

# Small Groups.

## Overview

**Our Motive:** To promote healthy relationships that empower people to reach, serve and grow.

**Our Method:** Our groups operate under a free-market philosophy that gives qualified leaders the freedom to develop groups based on the leader's interest, talents or needs. Leaders receive ongoing training, support and encouragement through a relational leadership structure. When, where and how often a group meets is initially determined by the leader and members are free to attend whatever group suits their interests.

Groups meet on a trimester schedule with the current trimester ending in December. We will follow with a 2018 Spring Trimester (March - May) and Summer Trimester (June - August). Each trimester will provide an opportunity for new leaders and new groups to start. Members may choose a new group each trimester or recommit to a previously attended group.

**Our Means:** You! We believe God has called each of you to have a part in influencing others toward Christ. We believe there are divine connections, Holy Spirit inspired ideas and powerful ministry opportunities within each of you that can change our entire community.

## Thinking about being a small group leader?

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Register for one of the next orientation sessions listed below. Enroll today at [faithfamilyshiloh.org/SGLO](http://faithfamilyshiloh.org/SGLO). ***Please note: As a prerequisite to attending the Small Group Leader Orientation, you must have completed or be committed to completing the Faith Family Church membership process.***

Sunday | 09/24 | 10:30a – 11:50p | Room 203

Sunday | 11/12 | 10:30a – 11:50p | Room 203

Pastor Melissa Gerke

618.277.0232

[smallgroups@faithfamilyshiloh.org](mailto:smallgroups@faithfamilyshiloh.org)

## FAQs

### ***What is a small group?***

A small group is a group of three or more persons meeting for a set period of time with the objective of meeting a felt need or sharing a common interest.

***Why should I join a small group?***

We are designed by God to live life in relationship with others. Positive life change happens best when we are surrounded by Christian friends who support, encourage and challenge us.

***How do I join a small group?***

Contact the leader for more information. If no registration is required, just show up at the time and place mentioned.

***Who can join a small group; can I join a small group even if I'm not a regular attendee of FFC?***

Absolutely. Anyone can join a small group, even if you are not a regular attendee of FFC. We'd love that!

***Do I have to take any classes before I can join a small group?***

None at all. You can jump right into almost any group.

***Do I have to join a small group to be a part of FFC?***

No, but small groups provide a great place for you to develop meaningful friendships as well as providing a way for a large church to be a community.

***Can I join more than one small group?***

Yes, but we believe you will have the best experience if you are committed to only one or two.

***Can I switch to a different small group?***

Yes, most small groups are open for you to join at any time. Simply contact the leader and let them know you are interested and then check it out. We also have a Connection Fair three times each year (Spring, Summer and Fall). The Connection Fair is an entry point for new leaders and an opportunity for groups to launch new curriculums.

***How often do small groups meet?***

Each small group is different. Some meet weekly, some bi-weekly and some meet once a month. You can choose a group that best fits your schedule.

***Is every small group a Bible study?***

No, there are all kinds of groups: activity groups, special interest, Bible studies, outreach teams, sports teams, or just about anything that may interest you.

***Who should I contact if I have a question about a specific group?***

Please call or email the group leader directly. Their contact information is listed with their group information.

***Is childcare available for my group?***

Each small group is different and we attempt to accommodate the needs of all participants. Please contact the group leader directly for more information.

***Are minors allowed to attend small groups?***

Minors are only allowed to attend if accompanied by a parent or guardian and at the discretion of the group leader unless otherwise specified.

# Fusion Sunday Evening Adult Education

## **BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND**

During this five-week study based on Joyce Meyer's book *Battlefield of the Mind*, you will equip yourself with the knowledge of how to recognize strongholds in your mind, how to use your spiritual weapons to disarm the enemy, and how to break the wilderness mentality.

Sarah McGuire  
618.277.0232  
smguire@faithfamilyshiloh.org

Sunday | 6:00p | 09/10 - 10/08 | Room 205

Requirements: Purchase the Action Plan Workbook and Journal set for \$7 at the first session

## **BUILDING THE SMART STEP-FAMILY**

In this eight-week DVD study you will be given insightful direction to build your step-family successfully by expert Ron Deal of FamilyLife. You will learn practical tips which will benefit not only your family but also your marriage relationship. Valuable small group interaction will support you in your commitment. Married as well as pre-stepfamily couples are encouraged to attend. We advise each person to have their own study guide.

Jeff & Melissa Manasco  
618.660.0891  
mgpeach1435@gmail.com

Sunday | 6:00p | 09/10 - 11/05 | Room 203

Requirements: Purchase the study guide for \$10 per person or two study guides for \$16 per couple, available at the first session; couples are also encouraged to purchase the book *The Smart Step-Family* by Ron Deal, which will be used as an important resource for the study and is available in our bookstore

## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Financial Peace University is practical, fun, and based on more than 800 verses in Scripture. More than 1.5 million families and individuals have experienced major success through this class. Whether you are struggling to make ends meet or you are a millionaire, this class has something for you. Please check out our website at [faithfamilyshiloh.org/FPU](http://faithfamilyshiloh.org/FPU) for more information on how to register and purchase your membership kit.

Sarah McGuire  
618.277.0232  
smguire@faithfamilyshiloh.org

Sunday | 6:00p | 09/10 - 11/12 | Auditorium

Requirements: Register and purchase the FPU membership kit at [faithfamilyshiloh.org/FPU](http://faithfamilyshiloh.org/FPU)

## **LOVING OUR KIDS ON PURPOSE**

Few relationships require as much from us as the parenting relationship. The greatest challenge for parents is learning to remain powerful in any situation. Our relationship with our Heavenly Father gives us a perfect example. Join us as for this DVD parenting series called *Loving Our Kids on Purpose* by David Silk, followed by group discussion. This series incorporates the Kingdom of God into our relationship with our children and will give parents the tools to lead their children in love, freedom, and power. We strongly encourage purchasing the workbook *Loving Our Kids On Purpose* (\$20) but it is optional.

Niki Woods  
618.210.7662  
niki.woods08@yahoo.com

Sunday | 6:00p | 09/10 - 11/12 | Room 212

Requirements: None

## **MEN ARE LIKE WAFFLES - WOMEN ARE LIKE SPAGHETTI**

Men are like a waffle, each element in his life is in a separate box. Women are like a plate of spaghetti, everything in her life touches everything else. This humorous but powerful six session DVD small group study by authors Bill & Pam Farrel will help us to use this important fundamental difference to communicate, strengthen, and grow our relationship in important areas as marriage partners and parents. We advise each person to have their own study guide.

Dave & Kim Brede  
618.830.4995  
dkbrede@sbcglobal.net

Sunday | 6:00p | 09/17 - 10/29 | Worship Arts Room

Requirements: Purchase the study guide for \$10 per person or two study guides for \$16 per couple, available at the first session

## **RESTLESS**

Join Singles Soaring in Christ for this four-session DVD small group based on the book *Restless: Because You Were Made for More* by Jennie Allen. Do you believe you were made for more? Do you feel like your life is missing something? Even though our lives are busy with jobs, children, homes, family, friends, church, and more, we often feel empty, bored and restless. If that's you, then this is the small group for you.

Rick Bevers | Leader      Theresa Beamon | Co-Leader  
618.920.2105              618.550.2417  
ffcsingles@gmail.com      beamon\_21@yahoo.com

Day & Time TBD | Contact leader for details

Requirements: Singles ages 20 & up

## Activity & Special Interest Small Groups

### **CROCHETING 101**

If you've always wanted to learn how to crochet, now's your chance and all you need is yarn and a hook. You will learn several crochet stitches and also how to read a pattern. If you already know how to crochet, join us for fun and fellowship.

Jacki Ellington  
810.789.3709  
jackiellington@hotmail.com

Wednesday | 6:00p | Begins 09/13 | Room 201

Requirements: Women only; purchase a size J crochet hook and your favorite color of yarn (suggestion: Red Heart Super Saver)

### **SINGLES SOARING IN CHRIST**

If you are single, with or without children, no matter what your age; you love Jesus, food and fun group activities, then this group is for you. Join us for monthly dinners, picnics, float trips, hiking, lunches, as well as service projects. Children are welcome.

Rick Bevers | Leader      Theresa Beamon | Co-Leader  
618.920.2105              618.550.2417  
ffcsingles@gmail.com      beamon\_21@yahoo.com

2nd Friday | 6:00p | On-going | East Café

Requirements: Singles only; a dish for potluck meals; fees for some off-campus activities

## VIPs | Ages 40 & Up

This energetic group enjoys dinners, recreational activities, special events, and an annual trip that includes a spiritual and educational focus. This is a great opportunity for you to strengthen friendships and build new ones as we bring out the youthfulness and fun in everyone!

Kent & Debbie Ohlendorf  
618.709.2917 or 618.709.2921  
kohlendorf@charter.net or dohlendorf@charter.net

Friday | 6:00p | Various Dates | East Café  
Dates: 09/29; 10/27; 11/17; & 12/15

Requirements: Adults ages 40 & up; a dish for potluck dinners; fees for some off-campus activities

## WALK THE WALK | Ladies Walking Group

Join us for 30 minutes of walking either outside in the church parking lot, or inside the church if the weather is bad. Afterwards we meet for a short devotional and discuss our Life Journals. Any journal is acceptable.

Linda Fishback  
618.531.5901  
lmfishback@yahoo.com

Tuesday | 6:15p | Begins 09/12 | Room 201

Requirements: Women only; walking shoes; water bottle; Bible; journal

# Discussion Groups

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Let's get together for a good old-fashioned Bible study. We will cover passages in Genesis, Exodus, 2 Samuel, and 1 Corinthians. You will need to read each week's passages and questions in the workbook prior to each week's study.

Vestry Boatman  
618.660.8999  
sisjen983@hotmail.com

Wednesday | 10:30a | Begins 09/13 | Room A

Requirements: Adults ages 25 & up; Bible; purchase Adult Bible Study workbook at first session for \$3.25

## ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Anxiety comes with life. However, as God's Word reveals in Philippians 4:6-7, anxiety doesn't have to dominate your life. In this six-session study based on Max Lucado's new book *Anxious for Nothing*, you will gain insight into ways that will help you cope with life's inevitable calamities, discerning satan's lies and recognizing God's truth. We will journey together to freedom from fear and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and discover true peace from God that surpasses all human understanding. We recommend purchasing Max Lucado's book *Anxious for Nothing*, but it is optional.

Shirley Mohr  
618.541.4954  
sjmohr@sbcglobal.net

Monday | 7:00p | Begins 09/11 | Room 205

Requirements: Women ages 18 & up

## FROM PAIN TO POWER

This ladies group is based on the book *From Pain to Power: Overcoming Sexual Trauma and Reclaiming Your True Identity* by licensed clinical social worker Mary Ellen Mann. She weaves her own personal story plus years of research and counseling experience to let survivors know you are not alone, you can overcome the effects of trauma and become a warrior of hope, healing, and recovery. The book is filled with powerful prayers, meditations, and insights to help you live the life God originally designed for you and is provided at no charge.

Tammy Lewin  
618.514.2541  
tammy.lewin29@gmail.com

Wednesday | 6:30p | Begins 09/13 | Room 212

Requirements: Women ages 18 & up

## FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

### Part 1

1 Peter 3:15 says we should always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give a reason for the hope that we have. Upon completion of this study group, you will be able to do just that. You will also be able to answer questions such as: Why were animals sacrificed? Is the Bible really God's Word? Where did the devil come from? Plus numerous other questions will be answered. Without a doubt, you will learn something new every time we meet.

Paul Clawson  
618.363.5893  
paul@allthewiser.com

Monday | 7:00p | Begins 09/18 | Room 212

Requirements: Bible

## FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

### Part 2

This study group covers more topics on some of the subjects that were learned in *Part 1*. You'll learn even more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We'll cover topics such as God's will and timing; the miracles and parables of Jesus; faith; action; marriage; money; spiritual warfare; and who you are in Jesus Christ.

Paul Clawson  
618.363.5893  
paul@allthewiser.com

Tuesday | 7:00p | Begins 09/19 | Room 206

Requirements: Bible; completed part 1

## GOD'S WILL TO HEAL

God's Word reveals His will for healing in your life. In this course, we will be reading through Keith Moore's book *God's Will to Heal*. We will look at the ministry of Jesus to find biblical reasons why we can be sure it is God's will for everyone to be healed.

Maxine Friar  
618.670.3162  
maxinefriar52@gmail.com

Wednesday | 7:00p | 09/13 | Room 203

Requirements: Bible; notebook; pen

## LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

We've all been hurt by other people. We've also hurt ourselves, and others. As a result, we can be left with hurts, hang-ups, or habits. So then what? Discover freedom through *Life's Healing Choices* by Pastors Rick Warren and John Baker. This DVD study is based on the Beattitudes. The newly reformed curriculum takes you step-by-step through the recovery and self-discovery process resulting in life transformation and true happiness.

### **LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES (con't)**

Lorraine White  
618.444.1098  
graise8@charter.net

Wednesday | 6:30p | Begins 09/20 | Room 213  
Requirements: Women; purchase the study guide *Life's Healing Choices* by Rick Warren (check with leader to make sure you are purchasing the newly updated version of the study guide)

### **LIVING A LIFE OF REAL FAITH**

We will use the Bible to seek God's best for our lives as we learn to draw strength, grace, mercy, and real faith from His word. Our prayers are in English as well as our spiritual language.

Angela Howard  
314.598.6059  
angelahoward61@yahoo.com

Thursday | 10:00a | Begins 09/14  
4 Hillcrest Lane, Caseyville

Requirements: Women ages 18 & up; Bible; notebook; highlighter; pen

### **MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD | MOMS**

We are mothers of young children getting together for friendship, Bible study and prayer. Childcare is available.

Ranae Wood  
618.977.2648  
rwnchrist@yahoo.com

Tuesday | 9:30a | Begins 09/12  
1005 Coneflower Court, O'Fallon

Requirements: Moms with young children; Bible; purchase Amazing Collection workbook (we will order once group begins)

### **MORNING COFFEE WITH A PURPOSE**

A new season of accomplishment, discovery, and strength await you in our study based on the book *Glory Days* by Max Lucado. Learn how to fight from a place of victory. Stop going through the motions and dare to believe your best days are ahead. Overcome rejection by becoming deeply convinced that you are forever God's child. Demolish unhealthy mindsets and learn to hear the right voice and make the right choices. Rebound from your mistakes and put your past in the past. With God's help, you can close the gap and become the person He created you to be.

Kyna Williams  
618.806.3643  
kynawilliams@yahoo.com

2nd & 4th Thursday | 9:30a | Begins 09/14  
2412 Heather Hill Court, Belleville

Requirements: Women only; Bible; purchase the book *Glory Days* by Max Lucado and the study guide for \$7 available at our first session

### **P121 | Community for 20s-30s**

Our stories are all so different, but in many ways, our answers to questions about life are the same. Together we will find those answers through different studies.

Chris Cox  
618.402.7773  
coxchris112@gmail.com

Wednesday | 6:30p | Ongoing | Zone

Requirements: Adults ages 18 to 30-something

### RETIREMENT GROUP FOR MEN

So you're retired, now what? Let's get together to study scripture, pray for one another and our church. It's a great way to build friendships and connect with other retired men.

David Solomon  
618.401.7971

Wednesday | 12:00p | Begins 09/13 | Room 201

Requirements: Men ages 50 & up; Bible

### SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANCE

This DVD-based study by Robert McGee will help us learn how deeply we are loved, forgiven, pleasing, accepted, and complete in Christ, plus how to apply His truth to everyday life.

Ranae Wood  
618.977.2648  
rwnchrist@yahoo.com

Monday | 6:30p | Begins 09/18 | Room 203

Requirements: Purchase the book/workbook *Search for Significance* by Robert McGee and read the first two chapters before our first class

### TREASURED VESSELS

This group focuses on who we are in Jesus Christ. We will develop a greater understanding of how to be deeper and quieter in meditation in the presence of God. Also how powerful and important your words and thoughts are in creating your world. Watch your image change as we look into the Word of God.

Wanda Harding  
618.344.3091 (preferred method of contact)  
kwhar@att.net

### TREASURED VESSELS (con't)

Friday | 9:00a | Ongoing  
409 Merrell, Collinsville

Requirements: Bible; notebook; pen

### WOMEN WARRIORS

Fear wants to take over your life, but you don't have to let it. In this six week study, you will learn how to allow Jesus to diagnose and monitor your life to identify areas of fear. Take your spiritual authority over the devil's strategies and rebuke fear for good.

Sheri Lang  
618.830.1053  
slang3360@gmail.com

1st Meeting Only | Wednesday | 7:00p | 11/01  
Tuesday | 7:00p | Begins 11/07  
3248 Roan Hill, Belleville

Requirements: Women only; Bible; notebook; pen

## Life Coaching Groups

### DIVORCE CARE

This DVD series includes discussion and support to help you discover hope for the future and experience God's healing. Group members may start at any time; however, we highly encourage everyone to commit to attend the entire series in order to fully benefit from the group.

Bonnie Webb  
618.531.9542  
yvonne.webb@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday | 6:30p | Ongoing | Classroom A

Requirements: Workbook can be purchased in class for \$16



## GRIEF SHARE

This group helps people who are grieving the loss of a loved one to focus on their relationship with the Lord through the healing process. There is a video presentation by professionals plus ordinary people who have been through the grieving process. We will share practical ways to deal with the painful situations that arise during that difficult time.

Margie Murphy  
618.741.6421  
margiemurphy@att.net

Tina Sieferman  
815.275.3260  
tc4man@gmail.com

Wednesday | 7:00p | On-going | Room 205

Requirements: Workbook can be purchased in class for \$16

## HARMLESS

This group is for women who have or are currently struggling with self-harm. We encourage one another as well as learn tools for recovery from self-harm and healthy coping skills.

Cathy Harrawood  
618.277.0232  
charrawood@faithfamilyshiloh.org

Day & Time TBD

Requirements: Women only; parental permission required for young women under 16 years of age

## HEALING HEARTS | Post Abortion

This is an eight-week study of the book *Her Choice To Heal* by Sydna Masse, founder of Ramah International, a post-abortion outreach ministry. Find a road map to healing from your abortion experience with practical suggestions and resources for help as well as the encouragement and hope found in Christ alone. Let 2017 be your jubilee year to proclaim freedom from the past. Contact leader for location. Group members and their information remain strictly confidential.

Jeanne Reany  
618.623.8628  
jeannereany@att.net

Tuesdays | 7:00p | Begins 09/11 | Location TBD

Requirements: Women only; purchase the book and workbook *Her Choice To Heal* by Sydna Masse for \$10; group will close after first meeting

## LIFE RECOVERY BELIEVERS GROUP & AA Addictions & Co-Dependency

This is a recovery group for people with addictions of any kind, plus a support group for their families, combined with an AA/Alanon meeting. You will learn God's truth and desires for you to live in freedom and serve others.

Karen Westbrook  
618.670.7503  
karen.westbrook@yahoo.com

Tuesday | 7:00p | Ongoing | Room 213

Requirements: Adults ages 16 & up; a desire to stop your addiction

# Prayer Groups

## **FFC MISSIONS GROUP**

A mission focus is part of the Great Commission “to go and preach the Gospel.” FFC supports individuals who are doing just that. The group meets to talk and pray for the missionaries our church supports. We also provide an opportunity to meet with our missionaries when they are in town.

Franz & Fran Karnuth  
618.719.6182  
fkarnuth@hotmail.com

3rd Sunday | 10:30a | Ongoing | Room 212 or 210

Requirements: None

## **LET’S PRAY NOW**

This small group is for adults of any age. We will learn how to pray according to God’s word and be ready for spiritual warfare. Choose from either the morning or evening session.

Emily Smith-Costello  
618.616.2534 (preferred method of contact)  
emily.costello@slps.org

Tuesday | 9:30a & 6:30p | Begins 09/19  
25 Yorkshire Lane, Apt 1, Belleville

Requirements: Adults ages 18 & up; Bible

## **MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL | MIPI**

Calling all moms! Let’s get together and lift up our children and their schools to God’s throne using scripture. We will be using the Moms in Prayer International (MIPI) format of praise, thanksgiving, silent confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.

Ranae Wood  
618.977.2648  
rwnchrist@yahoo.com

Wednesday | 10:00a | Begins 09/13  
1005 Coneflower Court, O’Fallon

Requirements: Women only; Bible

## **WORLD WIDE PRAY-ERS**

Are you concerned about America? Does God have a plan for America? Join us as we participate in a weekly online prayer gathering with World Wide Pray-ers, led by Billye Brim, live from Prayer Mountain in Branson, Missouri. A wide variety of topics are covered and prayers are in English as well as our spiritual language.

Louise Hinrichs  
618.980.1885  
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Wednesday | 12:00p | Ongoing | 206 & Bookstore  
Requirements: None