WHY JOIN A GOOD NEWS GROUP?

God did not design us to face life on our own. Instead, he intended for believers to be woven together in a community so that they might encourage one another as together they walk the often-difficult path of life.

We strongly encourage you to consider joining one of our Good News Groups. As we get bigger, they are an increasingly important way for us to carry out our ministry:

- They are a way that our church provides opportunity for members to get to know one another better.
- They are a way that we help new members assimilate, knitting them into the Good News family.
- They are a way for you to connect with your fellow Christians.

THREE TYPES OF GOOD NEWS GROUPS

There are three different types of groups:

- **Connect Groups** gather for recreational fellowship.
- **Grow Groups** gather for Bible study and discussion.
- **Impact Groups** gather for church or community service.

If you plan on joining a Good News Group, you can sign up at church or by visiting GoodNewsLC.org/ministry/good-news-groups.

It is also important for you to act quickly if you see a Good News Group that you like. We will cap our Grow Groups at 8-10 people. Connect Groups and Impact Groups may be larger. Good discussion is difficult if Grow Groups get too large.
**GAME NIGHT GROUP**

**Group Type:** Connect Group

**Description:** Our group will meet one evening a month to connect over new and old board/card games. Those interested are encouraged to bring games they would like to play/teach.

**Facilitator**

Adam Wisner  
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**Intended for:** The group is mainly for adults but activities/games will be available for kids as well, with the understanding that those in attendance may need to take turns facilitating the kiddo games so that the others can play without interruption.

**The Pitch:** Come unwind, learn a new game, and discover who else at Good News shares an interest in board/card games. This group is for those who enjoy board games or are interested in learning more about them while also connecting with one another. There will be plenty of options for competitive and cooperative players and options (games or movies) for children who attend as well. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to play and meet your brothers and sisters in Christ who share an appreciation for tabletop gaming.

**Costs:** None. We plan to make due with the games people already have. Parents may elect to have a babysitter watch their kids, or if there is sufficient interest, those with kids could elect to hire a babysitter or two to supervise the children rather than take turns sitting out.

**Meeting Info:** Depending on the size of the group, we will meet either at Wisners’ or at Good News. A poll to find the optimal date/time will be sent out after the group is formed.
MEN’S ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: We will meet roughly once a month (hopefully three times total) to enjoy some arts (watching/playing sports) and crafts (local specialty adult beverages).

Facilitator
Brian Sroda bsroda@centurytel.net (608) 575-2028
Chris Davis cdavis030@gmail.com (608) 633-8078

Intended for: Adult men

The Pitch: Men aren’t nearly as good at developing friendships as their more socially-savvy better halves. So we’re going to make it easy! Join your brothers at Good News a few times this spring to enjoy good company, good food and drink, and good entertainment. Possibilities include: NCAA tournament games, the Masters, NBA Playoffs or even something a little more “active” – cards/poker, the driving range, bowling.

Costs: For events on TV, we’ll divide the responsibilities for snacks and beverages among the groups. Other events may have some minor costs involved. We’ll keep it affordable!

Meeting Info: Once people indicate interest we will pick the first event and communicate with the group!
LADIES’ NIGHT OUT – WINE AND UNWIND

Group Type: Connect Group

Description: We will meet roughly once a month (hopefully three times total) at a fun local establishment to catch up and unwind.

Facilitator
- Sadie Sutter      sadiesutter@gmail.com
  (608) 279-4089
- Lindsay Bauer    bauercfive06@gmail.com
  (480) 399-3556

Intended for: Adult women

The Pitch: Join the women of the congregation to relax and connect toward the end of the week. We’ll find a fun local establishment to meet up at and unwind (may also include wine and snacks).

Costs: Minimal and entirely up to you.

Meeting Info: We’ll meet roughly once a month on a Friday evening. Locations yet to be determined. Once people have signed up we’ll communicate more details and hopefully find evenings that work for many!
Group Type: Grow Group

Description: This session we will be studying the gospel of John using *The People’s Bible* commentary series.

Facilitators

Stephanie Shinnick  fvlmom@hotmail.com
(920) 428-6201

Sarah Wisner  snazzygirlmish@gmail.com
(608) 218-4062

Intended for: Women

The Pitch: John gives us an eyewitness account of the ministry of Jesus. He has a unique way of showing us that Jesus is the Messiah, our Savior from sin. The book is a good study guide, and there will be lots of discussion.

Costs: We will be purchasing books for individual use and will ask that those who are able will contribute toward the cost of $17 per book. Any donation towards the purchase of a book will be accepted.

Meeting Info: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be at Good News.
Group Type: Grow Group

Description: We will meet at Good News to gather around God's Word and build deeper relationships with other Christian men. We will be working our way through a book entitled Broken (see description below).

Facilitator: Dan Shinnick  shinnick.dan@gmail.com
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Intended for: Men

The Pitch: There are only two kinds of spirituality in the world. One is false, and one is true. One is the manifestation of the old evil foe who has sent many false spiritualties out into the world, and the other is the holy spirituality found only in faith in the one true God. One is a lie, and one is real.

But which is which?

There is a cultural perfect storm shredding the spiritual landscape of the United States. It travels on the wind of a growing ignorance of both history and the Bible. Christians are losing faith because the kind of Christianity they are trying to believe is Broken.

Costs: Book purchase: Broken: 7 “Christian” Rules Every Christian Should Break as Often as Possible $8.99 each

Meeting Info: The group will meet at Good News.
We will meet on Thursday mornings from 6-7a.
QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY

Group Type:  Grow Group

Description:  A study of the core teachings of the Christian faith in the light of questions and criticisms of the modern mind.

Facilitator:  Pastor Bauer  pastor@goodnewslc.org  (608) 772-7500

Intended for:  All are welcome
This is also the class intended for anyone interested in becoming a member at Good News.

The Pitch:  Is Christianity a primitive set of beliefs cooked up by people a little less sophisticated than we are? Does Christianity hold up against the tough questions posed by the modern mind? Whether you have a lot of unanswered questions of your own or know someone who does, this class is for you.

Costs:  None

Meeting Info:  Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting February 12 at Good News.
## ADULT CHOIR

**Group Type:** Impact Group  
**Description:** Our adult choir gathers to rehearse music for use in our Sunday morning services.  
**Facilitators**  
Stephanie Shinnick  
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(920) 428-6201  
**Intended for:** Adults who have an interest in singing (teens welcome too!)  
**The Pitch:** Christians love to sing when they gather. Music is an incredibly valuable and effective way to proclaim what our God has done for us. Our church choir exists to enhance our Sunday services with music. Being part of the choir is a great opportunity to enjoy God’s gift of music and provide a valuable service to our congregation as we worship.  
**Costs:** None  
**Meeting Info:** Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:00 a.m.  
First rehearsal is on Sunday, February 10. We will rehearse through mid-May.