountability, all in an atmosphere of love. The goal of small groups should be to grow and ultimately multiply into other groups, creating disciples of Jesus along the way.

Is there a cost?

If there are class materials such as a book, each member of the group is responsible to pay for their class materials. The price listed in the description is for the current study, if applicable. If meeting offsite, each participant pays for their own food or fee. Additionally, some groups might offer optional childcare for a small fee. If you find the cost of any group to be prohibitive, please contact the small group leader with interest and express your concern.

What about childcare?

Groups that have the green "K" icon offer childcare or are kid friendly groups. Your group leader will provide additional details prior to your first meeting.

What do the icons mean?

We offer several groups that are specific to different needs. Look for the icons to locate these specific group types!



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= Co-Ed Groups



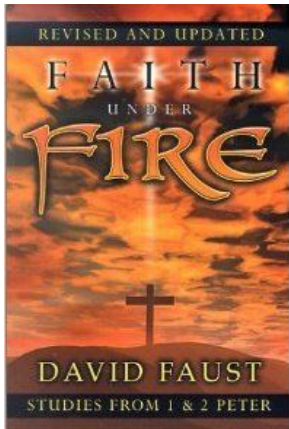
= Study Group (requires registration & costs)



= Women's Groups



= Kid Friendly Groups (or childcare provided)



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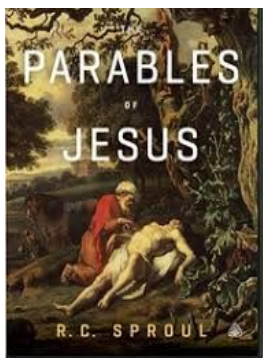
Leaders: John & Tracy Untener

JUNTENER@scroggingrear.com

Meets every Thursday, 7pm, at the Untener's home

This small group meets at the home of John & Tracy Untener and is led by John. Children are welcome to come and play while the adults study. Bethany Devoted strives to love and care for each other, and help each other grow in their relationship with Jesus through study, mission, and accountability.

We are currently preparing to study *Faith Under Fire* by David Faust, which is a study on 1st and 2nd Peter. It isn't easy to be a devoted follower of Jesus today, and this book teaches and encourages us as we learn how to stand strong from Peter's God-inspired words. We would love to have you come and join us!



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Leader: The Masons & Deckards

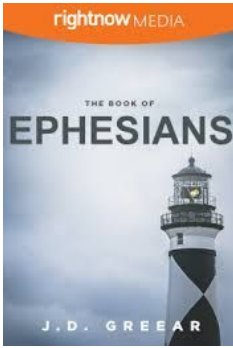
bmason2783@fuse.net

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Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30p at various members homes

This group meets 2 Sunday evenings a month for fellowship and Bible study with emphasis on spiritual growth, life application, caring for one another and service projects. We pray for each other daily. We regularly rotate the hosting and leading duties for our meeting, allowing everyone in the group to fully participate.

We are currently doing a series on the parables by RC Sproul.



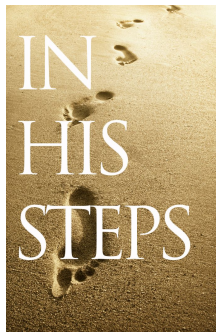
BUMS

Leader: Donna Ferguson

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Meets 2 Sunday evenings of month, at various members homes

We are “empty nesters” who meet for fellowship, Bible Study, and supportive prayer. BUMS provides care for one another when the need arises and supports various fundraisers and service projects. All are welcome any time! We will be starting a study of Ephesians using RightNowMedia.



In His Steps

Leader: Jane McGregor

sjmcgregor@roadrunner.com

Meets 2 Fridays a month in members' homes.

A gathering of parents and grandparents, retirees and those still working, this small group meets twice a month to eat, pray, and study the Lord's Word. We take turns leading the study and hosting the group. We are here to support each other through all that life throws our way!

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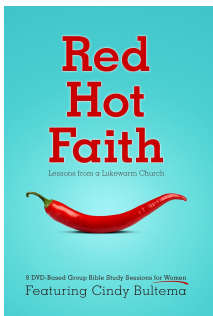
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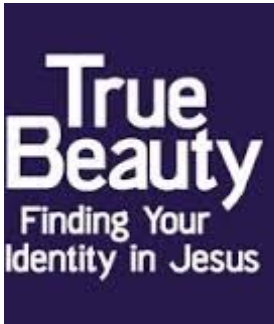
bsonnenberg5@gmail.com

Meet every Tuesday night, Sept-May, 7pm in the Annex

The Women of the Word meet every Tuesday to study current Christian lessons and the books of the Bible. We go through several studies throughout the year so you can join for in for one, two, or all of them. If you have to come straight from a busy work day, light refreshments are served!

Our upcoming study will be an 8 week study of *Red Hot Faith*. If you are tired of being pulled into a swirling, lukewarm routine of life that keeps you from experiencing God's best, this Bible study is for you! We will explore the early church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22), made up of people just like you who struggled to juggle it all and move out of their comfort zones. You will study how to turn up the heat, fuel the fire of your faith, and strengthen your relationship with God.



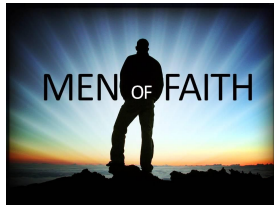


GIFT

Leader: Jennifer Schwartzkopf
jjenniferschwartzkopf@yahoo.com

Meet every other Monday night, 7:30 pm at various locations

We are a small group of women who enjoy spending time together on various studies such as 'Bad Girls of the Bible' by Liz Curtiss Higgs and 'True Beauty' series by Lisa Chan.. We also have a substantial portion of time dedicated to sharing prayer requests and praise reports and praying for each other.



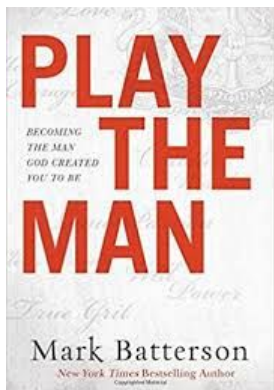
Men of Faith

Leader: Dennis Whitten
drwhitten@fuse.net

Meets every Wednesday night in Annex, 7pm

This group of 5-8 men meets each week to study a variety of Christian lessons, both from Right Now Media and books, and participate in numerous service projects, such as providing meals for outreach events and building projects.

We are currently studying *Distorted Images of God* as well as *Distorted Images of Self* and comparing what the Bible says about who we are and who God is.

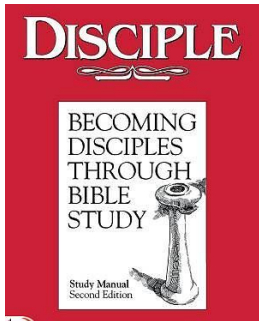


Bethany Brotherhood

Leader: Brian Galliers
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Meets every other Monday at members homes, 7:30pm

Meeting every other week but with regular email communication, our group is made up of young to middle aged men seeking to be challenged and to grow as men of God through fellowship with other men. Our group lives by the verse in Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Our next study will take us deeper into what it means to be a man. In this series, Mark Batterson, highlights seven virtues of manhood to offer clear insight into what it means to be a faithful man of God. Keying in on the story of the martyr Polycarp, Mark teaches through engaging stories to inspire men towards biblical discipleship that can transform the generations to come.



DISCIPLE I



Leader: Donna Ferguson

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Meet every other Tuesday night, 7:00 pm

You've heard all those Bible stories, but how do they fit together? You intend to read your Bible regularly, but without the accountability of others, it just doesn't happen. In Disciple 1, you learn the overall framework of the entire Bible and how the Old and New Testaments tie together. Class meets every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:15pm. This year will cover the Old Testament in 18 lessons concluding the end of April.

Sign up deadline is August 20. Orientation class Tuesday, August 22. Workbook fee: \$35 [scholarships available].

