



Welcome!

Small groups are a place where people engage in real, meaningful relationships and are able to use their individual gifts to build one another up into completeness as the church. Our dream is to see these types of relationships happening all over CHPC.

This directory contains a list of small groups who welcome new people. You may notice that the list is somewhat non-traditional in the sense that in addition to groups that meet specifically to study a specific topic, there are also groups that are oriented around a ministry or interest. The ultimate goal of small groups is to build healthy relationships where Jesus Christ is the goal.

So, whether you have been part of a small group in the past and are looking for a similar experience or are considering joining a small group for the first time, we hope that you find a group you can identify with and that helps you become more like Christ.

Sincerely,
The Small Group Leadership Team

Vision for Small Groups at CHPC

Our goal is to make it easy for the people at CHPC to connect to God and each other, where:

- **Life transformation** toward Christ-likeness is the norm (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:17)
- **Laypeople** are trained to take responsibility for ministry (1 Cor. 12:12-27; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- Every group has a **purpose** for meeting (1 Cor. 9:24-27)
- There is a place for **men and women of all ages and places in life** to engage together in **authentic relationships** (Gal. 3:28; 1 Pet. 5:5; Eph 4:25)
- The **communities where we live** are impacted (Acts 2:44-47; Rom. 15:2; Mat. 22:36-40; 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

How to Use this Directory

Thank you for taking the time to look at this directory. On the following pages are small groups at CHPC that are welcoming new people. Look through the list, and if there is a group that you are interested in joining, then contact the person who is listed as the contact for the group. He or she should be able to answer your questions about the group and tell you how to get involved. If you have questions about what is going on with small groups in general or would like to be a part of developing the small groups ministry at CHPC, please see the information at the back of the directory. We look forward to what God will do as the people of CHPC connect with one another.

Directory of Open Small Groups

Band of Brothers

Connect and fellowship with other CHPC men. Each morning consists of worship, teaching and small group discussion. All men are welcome.

Contact: Rick Kennedy

Contact Info: (513) 729-5822

Location: CHPC Fireside Room

Time: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 6:15-7:30 AM.

College Hill Ministry Small Groups

Several groups are needed to minister within the College Hill Community:

Parent the Parent Small Group to work with young parents

Youth and Young Adult/Prison Ministry Small Group to come alongside youth and young adults in College Hill with the gospel, one-on-one, in the places they are. These are people who are going to prison and coming right back out to continue the same lifestyle because their hearts have not been changed.

College Hill Housing Ministry Small Group to get together once a month to paint houses, build steps, etc. for people in the community who are too poor, ill or old to fix their houses. This is way to live out the gospel to these people.

Aiken High School Ministry to share the gospel with students at Aiken High School.

Contact: Phyllis Schoenberger

Contact Information: (513) 542-3498

Location and Time: To be determined

Friday Morning Men

This ecumenical men's' group comes together every Friday for bible study, prayer and worship. The study is led by a variety of men throughout the year, including CHPC staff persons. All men are welcome.

Contact: Gifford Tebbs

Contact Info: (513) 661-8110

Location: CHPC - Fireside Room

Time: Fridays from 6:15 - 7:30 AM

Duration: Continuous

Generations Women's Small Group

This is a small group for women that consists of fellowship time, snack, prayer and inductive Bible study. Women of all ages are encouraged to come.

Contact: Jessica Bechtel

Contact Info: (513) 751-2042 or email jessicagrace1980@hotmail.com

Location: Varies

Time: Mondays at 7:30 PM

Duration: Continuous

“Grace” Finneytown Bible Study

Do you want a group that combines Bible Study, discussion, and prayer? Then our group may be for you. Our group is founded on and will cover the classical doctrines of the faith. Because of childcare issues, women and men meet on alternating nights so that spouses can trade off on watching the kids. Singles and childless couples are welcome too. Most people in our group are between 35 & 45 years old, but everyone is welcome.

Contact: Jerry and Pamela Lippert

Contact Information: (513) 522-6567

Location: Varies

Time: 7:00 to 9:00PM – Women meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays and Men meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Duration: Continuous

Mason Area Bible Study

This is an interdenominational and multigenerational Bible study group of Greenbrier Community residents and guests from Mason, West Chester and surrounding communities. We are a weekly group with Bible discussion, sharing time, prayer and fellowship events. Several times a year we help with the collection, loading and transportation of clothing, household goods and toys to several mission churches in poverty-stricken Jackson, KY.

Current Study: Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

Contact: Jon Hershberger

Contact Information: (513) 336-8228 or JonH372@AOL.com

Location: Greenbrier Community Clubhouse on Snider Road at Greenbrier Glen (two blocks north of Tylersville Road) in Mason, Ohio.

Time: Tuesday evenings - 7:30 to 9:15 PM

Duration: Continuous with infrequent hiatus

Men’s Multi-denominational Fellowship Group

This multi-denominational men's group meets for fellowship between CHPC and the House of Joy to bridge the men and young adults of College Hill. We are building a core of mature men who are ready to disciple younger men who are learning to walk the Christian walk within the reality of political crises, war, sexual promiscuity, drugs, alcohol, and crime. These mature men look at establishing a supportive community by being willing to acknowledge their own failures and establishing the gospel as the foundation for rebuilding our lives and our community. This support is often a re-starting place for men on the street who need an accountability group, and a place to learn the foundations of living as men in the Christian faith. Each meeting we worship together and have a lesson and discussion.

Contact: Scott Engle

Contact Info: (513) 681-6074

Location: The Rock in downtown College Hill

Time: Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM

Duration: Continuous

Men’s Fellowship Group

This fellowship and prayer time is open to all men. Join us for a time of support and breakfast.

Contact: Dan Simerlink

Contact Info: 513-648-0998

Location: Frisch's in Forest Park

Time: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 8:00—9:30 AM

Duration: Continuous

Montgomery Small Group

This is a group of Christians that get together for fellowship, support and relationships. Most of the people in the group are from Montgomery and Hyde Park, but people from all areas of town are welcome.

Contact: David Freas

Contact Info: (513) 891-3716

Location: Varies

Time: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 7:00 PM

Duration: Continuous

Strategy for Mothers - "Encouraging Relationships"

Come and join us for a refreshing time of fellowship, worship and teaching. Mothers of all ages are invited to share ideas, prayers, and breakfast treats. Childcare available (\$). Registration required (\$12).

Contact: Michelle Dyson

Contact Info: (513) 376-6140 or parentmichelle@hotmail.com

Location: CHPC Fellowship Hall

Time: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 9:15-11:30 AM

Fall Session: Sept. 23 - Dec. 2

2009-10 Book: "Mom Needs Chocolate" by Deborah Coty

Study and Fellowship Group

This is a group with a strong commitment to developing community with one another including periodic meals together and prayer for one another. We study either scripture or a book relevant to the challenges that we face in this day and age.

Contact: Jim and Cheryl Schaffner

Contact Info: (513) 521-8317

Location: Rotate homes

Time: 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7:30-10:00 PM

Duration: Annual

Support and Accountability Group

This group studies different books, topics, and Scripture throughout the year. Each new study adventure is determined by the group as well as the leadership for that study. On January 15th we will begin studying the book "PRAYER" by Richard Foster. The members look to help each other deepen their spiritual walk and support each other through prayer. Any individual or couple looking for this level of commitment is welcome. Please call for more information!

Contact: Fran Kelley

Contact Info: Home 851-7821 or Work 247-1105

Location: Rotate through members' homes.

Time: 1st and 3rd Mondays

Duration: Continuous

Women's Bible Study—Intervarsity Life Changing Series

Come study with us this winter and spring! We will begin on January 9th with an 8 week Intervarsity Life Changing Series on the book of 2 Thessalonians. Next we will be watching a 4 week Kay Arthur video series on the Lord's Prayer. Most women in this group are retired but all women are welcome. Please register ahead of time to order your study guide.

Contact: Marilyn Frank

Contact Info: (513) 853-2308

Time: Every Tuesday, 9:30—11:00 AM at CHPC in Great Hall Room 3.

Duration: Fall, Winter and Spring

Women's Discipleship Ministry

We are a group of women who encourage women spiritually in both large and small group gatherings as well as through individual one-on-one mentoring. There is a leadership planning team of 8 women. There are two large group meetings twice a year and two smaller group meetings as well as individual mentor/mentee meetings.

Contact: Michele Benson

Contact Info.: (513) 541-3545

Location: Large group meetings are held at CHPC. One-on-one meeting locations and times vary. Contact Michele for more information.

Women's Small Group—Women's Circle

Come join us for a sack lunch, bible study and prayer! This group is women over 65 but all are welcome.

Contact: Nancy Rice

Contact Info: (513) 541-4434

Time: 1st Wednesday of each month 11:30—2:00 PM

Location: CHPC

Duration: Continuous

Young Adult Small Group

This welcoming group of friends comes together for fellowship, study, and to challenge and be challenged by one another. We will begin a study about "The Kingdom of God" or "Heaven" by looking at the gospels this January.

Contact: Jason and Jessica Holmes

Contact Info: (513) 304-4258 and (513) 542-8336 or holmes.je@gmail.com

Location: Varies

Time: First three Fridays of every month from 7:30 PM to 9:30 or 10:00

Duration: Continuous

Young Couples Small Group

Join us as we study God's Word and apply it to our lives. Each time consists of study, fellowship, prayer, eating desserts and sharing life together. This group is for couples in their 20's or 30's with or without children.

Contact: Janet Dumford

Contact Info: (513) 541-8281 or barch95@fuse.net

Location: Rotate in our homes in College Hill & Finneytown

Time: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays from 7:00-10:00 PM

Duration: Continuous

More Information

Small groups are a wonderful framework within which to develop Christ-centered relationships. Many groups are focused on building up believers around certain topics, others are in place to organize believers to carry out a specific ministry, and still others aim to communicate the gospel to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

The Small Group Leadership Team is currently looking for believers who are able to serve in the following areas:

Group Leaders—To lead various kinds of small groups whose ultimate purpose is to help people more fully follow Jesus Christ.

Mentors—To coach, guide and support Small Group Leaders.

Leadership Team—To guide, organize and communicate the vision for Small Groups.

If you're considering leading a small group, here are some small group ideas to help get the juices flowing:

Topical Small Groups

These groups are focused on specific issues or topics.

- Specific book of the Bible
- Parenting
- Finances
- Witnessing
- Worship

Ministry-Oriented Small Groups

These kinds of groups actively minister to other people in various circumstances.

- Servant Evangelism
- Support groups for specific issues
- Neighborhood cleanup

Interest-Based Small Groups

These small groups are primarily focused on creating a safe environment that allows those who don't know Christ "rub shoulders" with believers.

- Movie discussion group
- Group that meets around a sport, such as running, biking, etc.
- Photography
- Sewing
- Hiking

Again, we are excited about what God wants to do in the hearts of the people at CHPC, in College Hill and in the city of Cincinnati. If you have questions about what is going on with small groups or would like to get involved in some way, you can contact Geoff and Gwen Tipton at (513) 256-6744 or send an email to smallgroups@chpc.org.

Thank you,
Geoff Tipton, Gwen Tipton, Ron Shryock, Paul Strasinger, and Mike Wagner
The Small Group Leadership Team