

## Community Groups Sign-Up Form

Please fill out the following information so we can help you find a Community Group ASAP! Please put the completed form in the offering bag, or hand it to one of the friendly people at the Information Center.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cross streets \_\_\_\_\_

1st Choice Day of Week: (please circle)

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

2nd Choice Day of Week: (please circle)

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

Age Range: 20's 30's 40's - 50's Empty Nester

Preference: mixed gender men women

Childcare needed: (please circle) Yes No

Please rank from 1-5 your preferences so we can better place you in a Community Group. Please note that childcare needs may limit availability.

\_\_\_ location \_\_\_ age range \_\_\_ marital status

\_\_\_ day of week \_\_\_ childcare

I am willing to be a: (please circle) Leader Host

Additional comments:

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"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25

## Community Groups Ministry

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### The Truth About Small Groups

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)



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## Our Purpose

Small Group Ministries at Chandler Christian Church (CCC) exist to help everyone find an ever-deepening relationship with Christ by growing in love for Him [Worship], learning from Him [Discipleship], caring like Him [Fellowship & Service] and sharing Him with others [Evangelism].

## Growing Smaller as We Grow Larger

Small Groups or Community Groups, the term we use at CCC are about meeting together regularly with others for encouragement as you grow in your relationship with God to live a purpose-driven life. It's a safe place to ask questions, build friendships, study the Bible and experience mutual care and support.

CCC can be intimidating for new people who might feel lost in the crowd. Though people come to the church for many different reasons they generally stay for only one - relationships. At CCC, we believe that our Community Groups are the best context for developing solid Christian relationships. In a small group, you have the opportunity to not only be loved and accepted, but to develop friendships with others who are discovering what it means to follow Jesus! There are multiple types of groups which offer a place for developing friendships while enjoying mutual interests. Join a small group and make some Friends for the Journey.

## A Community Group . . .

. . . is a great place to meet new people and make lifetime friends.

. . . gives you a place to belong and a sense of community that we all desire.

. . . gives you the kind of support you need to continue to move forward in your spiritual journey.

. . . is a great place to uncover God's purpose for you in serving -- besides ministering to each other, groups are encouraged to serve together occasionally in a church ministry and in the community.

. . . is a place where you can search the Bible with fellow explorers for relevant application to your life.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are there various types of small groups?

Yes, we have 5 types of small groups including...

*Community Groups* – our primary type of small group that seeks to help everyone live a purpose-driven life by providing a caring, supportive environment where spiritual growth can occur as lives are shared and the Bible studied. Community Groups usually consist of 4 - 12 participants who meet weekly or bi-weekly, in homes, on the church campus, in offices, or in restaurants. Some groups are age or gender-specific, others are mixed. Regular components of Community Groups include: Fellowship, Bible study (or Christian book study), Prayer, Worship, and Service (ministry, community outreach or missions). Community Groups are “missional” in two respects: (1) they are encouraged to be open, on occasion, to receiving new participants in the love of Jesus Christ, and (2) they have an occasional service activity they work on together, outside the group, in Christ's name.

*Accountability/Covenant Groups* – These groups are intentionally very small, covenant groups with anywhere from 3-5 people, and they are generally “closed” groups for the sake of confidentiality.

*Support/Recovery Groups* - Provide an environment for support, healing and growth through a group focused on a particular need. Support Groups resemble covenant groups, but are able usually more focused on a particular issue or topic of discussion.

*Study/Discipleship Groups* - Provide an environment where growth towards a defined target can occur through study and life application in a committed and caring group. They are Bible Study groups, small and not-so-small, who gather mainly to study the Word of God.

*Service/Ministry Groups* - Provide a supportive and caring environment for a team of people while they are serving in a specific ministry or task.

### Do I have to know a lot about the Bible to be a part of a Small Group?

No. The primary focus of most of the small groups is to care for one another based on Biblical principles. As your group does life together and grows, you will discover those Biblical principles.

### Am I expected to pray out loud at my Small Group?

No. Small Groups are intended to provide a safe environment where individual comfort levels are respected. People are not expected to share beyond their comfort levels.

### Can I come if I'm not a Christ follower yet?

Yes! Small Groups are where you can see authentic Christianity in action. It is a safe place for people who are seeking God or who are making their journey to God.

### Where do these groups meet?

Most groups meet in homes around the city or in nearby towns. A few of our groups meet at the church.

### When do these groups meet?

Each group decides whether they will meet together every week or every 2 weeks.

### How do I find a Small Group that's right for me?

We have various types of groups for various ages and stages of life. Check out the CCC website ([http://www.chandlercc.org/smallGroups\\_top.htm](http://www.chandlercc.org/smallGroups_top.htm)) for additional small group information, submit the Sign-Up Form that is part of this brochure or call Lisa Cepeda (963-3997 ext. 177) for assistance.