

GROWTH GROUPS

Classes Begin the Week of January 17 unless otherwise noted.

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church Adult Growth Group Catalog Winter/Spring Semester 2010 (updated 3/2/10)

Adult Growth Groups are a good place to make friends while learning about the Bible and how to live as a follower of Jesus. Take a moment to review what's being offered this semester and join with over 1,000 people who regularly get together for spiritual conversations as a part of the SOCC family.

Sign up online to participate in a group @ www.socc.org or contact Donna Pruet in the church office. Some groups may be limited due to classroom size.

SUNDAY AM

Prayer Team 1 **7:45 AM**

SOCC Prayer Room

Gather to pray for the church for 15 minutes prior to service. Choose to attend worship, class, or continue to pray during the service in the prayer room.

Discovery **9:15 AM**

Bill Campbell, SOCC Conference Room

For adults mostly 50's and over. This group enjoys the warmth of friendship along with sharing many different topics from the Bible.

International Coffee Hour **9:15 AM**

Ed Huff and Elan Rajamani, SOCC Room R362

This is your opportunity to meet other international students and families. An historical overview of the Bible and other topical studies about the Christian faith are part of a curriculum for a multicultural audience.

Living Stones **9:15 AM**

Glenn Toney and Bill Forney, SOCC Chapel

We use the Standard Lesson Quarterly as our guide to Biblical discussions. Our group offers a vast source of Biblical knowledge, wisdom, discernment and common sense. We have prayer requests, information, hymns, and then Bible study. We are always pleased to welcome others to come and learn with us.

Prayer Team 2 **9:15 AM**

SOCC Prayer Room

Gather to pray for the church for 15 minutes prior to service. Choose to attend worship, class, or continue to pray during the service in the prayer room.

Beacons **9:30 AM**

Bill Butler & Paul Albright, SOCC Room R361

This class is one of our oldest and most established and is open to all ages. Bill & Paul will spend the winter months going through the book of Acts.

Berean **9:30 AM**

Len Keen & Steve Pendleton, SOCC Room R360

This is a class that does a Bible-based study and lots of sharing. An in-depth study of the Gospel of Luke from a 1st century Jewish perspective is the current study. This class is open to all ages. Everyone is welcome!

Faith on Fire **9:30 AM**

Doug Schmidt & John Ray, SOCC Room G152

Come to this class for Bible-based study and sharing. This class is open to everybody, any age!

Global Perspectives **9:30 AM**

Brad & Gail Pontius, SOCC Family Rm 2

This 12-week series from *Perspective on the World Christian Movement* is designed to mobilize Jesus-followers to connect their lives to His Kingdom purposed. This class is strongly recommended for anyone planning to go on a Global Outreach project.

God's Special Servants **9:30 AM**

Bob & Sharon Slaughter, SOCC Room G150

Designed for adults with developmental disabilities, this class is geared for their developmental ages.

Married Life-FULL **9:30 AM**

Mark & Marilyn Kinkead, Fireside Room

You give us 13 weeks...and we will give you the tools for a better marriage! This study is for married couples in their 20's 30's 40's 50's who want to work on, and have a better marriage. We will cover six essentials for a healthy marriage and find application to everyday real world marriage. (This class will be available to the first 25 couples that sign up.)

Prayer and Chair Group **9:30 AM**

Brooke Mackey, SOCC Family Room 1

Join a small group to pray and prepare for the 11:00 worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Arrive at 9:30, set up chairs, pray for the worship service, and greet guests with a bulletin and a smile as they arrive.

Truth Seekers **9:30 AM**

Terry Dowdy & Rob Muncy, SOCC Room 363

Lessons on Leadership from Nehemiah. We will take an in-depth look into the book of Nehemiah to glean what leadership characteristics and skills made him such a successful, Godly leader. Each of us can learn additional principles that will help make our lives more useable by God in positively influencing others.

Women Reaching Women 9:30 AM**Dot Korb & Lois Stephens, SOCC Room G151**

Spiritual growth and fellowship for women of all ages. We will be doing a Bible Study by Charles Swindoll entitled *The Mystery of God's Will--What Does He Want for ME?*

Prayer Team 3 10:45 AM**SOCC Prayer Room**

Gather to pray for the church for 15 minutes prior to service. Choose to attend worship, class, or pray during the service in the prayer room.

Crossroads 11:00 AM**Various Teachers, SOCC Room R361**

We exist to encourage all young adults to magnify Christ through faithful service, fellowship, accountability, in-depth Bible study & practical application of God's Truth. Our current focused study is on the book of Acts: the beginning of the church and the impartation of the Holy Spirit.

Discovering Bible Basics 11:00 AM**Peggy Welch, SOCC Room R360**

This 10-week class will cover such topics as What's So Special About the Bible?; The Authenticity of the Bible – Is It True?; The Old Testament in an Hour!; The New Testament in an Hour!; The Simple Power of Prayer; Mountain-Moving Prayer; Faith, Forgiveness, and Your Future; and What's Next?

Children's Ministry Sunday Mornings**Various age groups**

Teachers, craft-workers, small group leaders and plenty of smiling faces are always welcome to help transform children into spiritual champs. Sign up and someone will contact you to find out how you'd like to help.

SUNDAY PM**Preparing for Adolescence 6:00 PM****Dave Criswell & Carl Jackson, Location TBA**

Based on James Dobson's book with the same title, this class is for parents as they prepare for a new phase of their children's lives. We will deal with subjects such as *Peer Pressure, Sex, Self Esteem, Falling in Love, & Emotions*. Whether your children are still in diapers or heading off to High School, you'll benefit from creating a plan for parenting.

College Bible Study 7:00 PM**John Robertson & Claudia Mitchell, The Pourhouse Cafe**

Join us for this relevant study, designed to meet college students where they are. We will begin the evening with live music at 7:00 pm. Then at 8:00 pm, we will have large group teaching, followed by breakout small groups for a time of discussion and accountability.

MONDAY**Monday AM Women's 10:00 AM****Bible Study****Barbara Van der Dussen, SOCC Fireside Room**

This class enjoys digging deeper into the scripture used in Sunday's message. Join this weekly Bible study to learn God's Word and grow in His truth.

Working Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM**Mary Ferris, SOCC Room G158**

This small group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Join this group to study the women of faith series titled, *A Grand New Day*. Begins Jan. 11.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM**Julie Curry, SOCC Fireside Room**

Meets the 2nd Monday of every month. If you enjoy knitting and crocheting, you will enjoy this group!

Friends & Family 7:00 PM**Cindy Mahan, SOCC Room R360**

Families of Gays & Lesbians meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Family & Caregivers Support Group 7:00 PM**Roger Clark, SOCC Family Room 1**

This group provides information, encouragement and prayer for those caring for individuals with Alzheimer's & Dementia. Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

DivorceCare 7:00 PM**Larry Decker, SOCC Rooms G150-152**

Become part of a small support group of people who are also experiencing separation and divorce. You'll learn there are others who understand what you are feeling and will be able to offer you encouragement.

TUESDAY**Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM****Tom Ellsworth, SOCC Fireside Room**

Join us for this weekly men's Bible study before work on Tuesday mornings.

Tuesday AM Soul-Talk 9:00 AM**Marilyn Illman, SOCC Fellowship Hall****Study of 1 & 2 Peter, Jude**

This study is about *Keeping On Keeping On*. Paul was gone; the church as we know it was only 35 years old; who could offer guidance, courage and strength? Peter encouraged believers to be active with constant learning, growing and maturing – to keep moving forward.

Ladies' Bible Study 5:45 PM**Lois Stephens, SOCC Room G151**

This group will begin *Me, Myself & Lies* by Jennifer Rothschild on January 12. This study deals with our unrealistic 'self-talk'. Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month.

College Bible Study 6:30 PM**Stu Henning, The Pourhouse Cafe**

This study is for college students looking to meet other students and to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

Christian Women's Book Club 7:00 PM**Susan Johnson, SOCC Library**

Join us the 4th Tuesday of each month for great discussion and Christian fellowship.

RespiteCare 7:00 PM**Rosalie Davis, off-site**

Gives time away to Caregivers of those suffering from Dementia, Alzheimer's disease or other serious illnesses. The Respite Care Team meets 1st Tuesday of each month.

WEDNESDAY**Men's DVD Bible Study 6:30 AM****Jeff Huston, SOCC Room R362**

Join us for three six week DVD studies. Each week will feature a 40 minute DVD presentation, followed by small group discussion. Our studies feature content by Patrick Morley, Rick Warren, and others.

International Women's Connection**Jen Huff & Rani Rajamani, Fireside Room 9:30 AM**

IWC is a place where international and American women can connect with one another. You will grow in your understanding of American culture and customs, as well as learn cultures of others. This group meets every 4th Wednesday of the month. Childcare and transportation are available.

International Book Connection 9:30 AM**Rani Rajamani, SOCC Fireside Room**

IBC is a book club for international and American women to read and discuss a book together. IBC helps international women improve their English as they make friends with other women. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Childcare and transportation are available.

Celebration Dinner

For your convenience and the joy of fellowship, dinner is available in the Fellowship Hall between 5:15 and 6:15 pm.

**Cost is \$5, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for first two children
RSVP your spot for Wednesday dinners on
sunday or email aphillips@socc.org**

**Wednesday Nursery and Children's Programs are
from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Strength For Today 5:00 PM**Constance Brown, SOCC Room G151**

This Bible study is for single mothers, unmarried, divorced or widowed. We meet 2 times each month. Discussion centers around a biblical principle taken from 21 Principles for Healthy Single Mom Living. Childcare is provided.

Pro-Life Ministry 5:30 PM**Barb Juda & Linda Sanders, SOCC Library**

Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month to support Young mothers and create awareness on issues related to sanctity of life.

Taste of i2U - Hoosier Hills 5:30 PM**Melinda French, HHFB, 2333 W Industrial Park Dr.**

Join this group and serve for 13 weeks at Hoosier Hills Food Bank repacking food donated from local restaurants. Get to know other SOCC people as you serve shoulder-to-shoulder making a difference in our community. Meet at HHFB.

Basic Christian Beliefs 6:30 PM**Tom Ellsworth, Room TBA**

This course will explore the basic tenets of the Christian faith, including the nature of God, the divine role of Jesus Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life. The doctrines of sin & death, angels & demons, the grace of God and others will fill out the study. The book, *The Faith Once For All*, can be purchased in the SOCC Bookstore for \$28. This is the second class offered in our SOCC Bible Institute.

God Space: Where Spiritual 6:30 PM**Conversations Happen Naturally****Brad Pontius & John Robertson, SOCC Room TBA**

How can you bring God into a conversation without shutting it down. Learn how to engage others in spiritual conversations that open doors instead of slamming them shut. *God Space* by Doug Pollock is available in the bookstore.

Laugh Your Way 6:30 PM**Scott & Cindy Newland, SOCC Room TBA**

Whether you attended the conference in October or have simply been kicking yourself for missing it, this study is a perfect follow-up to Mark Gungor's event. Video clips and scripture will spark some exciting discussions as we laugh and explore the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships and practical solutions to common relationship woes.

Soul Training: Experiencing 6:30 PM**The God Jesus Knew****Roger Clark, Room TBA**

This interactive study will put some of your ideas about God and how He works to test to see if they align with what Jesus Himself reveals about God. As a part of that discovery, you will practice spiritual exercises (disciplines) that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God. Textbook required: James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful God*.

The Truth Project 6:30 PM**Bill Butler, Room TBA**

This is a 13-week video series by Dr. Del Tackett. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Some highlights: *Veritology (What is truth); Anthropology (Who is Man); Science (What is True); Theology (Who is God)*. You will also have the chance to become part of a small group to discuss what is learned.

Men's Fraternity: The Quest for Authentic Manhood 6:30 PM**Kent Rodgers, Room TBA**

This study focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. Men will learn how to clearly define manhood and answer the questions, "What is a man?"

Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM**Elsie Ellsworth & Dot Korb, Room TBA**

Spiritual growth and fellowship for women of all ages. Bible Study topic TBA.

SOCC Adult Choir 6:30 PM**Becky Muncy, SOCC Choir Room**

Do you like to sing? Would you like to get to know other people who enjoy ministering through music? We need YOU in the choir.

GriefCare 6:30 PM**Babett Jackson, SOCC Conference Room**

A place where people can begin putting their lives back together again after the death of a loved one. Workbooks are available for this class.

Children's Ministry 6:30 PM**Various age groups**

Teachers, craft-workers, small group leaders and plenty of smiling faces are always welcome to help transform children into spiritual champions. Sign up and someone will contact you to find out how you'd like to help.

Kitchen Ministry Various shifts**Alan & Sharon Phillips, SOCC Kitchen**

Join a service team all about food ministry! Help prepare, cook, serve, and clean up the Wednesday night Celebration meals.

THURSDAY**Men's Fraternity: The Great Adventure 6:30 AM****Brad Pontius, The Pourhouse Cafe**

This study is designed to help men understand their true identity and to guide them to break free from the bondage of boredom to embark on the adventure of their lives.

Piecemakers 9:00 AM**Mary Crohn & Alice Barrett, The Acorn Room**

This group of women makes various items for Jill's House, the Olcott Center, Hannah House, CPC, Public Home Health Nursing, Bloomington Hospital and our community. We also bake the SOCC communion bread. Come serve with us!

Vade Mecum Women's Book Club 9:00 AM**Janet Wingard, SOCC Bookstore**

You're invited to Vade Mecum (go with me) on a journey as we examine Christian classics, read new authors and learn more about God. We meet every Thursday morning.

MomBuilders 9:30 AM**Kristy Post & Tara Andreas, SOCC Fireside Room**

MomBuilders is a place where moms are built up and encouraged to be the best moms they can be! We meet the 1st Thursday of each month.

Military Fellowship 7:00 PM**Mick Love, The Pourhouse Café**

For retired and active duty military, this fellowship group is led by a marine. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

FRIDAY**Early Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 AM****Donna Young, SOCC Fireside Room**

Join Donna as this group begins *Faith, Hope and Luck* by Andy Stanley beginning January 22.

Roof-Crashers(RC) are women of all ages and backgrounds who meet on Friday mornings first in a large gathering. RC then breaks out into smaller Bible studies. Please see class selections offered below:

1. A Perfect Mess – RC Study 9:30 AM**Vickie Carmichael, SOCC Room TBA**

This study is about taking truth, stirring it with grace, and then sprinkling it with gentleness and warmth! This study reveals a loving Father who remains your greatest champion. Minimal weekly homework. Book is available in the SOCC Bookstore.

2. **Take Off the Stinky-Mom Shirt:
Spiritual Growth for Worn-Out Moms
RC Study 9:30 AM**

Claudia Mitchell, SOCC Room TBA

Every mom has worn it at some time or another. The Stinky mom shirt, the wrinkled one with all the stains. Come join us and discover a fresh, new approach to becoming the mom you've always wanted to be...a mom who can change the world.

3. **Christ Our Treasure: Exploring His
Beauty in the Epistles – RC Study**

Julia Hageman, SOCC Room TBA 9:30 AM

2 Cor. 3:18 reveals a key component to true spiritual transformation. According to this verse, we become like Christ by looking at Christ. If you long to be transformed join this 13-week journey through the rich "Christ" passages in the Epistles. This study does include homework each week.

Roof-Crashers Kids Ministry 9:30 AM

Various age groups

Hang out with children of the young mothers who attend our Roof-Crashers classes. You can have a lasting impact in the lives of children and their moms.

Dunia 6:30 PM

Ed Huff & Elan Rajamani, SOCC Room 362

Dunia means "world" in Swahili, Hindi, Arabic, Malay, Indonesian and many other languages. Dunia is where the world comes together in Bloomington. Each Friday, internationals and Americans gather to share a free meal together, meet new people, explore interesting cultural and life topics, and have fun. Transportation is available.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sexual Addiction Support

Alan Phillips

Please contact Alan Phillips at SOCC for more information. 334-0206, ext 222, or

aphillips@socc.org

i2U Serve: Templeton Elementary School

From "I – centered" to "you – centered". Put your faith into action by serving. No matter what your schedule, interest, skill or comfort level we have an opportunity for you at Templeton Elementary School. SOCC has committed to upgrading and maintaining their four gardens (including wildflower, vegetable, and perennial flowers) *times vary*; operating the Free Friday Market one Friday afternoon (1-3pm) each month; and tutoring/classroom assistants (1hr/wk). Details are too numerous to list so visit www.socci2U.blogspot.com or contact Lyne Brown in the office