GROUPS

Connect Groups :: Growth Groups

~~ Register NOW for Fall/Winter 2017-18 (Sept.—Feb.) ~~

Connect Groups. These groups seek to <u>connect participants</u> with others in the church on an ongoing basis in an open and comfortable environment (most will meet in homes). These groups will be open to new participants throughout their session. They might be arranged around geographic location, a particular phase of life, or even a favorite hobby. Whatever the initial connection between participants, the objectives will be three-fold: 1) meet together, 2) speak together, and 3) pray together. As participants meet together, leaders will guide discussion around Gospel themes/topics and lead a time of group prayer. We hope these groups will be simple, flexible, and relational.

If you're a church member and are interested in leading a Connect Group, email Mike Rogers at mrogers@firstbaptistum.com

Growth Groups. These groups seek to help participants <u>apply biblical principles</u> to their lives. Participants will work through a designated curriculum (most will require some individual study/reading between meetings) based around a portion of Scripture or particular Christian Living theme. Then, under the direction of their leader, group participants will help one another apply the principles of the study in their own lives. Participants will be asked to cover the cost of their material for the group. The emphasis on application requires participants to be members of FBCUM in order to register.



:: How to Register ::

- Please read the info about the different types of groups on the cover page before registering.
- Fill out a "Groups Registration Card" from the Welcome Desk and drop it in the designated box OR register online at the church website. The specific link is: www.firstbaptistum.com/get-connected/groups

:: Connect Groups ::

1. Jassen and Nicole Bluto

Group Information: Monday evenings (twice a month). One Monday the men will meet on base and the next the woman will meet together on base. Then, once a quarter we will all get together to share a meal.

Location: 5105 B Lahm Court, Andrews AFB

Contact: 802-355-1887; jassenb@gmail.com; nbluto@gmail.com

2. Jeremy Boykin (Young Adults)

Group Information: 7pm // 1st and 3rd Mondays

Location: FBCUM

Contact: 301-952-9013; jeremyboykin30@gmail.com

3. Vince and Nikki Butler

Group Information: 7pm // 2nd Friday of the month

Location: Butler's Home - 5300 Thomas Sim Lee Terrace, Upper Marlboro

Contact: 301-627-5756; vbutlerfamily@msn.com

4. Humphrey and Gloria Semiti

Group Information: 6pm // Sundays (once a month)

Location: Semiti Home – 10111 Running Brook Lane, Upper Marlboro **Contact**: 301-627-7517; hgsemiti@yahoo.com; p_glory@yahoo.com

5. Jay and Denise Strickland (Young Married Couples)

Group Information: 6:30pm // Mondays (twice monthly) **Location**: Strickland Home – 609 W. Bay Front Road, Lothian **Contact**: 301-343-1201; jstrickland@stricklandfire.com

6. "Praying and Crocheting" - Dee Peltier and Tanya Joy

Group Information: 12pm—2pm // 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Location: FBCUM

Notes: Come together around the common yarn of Scripture and missions. Praying and Crocheting projects (knitters are also welcome) serve the needs of our church family and the community. As we work on projects, we will also read Scripture and spend time praying for recipients of the items made by the group. Those attending are encouraged to bring along their own bag lunch.

Contacts: Dee: 443-975-9749, deedeegal18@gmail.com Tanya: 301-335-2986; beautybyjoy@comcast.net

:: Growth Groups ::

1. Wednesday Evening Elder-Led Bible Study* Led by: Tony Edwards

* This group meets during our Wednesday night AWAWA program and is open for members and visitors. Everyone, from young adults to our more seasoned adults, are welcome to attend! Contact Elder Tony Edwards with questions.

Curriculum Description: The Beatitudes are among the best-known verses in the Bible, but have you ever taken the time to find out what they really mean? Unlock the meaning of some of the most famous words of Jesus. (9 studies). "The Good Living Guide" will not only help you discover afresh the meaning of Matthew 5:1-12, it will teach you how to understand the New Testament by learning the message of the Old. And most importantly of all, you will have the painful but exhilarating experience of being challenged by the words of Jesus.

Group Information: 6:30pm // Every Wednesday (Room 117/118)

Location: FBCUM

Contact: Tony Edwards: 301-870-5954; AQEdwards.te@gmail.com

2. Daytime Ladies Bible Study: Ephesians / Armor of God Led by: Regina Flowers

Curriculum Description: Join a wonderful group of ladies each Tuesday morning this semester as they examine the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesian church. Together the group will utilize two Bible study materials; 1) "Walk This Way" a study through the book of Ephesians by Bryson Smith, and 2) "Stand: Putting on the Full Armour of God" by Warren Wiersbe.

Group Information: 10am // Every Tuesday (First meeting Sept. 19)

Location: FBCUM

Contact: Regina Flowers: 410-867-2837; grammygina@verizon.net

3. Being Tech-Wise Today Led by: Jason and Shannon Brown

Curriculum Description: Do you control your phone—or does your phone control you? This group will be asking one another that question and much more as they read and discuss the book "12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You". We welcome everyone to consider this group even high schoolers, young adults and families.

Group Information: 5pm // First Sunday of the month **Location**: Brown Home—615 W Bay Front Road, Lothian **Contact**: 240-508-9727; jasonbrownmusic@msn.com

4. A Woman After God's Own Heart Led by: JoAnn Proctor

Curriculum Description: This is an open group reading through the book, "A Woman After God's Own Heart". Together we'll learn from author Elizabeth George as she shares practical, scriptural insights on how you can pursue God's priorities. Allow Him to transform you by embracing His plans for you. Find real purpose in a life of prayer, a life of priorities, a life as A Woman After God's Own Heart.

Group Information: 7pm // Thursdays (twice a month)

Location: TBD

Contact: bjproctor@comcast.net

