

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17



Bethany- A United Methodist Church

*Small Groups,
Sunday Morning Classes,
And Connecting Groups
Catalog
Fall 2018*

Want to join an Adult Group?

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

Online:

1. Go to www.bethanychurchoh.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 ministry@bethanychurchoh.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. Drop in anytime! Our Connecting groups and Sunday morning classes are meant to for you to stop by anytime. Classes are held throughout the church at 9:45a and Connecting groups post their meetings on the church website. Try out a few and see who's a good fit for you!
 2. Look through this catalog and choose desired group(s).
 3. Attend "GROW with others" Kick Off Event (8/19/18, 9:45am) and sign up for groups in person
- OR*
4. Write "Please connect me with _____group" on your connection card and turn into offering plate. We will follow up with you.

Sunday Morning Classes – Fall 2018

9:45-10:45, each Sunday

Various classrooms around the church

Sunday Morning Classes at Bethany are learning and fellowship experiences that are highly valued and enjoyed by the majority of our adults. Meeting at the same time as our children and youth each Sunday, in between worship services allows every person to participate in a class and grow in their understanding of the God's Word. We offer a variety of adult classes based upon age, family life, or study topic which means no matter your personality, situation, or level of faith, there is a place for you! You can email ministry@bethanychurchoh.org to find out more and when new studies are beginning or simply show up on Sunday Morning! Any person in a yellow badge will be more than happy to help you find the right class for you!



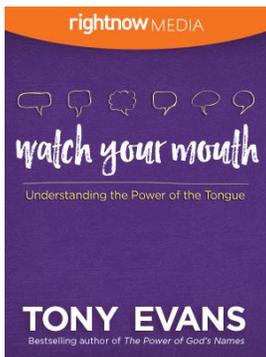
New Member Class (Two Offerings)



Leader: Pastor Doug, Laura Gregg, and others
ministry@bethanychurchoh.org

Meets inside Sanctuary, Aug. 26- Sept. 30 & Jan.-Feb. (TBD)

Are you Interested in exploring the meaning, purpose and expectations of being a member of Bethany? Join Pastor Doug and members of the leadership team during the Sunday Class hour in the Sanctuary at 9:45am for 6 weeks. Please register by emailing or calling the church so we have enough materials.



Bethany Believers

Leader: Chris Graska

jcgraska@fuse.net

Meets outside FLC, 114

Awesome eclectic group of all ages that meet every Sunday to actively discuss Biblical and life application studies.

We are currently studying *Boundaries* by Cloud and Townsend. We will follow this study by studying Tony Evans' *Watch Your Mouth* as we discover the power of the spoken word to bolster your faith when you're doubting and discern what should or shouldn't be said so that you honor God with your speech.



CIRCLE OF GRACE

Leader: Johnstons & Goodwins

sjohnston@yiphr.com & dajlgood@aol.com

Meets In Back of Sanctuary, 109

A fellowship of believers - novice and experienced - who celebrate our praises and share our prayers through the study of the Bible and inspirational books so that we come to know Christ and grow with others. We show the world His grace through our outreach ministries to our military service men and women and to our neighbors in need.

DisciplesPath

Leader: Jennifer Schwartzkopf

jenniferschwartzkopf@yahoo.com

Meets In FLC



DisciplesPath is an intentional Bible study for new disciples of Christ. It introduces the basic practices and elements of the faith, including the centrality of Christ, the crucial practice of prayer and Scripture reading, community, and what it means to be on mission for God.

Esperanza Viva

Leader: Jair Illidge

jillidge@outlook.com

Meets In 102 (Choir Room in Preschool Hall)



Join with Esperanza Viva for this Sunday morning class taught entirely in Spanish. *Únete a Esperanza Viva para esta clase de los domingos por la mañana, impartida íntegramente en español*



Leader: Eric Pfahler

Eric.Pfahler@scripps.com

Meets Upstairs, 203

The FISH class' mission is to grow our families in Christ by creating accountability with each other and raising Disciples through studying the Bible (including life application), prayer, and participating in missions as a family.

In our current study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith.



FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Leaders: Joan Mason & Carrie Thrash

Bmason2783@fuse.net & Thrashcb@roadrunner.com

Meets across from nursery, Rm 112

A loving, caring, fun group of teenagers-young adults with varying degrees of developmental disabilities and special needs. We do Bible lessons and studies using Faith Alive Christian Resources Friendship Bible Studies and discuss how to apply them in our daily lives as we strive to be more like Jesus in what we say and do. Every Sunday morning we do service for the Lord by picking up all attendance books throughout the church. We try to do biannual activities as a class as we love to cook, eat, craft and have fun.

MARK'S CLASS

Leader: Mark Clippinger

mclip_66@yahoo.com

Meets in Annex, Rm 301



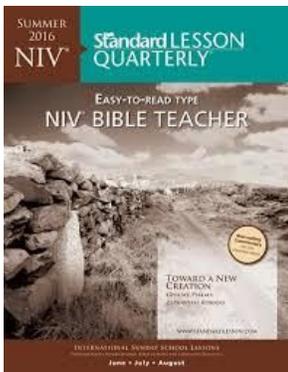
Open to all ages and levels of Bible knowledge. The focus of our group is on a greater understanding of the Bible and how it applies to our lives today. We study a variety of materials.

PATHFINDERS

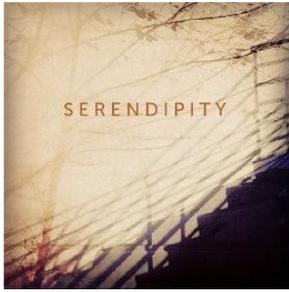
Leader: Mike and Marilyn Young

mwyoung@copper.net

Meets in Annex, Rm. 302



This group of all ages conducts a weekly roundtable discussion of Old and New Testaments. Members of the group meet regularly for fellowship and service. We utilize *Standard Lesson Quarterly* each Sunday morning to guide our discussions and study of the Bible. This quarterly publication follows the Uniform Series, a 6-year plan for reading and studying the Bible. By participating in the Uniform Series, a believer will be given help in knowing the content of the Bible, understanding its message, and responding to that message by living a life of faith and love.



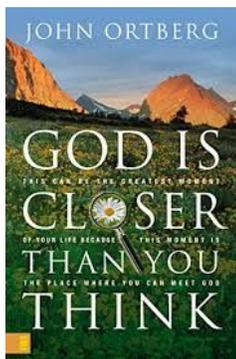
SERENDIPITY

Leader: Carl Keith & Dennis Whitten

ckeith112@fuse.net

Meets in back of Sanctuary, 110

Serendipity is a group consisting of members ages 50 + Weekly Bible-based lessons are taken from both Old and New Testaments coupled with discussion as to application in our daily lives. There are no study guides for participants. The lesson/study is facilitated by one of the class leaders, with thought provoking questions leading to the point of the lesson. We are devoted to supporting various missions in the church, as well as serving each other as the needs arise.



SOJOURNERS

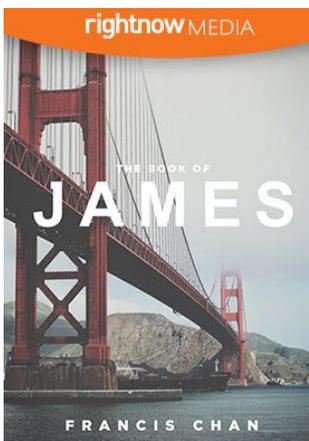
Leader: Roger Tatman

rogertatman@fuse.net

Meets outside FLC, 115

Our group consists largely of spiritually mature members who participate in in-depth discussion, centered on Biblically-based lessons. We encourage one another in faith development and support each other through prayer. We are currently exploring a deeper intimacy with God through the study *God is Closer Than You Think*

WOMEN in FAITH



Leader: Karen Varney

candkvarney79@gmail.com

Meets outside Sanctuary, 107

A loving, caring and active group of women, young and old, who are seeking a closer relationship with the Lord. We serve regularly around the community, through PowerSource meal serving, God's Bounty, the church garden, and more.

In our current study of James, Francis Chan unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.