

# KINGDOMGROUPS

Fall 2011



MIDDLETOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Calling Disciples To Be the Kingdom Now!

## Group Life at Middletown Christian Church

Middletown Christian Church is committed to creating a place where you can grow in your own faith journey. We support one another through the sharing that takes place in small groups. We value community at MCC, and we encourage you to join a group to help you as you grow in your faith.

This booklet includes a listing of current offerings for adults, and we encourage you to read it and try out a group that piques your interest or fits your needs. For each group listed in this booklet, you'll find a contact name. We hope that you'll call or e-mail the contact person if you are interested or have questions about a group.

If you would like assistance in finding a group that might be a good fit for you, and/or you have an idea for a new group, please contact Paul Tche, *Grow Minister*, at 245-9793 or [ptche@middletownchristian.org](mailto:ptche@middletownchristian.org).

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Place to Share...



**KingdomGroups**



## Study+Share+Serve Groups

*Sharing in groups allows us to hear many different perspectives and opinions as we develop relationships with other Christians. These groups meet on a regular basis and focus their time together studying scripture, the weekend sermon, inspirational books or other curricula designed for spiritual growth and personal sharing as well as serving others from time to time.*



*All Sunday morning groups are for adult men and women unless otherwise noted. Childcare is available for all groups.*

**{10:00am}**

### **Body of Christ**

This group **for men and women ages 35-75** meets on Sundays at 10 am and studies various books to meet its goal to grow spiritually and improve lives physically and mentally. The group members share leadership. Fellowship activities are organized quarterly and there is a solid base of support among the members.

Contact: Marilyn & Rodger McAlister, 245-7282 or colrodger@att.net

### **Challengers**

This group **for men and women, 40-something to 90-something**, is a diverse group with regard to opinions, marital status, and age and is committed to spiritual growth through studying a variety of materials. Choice of study materials or topics usually comes from suggestions made by the group.

Contact: Lera Braehler, 245-2792 or learjet1@bellsouth.net

### **Contagious Christians**

This group spends most of its class time searching for truth in the Bible and ways to apply it to their lives. Group leaders lead, not lecture, as the group dives deeply

into Scripture and its meaning. Matters are discussed openly and honestly, and members support and lift each other up daily.

Contact: Steve Harrison, 419-5255 or steveharrison@insightbb.com

### **CrossTalk**

CrossTalk engages in lively discussions about the previous week's sermon, focusing on the Bible verses that support the sermon topic. All are welcome to join this sermon-based Bible study.

Contact: John Whittle, 456-1199 or jkwhittle@bellsouth.net

### **New Covenant**

This multigenerational group (**ages 35+**) focuses on a variety of scriptural studies, sometimes on specific books of the Bible and sometimes thematic studies using several passages. Fellowship opportunities are also scheduled. This class contributes weekly to various mission projects.

Contact: Marty Mills, 245-2463 or mmills@shuttle.org

### **Pathfinders**

This group studies contemporary Christian literature as it applies to individual spiritual journeys. Monthly fellowship lunches are scheduled along with parties throughout the year. Outreach is served by sending money every month to St. Jude Children's Hospital and sponsoring a child in the "Save the Children" program.

Contact: Mark Walling, 244-5727 or sargamy@bellsouth.net

### **Philo Christo**

This group spends most of its class time discussing the Standard Lesson Quarterly (based on the International Sunday School Lesson Program) and applying the lessons to social issues of today.

Contact: Willa Fougny, 245-1498 or willa-emilfougny@insightbb.com



### **R<sup>3</sup> (read.reflect.relate.)**

This group that meets on Sunday at 10am reads the Bible, reflect on what it says, and relate it to our lives together as a group. All are welcome.

Contact: Amy Westlake, 396-6447 or drswestlake@yahoo.com

### **Seekers**

This group **for men and women over 60** spends its class time trying to find God's will for their lives and how to live as Christians through the study of the Bible and other books or studies. Members volunteer to lead class on a rotating basis.

Contact: Gladys Barrickman, 419-7114 or gbarrick@bellsouth.net

### **The Sunday Conversation**

This group studies current events from a Christian perspective.

Contact: Bill Gardner, 266-9833 or big.bill.gardner@gmail.com

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#### **Lost & Found**

Mix of **married and singles in their 20's and 30's** engage in topical and Biblical discussions. This is a great group for those who attend Chalice Worship at 9:45.

Contact: Adam Kilchenman, akilchenman@middletownchristian.org or 245-9793

#### **Sunday Morning KingdomGroup**

Discussions on a variety of topics. This is also a great group for those who attend Chalice Worship at 9:45.

Contact: Andrea Clifford, 245-5256 or asclifford@bellsouth.net

### **{Sunday Evening}**

#### **Off Topic Couples Group**

This group for **young married couples** meets on alternating Sundays of each month at MCC from 5:30-7:30 pm. The group focuses on spiritual study and Christian fellowship. Childcare is available.

Contact: Sara Sandefur, 468-8580 or s.sandefur@insightbb.com

#### **Men's Sunday Night Disciples Bible Study**

This group **for men of all ages** meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 pm at MCC, providing in-depth analysis of one book in the Bible at a time and how it works in their lives today. The group holds a non-attribution policy ("what is said here ... stays here") which provides a safe, trusting atmosphere for personal issues to be shared. Childcare is available.

Contact: Rodger McAlister, 245-7282 or colrodger@att.net



### Christians Gone Wild

A sermon-based study group that meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at MCC to discuss the weekly message, share genuine fellowship as part of a Christian community and serve others.

Contact: Jane Reid, 292-7072 or janereidmassage@yahoo.com

### Faithful Followers

**For couples of all ages**, meets at 6:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at MCC. This group studies specific books of the Bible and how they relate to their daily walk with Christ and relationships with others.

Contact: Tracey Walling, 244-5727 or trwmaw@bellsouth.net

### FaHoLo (Faith, Hope & Love)

This group for **women 30-70-something** meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m., following JCPS calendar, at Traci Ullom's home. The group works on spiritual studies of interest to women. FaHoLo is a very supportive group in life and spiritual care. Call leader to ask about childcare.

Contact: Sherry Moak, 429-5409 or srmoak@bellsouth.net

### Ichthus

This group **for married couples** meets in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays during the school year. Group meetings begin with a potluck dinner followed by Bible study which is facilitated/led by a different member each meeting.

Contact: Iris Robinson, 245-8706

### Oldham County Study Group

This group meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the homes of members, all living in the Oldham and Shelby Co. area. In addition to studying the Scripture, the group reads and discusses books, shares coffee and fellowship with one another.

Contact: Sherry White, 243-4136 or sherry@newleaf-resources.com

### Monday Evening KingdomGroup

A sermon-based study group that meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at MCC to discuss the weekly message, share genuine fellowship as part of a Christian community and serve others.

Contact: Pam Hagan and Paul Tche, 245-9793 or ptche@middletownchristian.org



### D.I.V.A. (Divine Inspiration for a Victorious Attitude)

This group **for women of all ages** meets during the school year on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm offside. In the summer, this group meets socially once a month. This group wants to grow spiritually through reading inspirational books and developing friendships where members feel comfortable sharing, learning, laughing, and caring for one another and serving others.

Contact: Roberta Jonkers, 314-8693, artpsy@bellsouth.net

### Sisters In Christ: Sermon-Based Study

A group **for women 30's and up (great for mothers & daughters)**, Sisters in Christ alternates between a Beth Moore bible study (10-12 wks.) and discussions using an ongoing sermon series (4-6 wks.). An alternating study allows for flexibility in membership as time commitment allows. Through prayer, scripture, fellowship and service, the group grows not only spiritually but builds relationships to help members be God's Kingdom Now. This group meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 pm at MCC. (Summer schedule will vary.)

Contact: Linda McCarty, 376-3919 or linda.mccarty@nortonhealthcare.org



### Wednesday Morning KingdomGroup

A sermon-based study group that meets to discuss the weekly message, share genuine fellowship as part of a Christian community and serve others. This group meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Heitzman Bakery (9426 Shelbyville Rd.).

Contact: Jeff Howell, jhowell@middletownchristian.org or 245-9793



### Wednesday Night Women's Spirituality Group

This group **for women over 40** meets at 7:15 pm every Wednesday night at MCC. This group studies books related to spiritual issues such as Living a Mary Life in a Martha World and provides support and encouragement to each other. The group is also involved in ongoing service. Childcare is available.

Contact: Marti Yonke, 559-7700 or menoky@yahoo.com

### Twilighters: The Women In Love With God's Holy Thoughts

This group **for women late 30's to late 40's** meeting, in member's homes, on the first and third Wednesday's of each month at 6:00 pm. Members share fellowship and spiritual stimulation.

Contact: Julie Barkley, 802-3009 or mbarkley@insightbb.com



### Lead Like Jesus

This new group **for men of all ages** meets every Saturday morning from 7:30-8:30 am. Learn to lead like Jesus by serving one another. This group will discuss ways to strengthen relationships with other men through bonding and uncovering the mysteries of life together.

Contact: Tom Polston, 905-0298 or polston1@aol.com



### Thursday Women's Bible Study

This group **for adult women of all ages** meets each Thursday from 9:30-11:15 am at MCC to share fellowship and Bible studies.

Contact: Lynda Hardesty, 245-1229 or lynbhardesty@insightbb.com



### Get Reel

This group **for women of all ages** meets on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in member's homes. The group watches a movie and discusses elements of faith, spirituality, morality, etc. after viewing. Childcare is not available.

Contact: Angie Hopperton, 767-8148 or angierh@gmail.com



## Fellowship Groups

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*Adult Fellowship groups meet on a regular basis to have fellowship based on shared background, shared experience or shared interests. The emphasis is on relaxation and leisure activity with other Christians. Activities include sewing, serving others, attending cultural events and simple fellowship here at the church. Fellowship groups are a fun way to form long-lasting, meaningful relationships with others.*

### Frisky Folks

This group **for adult men and women over 55** meets every Tuesday at 10 am at MCC except during the month of August. The group provides fellowship opportunities and service to the community. They also take scheduled trips to museums, restaurants, area events, and entertainment. Outreach efforts include the Crusade for Children, Eastern Area Community Ministry, and Middletown Christian Village. Childcare is not available.

Contact: Nancy Burkhardt, 241-4776 or [15oak@insightbb.com](mailto:15oak@insightbb.com)

### Harmony

This group of **empty-nesters women** meets at 11 am on the 4th Thursday of each month in members' homes to enjoy fellowship together.

Contact: Mattie Brown, 245-9488

### Mothers In Faith

This group of **mothers with children ranging in age from birth to school age** meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm. Each meeting has a guest speaker and time for fellowship. Additional fellowship and outreach opportunities for the whole family are also scheduled. Childcare is available.

Contact: Aimee Vander Pol, 266-5823 or [jamvp@insightbb.com](mailto:jamvp@insightbb.com)

### MCC Scrappers Group

This group **of scrap-booking enthusiasts** meets for cropping sessions on any chosen Friday. Watch the bulletin for announcements or contact the leader for monthly cropping dates.

Contact: Margaret Kerns, 245-2428 or [mmkerns@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmkerns@bellsouth.net)



## Prayer Groups

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*Prayer is an ongoing conversation and relationship with God. At MCC we encourage you to grow your relationship with God by developing your prayer life. These prayer groups are opportunities to continue your conversation with God.*

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

This group **for men of all ages** meets every Monday at 7 a.m. Begin the week by meeting to enjoy fellowship, prayer and a short devotion.

Contact: Bill Mapes, 245-2578 or wmapes@juno.com

### Women's Prayer Breakfast

This group **for women of all ages** meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at MCC for prayer and fellowship. Each member takes turns bringing a light breakfast to share and there is usually a speaker. This group also spends time praying for MCC members who are on the church's prayer list and sends cards to them weekly.

Contact: Gladys Barrickman, 419-7114 or gbarrick@bellsouth.net

## Recreation Groups

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*Whether at church or away, recreation is an important way to build community. Teams help connect people to the life and ministry of the church through activities like basketball, softball and golf.*

### Adult 20's & 30's Basketball (Open Gym)

Join this group of **mostly 20's and 30's** for pickup basketball games on Thursdays, from 8—9:30 pm.

Contact: Nick Patterson, 253-1790 or nickpatterson24@hotmail.com

### G.O.L.F. (Gospel of Living Faith)

This group **for men and women of all ages** meets monthly, spring through fall, to play golf at area courses and to enjoy fellowship. Childcare is not available.

Contact: Don Fleming, 426-7714 or djmjfleming@wmconnect.com

### Men's 50+ Basketball (Open Gym)

Join this group of **50+ men** for pickup basketball games on Tuesdays, from 7:30 -9 pm.

Contact: Lon Witter, 412-2327 or lonwitter@yahoo.com



## How to Find a Group for You?

- Complete a GroupConnect Card at right and return it to Connection Point.
- Visit our church website and fill out a GroupConnect form.
- Attend the next KingdomConnect event! It is on 3rd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall.
- Contact Paul Tche, Grow Minister, at 245-9793 or [ptche@middletownchristian.org](mailto:ptche@middletownchristian.org) for more information about group involvement.



## What is a Sermon-Based Study Group?

These sermon-based groups meet once a week to discuss the weekly message, share genuine fellowship as part of a Christian community, and serve others.

These sermon-based study groups are a very unique model of small groups. Through study, fellowship, and service, these groups would like to build authentic community and to be the Kingdom Now in this world.

## Interested in Starting a Group?

All you need is a love for people; MCC can help with everything else. Contact Paul Tche, Grow Minister, [ptche@middletownchristian.org](mailto:ptche@middletownchristian.org). He can help you plan and get your group together.



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