

# HOME GROUPS



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**Omaha Bible Church**

*"The truth of Christ applied to our hearts in fellowship and service with others"*

# Home Groups 2017-2018

## Our Hope

In Home Groups, we hope people learn what it means to fall in love with Jesus and live the life of a disciple. Our hope is that Home Groups create a space for all people - those who have an existing faith in Jesus, and those who are uncertain in what they believe. The purpose of our Home Groups is to grow and be challenged in the context of a small group of believers. At Omaha Bible Church, we meet together on Sunday morning for worship service and then in smaller gatherings called Home Groups twice each month. Joining a Home Group is the primary way our church cultivates meaningful one to one relationships with one another, and this is one of the many ways we believe God grows us as believers in Jesus. Whether you are new to Omaha Bible Church or have been attending for years, we encourage you to experience the vibrancy of a gospel-centered small group by joining a Home Group.

## Our Groups

Our Home Groups meet every other week throughout the city of Omaha. This year we will be reading and discussing our way through the Gospel of John and as we do we will discuss such topics as what is the gospel, who is Jesus, and what did he come to do. We will also sing, pray, and serve one another and those outside our group. We want our Home Groups to be small so we have room to invite our neighbors, friends, family and co-workers. One of the purposes of Home Groups is to reach those who do not know Jesus as Savior with the gospel of Christ as proclaimed in the Bible. Home Groups are in some ways very typical of other social gatherings in Omaha, however, they are distinct groups founded where friendships are developed and shaped by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Our Leaders

Home Groups are led by leaders who use their unique gifts and abilities to teach and care for the members of their group. Home Group Leaders are members of our church family who faithfully lead and support our church body. Their purpose is not to model perfection, for they are sinners too, but to demonstrate a heart willing to be shaped by and to grow in Jesus Christ. Our leaders facilitate Home Group meetings and organize the ongoing life of the group. They open up their lives to listen, and faithfully walk with the people in our church. Interested in becoming a leader? Contact Pastor Mike Holloway at [mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org](mailto:mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org)

## Here's how to join a Home Group:

You do need to register for a Home Group as we want to keep them small and intimate and ensure they continue to work well in a home setting. Here is how you sign up.

- 1) Look through the 2017 Home Group Directory or check the website or app and find a Home Group you think might be a good fit for you and/or your family.
- 2) Then you can simply talk to one of the Home Group leaders or email Pastor Mike Holloway at [mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org](mailto:mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org)
- 3) Your Home Group leader will then welcome you to the group and give you details on the next meeting. For general questions, email Pastor Mike Holloway at [mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org](mailto:mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org)

**Available Home Groups are listed from East to West in the Omaha Area.**

**YOUNG ADULTS HOME GROUP**

(Meets just south of the Old Market at 816 Hickory St., Omaha NE 68108)

Leader: Jay Wipf; email – wipfer@hotmail.com; (402) 301-2929

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Married Couples and Singles, Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: We will share supper together at 5:30, Bible reading and discussion to follow from 6-7 p.m. and opportunities for more fellowship after that.

**KEYSTONE HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 82nd and Fort at 8180 Browne Street, Omaha, NE 68134)

Leader: Doug Johnson; cradle2crayons@aol.com; (402) 572-4101

When: Every other Tuesday, beginning September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Who: Adult couples

Group Bio: Our group will be focused on reading and discussing the Bible, challenging one another, prayer time, and snack or dessert/fellowshipping. The importance of a small group is not only what happens on meeting night, but also what happens in our hearts and lives and loving one another when the unexpected happens in our everyday lives. We hope to intersperse occasional activities, dinners and outreach. We are a home with dogs and also have one member who has fragrance allergies.

**NORTHWEST OMAHA HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 103rd & Fort Street at 5122 Eastridge Drive, Omaha NE 68134)

Leader: Lucas Thomas; email – lucasthomas1@live.com; (402) 658-7828

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Who: Married Couples, Families with Children, College/Career Singles; Everyone is welcome

Group Bio: Our mission is to encourage and exhort believers outside of corporate worship as we engage the world in our daily lives. We will begin our time together with Bible reading and discussion. Then we will break into smaller groups for prayer. We will start at 5:00 p.m. and end prayer between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. We will complete our fellowship with a small snack or dessert. Additionally we plan to have an informal get together every other month.

**CHAMPIONS RUN HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 132nd & Blondo at 13449 Sherwood Ave, Omaha, NE 68164)

Leader: Martin Bast; email – thebasts@cox.net; (402) 551-0690

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Married Couples and Singles, Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: We begin each evening sharing a casual meal together and socializing before transitioning to reading and discussing the Bible, fellowship and praying for one another. By these means of grace we anticipate our further growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to adore, love and serve Him and one another all the more. Our group is primarily made up of parents with older children and empty nesters, but we would gladly welcome anyone.

### **BENNINGTON HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 144th & State at 14871 Mormon St, Bennington, NE 68007)

Leader: Mike Grimes; email – [mgrimes@omahabiblechurch.org](mailto:mgrimes@omahabiblechurch.org); (402) 670-6806

When: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Who: Young marrieds with and without children

Group Bio: Our group is made up of young marrieds who don't have children or are just beginning their family. We begin our evening with a time of reading and discussing the Bible followed by a time of prayer. Our desire is that as we discuss the Bible and pray for one another we are encouraged and find opportunities to serve and encourage one another. Following our time of study and prayer we end the evening with a time of fellowship with snacks and desserts. We meet in the home of Tim & Jenny Hare.

### **STONE CREEK HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 156th and Fort at 16018 Curtis Ave., Omaha, NE 68116)

Leader: John Schmoll; email - [johnpschmoll@gmail.com](mailto:johnpschmoll@gmail.com); (402) 813.1956

When: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Couples, Singles, Empty Nesters, Everyone is welcome

Group Bio: We want to reflect the diversity of the body of Christ as we enjoy getting to know each other and understanding the Bible better together. All ages and stages of life are welcome here as we all have something to learn from and appreciate about each other! We start our time with a potluck meal together after church and then read and discuss a Bible passage before breaking for prayer, praise and hanging out together. We kick off our Bible reading and discussion time at 1:30 and end by 3 p.m.

### **WEST PACIFIC STREET HOME GROUP**

(Meets near 168th & Pacific at 1422 S. 162nd Ave., Omaha NE 68130)

Leader: Dallas Focht; email - [d.fochtiii@att.net](mailto:d.fochtiii@att.net); (402) 321-8690

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 6 p.m.

Who: Adults and Families with Older Children

Group Bio: Our group meets at the home of Dallas and Cyndi Focht. We desire to encourage one another and build one another up in the Lord in order that we might be faithful witnesses to the grace of Christ in each other's lives and to our neighbors. We will spend time singing hymns, reading and discussing the Bible, praying, and sharing food and fellowship.