

Small Group Ministry

What is Small Group Ministry?

Small Group Ministry is devotion and commitment to a covenant relationship of love, support and accountability between and among the people of God. At Tabernacle we accomplish caring through small groups.

Small groups enable us to be as effective as possible in providing a caring environment for our members. Success is in the hands of every member. Every member is responsible for maintaining a connected relationship with a small group of other members.

Small Groups give members greater opportunities to know one another. In small clusters, our members learn more than each other's names. A true sense of community exists. Sharing joys, sorrows, recreation, amusement and education in small groups strengthens individual faith and witness and strengthens community relationships.

Who can attend?

This is open to anyone. You do not have to be a church member to participate in any small group.

Is there childcare?

Childcare is provided for most of the small groups at no cost. Check with the facilitator of the small group you are interested in attending for specific information. All Wednesday evening small groups will have mission activities and music for preschoolers and children. There will be structured youth activities during this time also.

Is there a cost for the studies?

Some of the small groups will be using a study guide and group members will be asked to pay for the study guides if possible. Check with the facilitator about the cost of the study guide.

Mission Statement

The mission of Tabernacle Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- proclaim the Good News*
- nurture Christian growth*
- minister to others in Jesus' name.*

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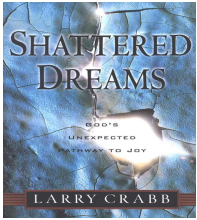
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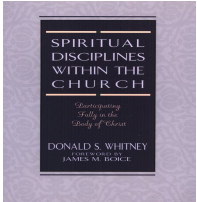
Small Groups offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Beginning March 11, 2009



Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Pathway to Joy

In this 8-session study by Dr. Larry Crabb, a Christian counselor and psychologist, he teaches that "the Holy Spirit uses the pain of shattered dreams to help us discover our desire for God." He gained insight about pain and suffering from the story of Naomi in the Bible's book of Ruth, and he shows how God used Naomi's disappointments, obstacles, and tragedies to prepare her for a joyful life. For those who have experienced shattered dreams, this study can provide a hopeful perspective on God's higher purposes in their lives. Facilitator: Linda Spurgeon

Book Cost: Optional.....Room: A18



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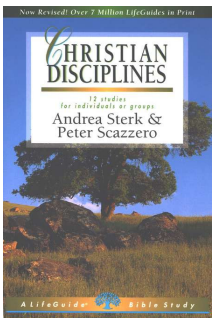
During the six weeks of this class, information will be shared that is specific to membership at Tabernacle, such as its history, ministry, and organization. Most of the time will be spent in discussing how church membership contributes to the spiritual life of a member. Each participant will receive a copy of [Spiritual Disciplines within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ](#) by Donald Whitney. This class is for those who have recently joined Tabernacle or those who are seeking more information about church membership. Facilitator: Dr. Wayne Hager

Book Cost: None.....Room: A15

Making a Difference

Biographies of people who have made a difference in the world. Some include Billy Graham, Corrie Ten Boon, C. S. Lewis and others. This is a media based small group. Facilitator: Phil Crane

Book Cost: None.....Room: Dining Room



Christian Disciplines

Becoming a mature, deeply spiritual Christian is like becoming a world-class Olympic athlete. Both require hard work and discipline. Discipline is not a very popular word today. We want instant gratification—not a course of training. Paul's instruction to Timothy, however, shows us the way: "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8). The small group study *Christian Disciplines* is designed to strengthen your foundations in Christ and deepen your relationship with him. These twelve inductive Bible studies will help you grapple with the basic disciplines of the Christian life. While dealing with the foundational disciplines of the faith, a wider range of topics which are crucial for the body of Christ in this generation have been included: missions, cross cultural ministry, social justice, and managing time and gifts.

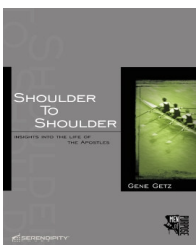
Facilitator: Roberta Cyrus

Book Cost: Optional (\$6.00).....Room: A12

Men's Small Group Offered on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning February 26

(and continuing the 4th Thursday of each month)



Shoulder to Shoulder

This 12-week men's Bible study examines the lives of the Apostles—what they shared, how they were different, where they stumbled, and how Christ transformed them into powerful servants of God. As you walk through this study, you will see yourself in these men and confirm Jesus power to use your personal strengths and glaring weaknesses for His glory. Facilitator: Men in the Church Facilitators: Men of the church

Cost: Optional (\$9.00).....Room: Dining Room