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What You Need to Know: COMMUNITY GROUPS

John O'Connor

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'Tis the season of "Back To..." We are back to Work, back to School, back to football, and we also are back to Community Groups. I know our Hosts and Leaders are looking forward to seeing all of your faces. If you currently are not participating in a community group, I really want to encourage you to join one of our excellent groups. Fellowship of the Believers is a spiritual discipline for all ages and all stages life (Acts 2:42-44). Don't let fear, business, or laziness keep you from experiencing spiritual growth that comes from the Fellowship of the Believers.



We had talked about switching the groups up this round, opening up the opportunity for others to experience other styles of teaching and getting to know other people in the church. However, with the resurgence of Coronavirus in our community, we have decided to keep things like it was before summer, with a few changes and two additions. There are sign-up forms on the information wall in the foyer.

On Sunday nights, we are going to have four community groups meeting at various homes throughout Rogers. The first group will be led and

hosted by Ron Simpson at their house. Starting at 6:00 and ending 8:00. This is an excellent group for all depths of knowledge of the Bible. If you are interested more in learning more about this group, please talk to Ron or Elaine Simpson or myself.

The second group is led by me (John O'Connor) will be hosted at David and Emily's new home. This group is a changing a bit. Some of the Alpha group went and had some kiddos. So this group is now going to be a really, really kid/toddler friendly group. So if you have children, please feel free to come to this group. We are used to noise, so come on in and add to the fun and mess. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please talk to me, Laura O'Connor, or David and Emily McEuen.

The third group is hosted at Kim and Steven's home, and led by Eli Fulfer. Eli recognized that there was a gap in our outreach and decided he wanted to be a Community Group Leader. We are proud and thankful for his initiative. This group is geared towards young adults in that in-between stage of life. They will be studying the Bible Project curriculum. If you are interested in knowing more about this group, please contact Eli Fulfer or myself.

The fourth and newest group is being hosted by Carly Allen, Jessica Shackelford, and Rachel

Just REMINISCING

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Browsing the vendor tables at the BMAA meeting in Texas a last month, I heard someone call my name. A lady standing near asked me again if I was Ron Fields. She went on to tell me that sometime in the 1980's, as an Association of Baptist Student from Louisiana Tech, she had come with two other students to our church.

The ABS director, a good friend, had arranged the trip with a large group of students. Sadly, they ate at a restaurant I recommended and most got sick. The three were the only ones able to keep the appointment.

We reminisced. I remembered the occasion. My friend continues to be the ABS director at Louisiana Tech as well as a chemistry professor. She reminded me that we had met again a few years later. As newlyweds, her husband became an ABS director at Tyler Junior College and she an elementary school teacher. I served a couple of years as ABS director at Texas A & M and our students held retreats together.

Now it is years later. Her husband has been the Dean at BMA Seminary for the past twenty years and has through the years been a good friend. Did I tell you that my friend, the ABS director at Louisiana Tech has been my youth pastor and later when I moved out of state he had become the pastor for two years? Also, for those two years he and his wife had rented our home when we moved away.

Keep your testimony intact. You never know when someone from the past will show up! (Romans 15:13)

Next Steps for Our STUDENT MINISTRY

David McEuen

Pastor of Family and Worship

This has been the lingering thought in my mind as summer has drawn to a close. What's next for the student ministry? What should be our focus to help our students grow spiritually? How will we equip students to fulfill God's mission and the church's vision to Connect people to God, Unite people to one another, and Equip people to be on mission? These questions have been the driving force for what's next for the Student Ministry this Fall and beyond. Lets take a look:

Community Groups

Community Groups return September 12th. Our students will be taking part, but it will look a little different. Rather than meeting on a extra night of the week, we will be utilizing our Sunday school time to go over CG questions beginning September 19. This will allow us to stay on track with everyone while also allowing us to resume...

Wednesday Night Student Worship

That's right, it's back! After an extended leave, Wednesday nights will once again feature weekly student worship and Bible study from 6:00pm-7:30pm. I've been excited for this to make a return—and I hope you have too—but I've been waiting on the right time. That time is now and we started meeting and learning from the book of Ephesians September 1st.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13

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Burns. It will meet from 6:00 – 8:00 and be led by Matt Landis. We are also thankful for Matt and his willingness to lead this new group. This new community group is centered around reaching out to young adults. If you are interested in knowing more about this group, please contact Matt Landis or myself.

On Wednesday we are going to have the same two groups. The first group is hosted and led by Tim Dabney. They meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church. They will come together at 6:00 and hang out until 7:30 when youth group is over. For those with middle school through high school students, David McEuen will be leading Youth upstairs in the youth room. Bring your student for Youth Group and stay for Community Group. I know Tim and company would love to have you. If you are interested in knowing more about this group please contact Tim Dabney or myself.

The second group is being hosted by Dee Dee Townzen and will be led by Wade Allen. They meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 8:30. I have been told this group occasionally

gets some incredible food from Alberto Herrera. It's a great group, with incredible conversation. If you are interested in knowing more about this group please contact Wade Allen.

Another exciting development this semester in our Community groups, is we are adding a Tuesday Community Group, from 3:00 – 4:30. It will be hosted at the home of Fanny May Butler. Transportation to and from the church will be available if you would prefer not to drive up her hill! We are adding this group, to offer a time that isn't too late in the evening, and it gives an opportunity for those who can't make it on a Sunday or Wednesday. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Wade Allen or myself.

Please be in prayer for our Group Hosts. It takes a lot to set up, clean up, and rest. Please also be in prayer for our Group Leaders. It takes obedience and time to prepare for the lessons. Last please be in prayer for Pastor Wade Allen as he writes and prepares our community group lessons and *Recharge* booklets. It takes an incredible amount of time to put all of this together. We love you all, and hope to see at one of these amazing community groups.



SUNDAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Singles/Couples Group—Simpson

Location: 2603 Graham Drive
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Alpha Young Couples—O'Connor

Location: 1806 S 23rd Street
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Alpha Mid-Twenties Group—Landis

Location: 1808 S Dixieland
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Alpha College Group—Fulfer

Location: 5508 S 45th Street
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

MID-WEEK COMMUNITY GROUPS

Singles/Couples Group—Allen

Location: 14471 Sunset Drive
Time: 3:00-4:30 PM

Singles/Couples Group—Dabney

Location: 1812 S Dixieland
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Singles/Couples Group—Allen

Location: 1901 S 16th Street
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Temple Student Ministries—McEuen

Location: 1812 S Dixieland
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS *Mark Your Calendars* 

- Sept 1** **Temple Student Ministries—
Fall Semester Begins**
- Sept 10** **Annual Meeting of the BMA of
the Ozarks—Temple Rogers**
2:00—Associational Meeting
5:30—Fellowship Dinner
7:00—Worship Celebration
- Sept 11** **Student Ministry Matters—
Youth Workers' Conference**
Conway, Arkansas
- Sept 12** **Community Groups—Fall Session
Begins**
- Sept 13** **Ladies' Bible Study**
- Sept 27-29** **Re:Charge Pastors' Conference**
Dallas, Texas
- Sept 27** **Ladies' Bible Study**

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Monthly Outings

As Wednesday Night Student Worship has returned, keep an eye on the Student Ministry for more events headed your way. Some events will be focused on fun things to do while others might revolve around service, but they're all for the purpose of furthering fellowship within the youth group and providing a stress-free environment to invite friends.

As we move forward to "what's next," pray for us that we would trust the Lord and, "...not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)



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