



FAITH CHURCH

# FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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seat for you  
in  
Fellowship  
Groups!

  
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## TYPES OF GROUPS

- Women's Groups
- Men's Groups
- Mixed Groups

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Please contact the leader of a group you are interested in joining before you attend any group meeting. This will help make sure that they are still open and you know exactly where they are meeting.

Thank you!

**NAME:**

Mixed Fellowship Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

Our home group started about 3 years ago with six couples. We meet on a bi-weekly basis at various homes on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. We are currently studying The Truth Project and have three more sessions remaining in the series. The culture of our group is to develop close relationships that will hold one another accountable and be transparent in our Christian journey. We pray for one another and hold each other up at all times.

**LEADER:**

Stu Prigge

**LOCATION:**

Prigge's home

**TIME:**

Sunday, 6:00pm

**CONTACT:**

Stu Prigge

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

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## INTRODUCTION TO FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Fellowship Groups provide the primary opportunity for participants to be known and cared for at Faith Church. It is within these small communities that men and women can build personal relationships and practice applying the gospel to their lives. One of the goals is to experience Jesus Christ within the context of the group. Through deeper connections, participants are transformed through mutual ministry and commitment within the family of God.

### WHY FELLOWSHIP?

Fellowship comes from the word *'koinonia'*. *'Koinonia'* in the New Testament “speaks of our common inheritance (what we share together, i.e. salvation by grace, through faith in Jesus), of our cooperative service (what we share in together), and of our reciprocal responsibility (what we share with one another).” All throughout the New Testament we see people meeting in homes, eating together, sharing each other’s burdens through love, prayer, bringing the Word of God to bear on their lives and encouragement (Acts 2:46; 12:12; 20:8; 20:20; Romans 16:4-5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Philemon 2). Fellowship Groups can be a place where you find shelter from the anxieties and struggles of life, and where you form new friendships. We live in a day where isolation is rampant and we at Faith want those in our body to be like a family where true fellowship is highly valued. True fellowship can be found in the “one another” statements of Scripture as outlined in our “Body Life Vision Statement” (page 6).

### WHO LEADS FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

This is almost entirely a lay lead ministry. After all, the Word of God says in Hebrews 12:15 that *all of us* are to “see to it (or ‘oversee’) that no one fails to obtain the grace of God.” That means we need the whole body and we need willing overseers (not just pastors). **We need facilitators!** According to the fourth life principle of the Body Life vision statement, we are a church that seeks to “unleash every member as a gifted minister to serve others in the Church and in the community”. That said; we want to

### NAME:

Mixed fellowship Group

### DESCRIPTION:

Our fellowship group is composed of 5 couples including Boo and I who are all over 50 yrs of age. This is not a restriction, it just turned out that way. To me a fellowship group means 8-10 people so we are topped out at present. We typically laugh and sing a lot, share prayer requests and praise reports. Currently we are in a Navigator’s Life Change Series on the book of Galatians. The purpose of our group is to provide an atmosphere of relaxed sharing and study with a few people who we can get to know and trust. You know, to just step out of the insanity of the world and share “in” the “sanity” of Christian fellowship.

### LEADER:

Mac Cooper

### LOCATION:

Mac & Boo Cooper’s Home  
6333 Santo Domingo, Albuquerque, NM 87120

### TIME:

Thursday, 7:15pm

### CONTACT:

Mac or Boo Cooper, 922-1862

### CHILDREN:

No Children

## MIXED FELLOWSHIP GROUPS CURRENTLY FULL

### NAME:

Mixed Group

### DESCRIPTION:

Very casual, we meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30ish at the LeVie house in Rio Rancho (Cabezon area). We follow Brian's work schedule, which means we meet for 4 Monday's in a row and then we take 2 Monday's off. We are currently doing a John Stott study on Romans. We don't really have an official leader or facilitator; we basically sit down with coffee and a snack and discuss the material. We end with prayer requests and that's about it. Our group is open to singles or couples, and we prefer no children on a regular basis but can accommodate if absolutely necessary. **Currently have 6 couples, but if that changes, this group will be open to new members once again.**

### LEADER:

Rotate facilitators

### LOCATION:

LeVie's home

### TIME:

Monday, 6:30pm

### CONTACT:

Brian & Debbie LeVie

### CHILDREN:

Generally No Children

empower, encourage, and entrust fellowship group facilitation to those who have a desire to facilitate, take a humble stance towards church leadership, and who are willing to be trained. A great deal of the work of a fellowship group facilitator is simply having a welcoming demeanor and striving to be inclusive, supportive, and encouraging towards everyone in the group. A desire to grow spiritually through consistent personal Bible reading and prayer is the only spiritual requirement for a facilitator. We will require new facilitators to attend a training workshop in August, and we will ask current leaders to be there as well for support, so that we are all together in our mission. After the training, some will be asked to be facilitators while others may be asked to be apprentice facilitators. Follow up with facilitators will be done as needed by the Fellowship Group coordinators: Pastor David, Pastor Tom (for men's groups), Lori Lambelet (for women), and Lord willing another couple.

### HOW DO I GET INTO A FELLOWSHIP GROUP?

We have booklets available in the lobby of our church. The booklets contain a description of each Fellowship Group and list the leader, time, and contact person. Additionally, we will do our best as coordinators and FG leaders to pursue and invite new people and people not currently in groups. Finally, if you are new to Faith but you have lead a group before at another church, we would love to talk with you about starting a new group even if it means reversing training and start-up. CC: Pastor Dave

### WHAT DO THE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS LOOK LIKE?

There are mixed groups, women's, and men's groups. The 5 elements of a group that we try to implement in each group are worship, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and outreach. Typically, groups meet in homes to practice hospitality within the body. Other activities may include extra social gatherings, service projects within the church and/or in the wider community together.

**BODY LIFE VISION STATEMENT**

1. Body Life recognizes Jesus Christ as our Head and depends on Him for our existence, our health and our growth.
2. Body Life consists of faith building relationships where passion for God is stirred up and love for one another is experienced.
3. Body Life celebrates the amazing grace of God and under the influence of grace, effort is put forth to pursue authentic relationships.
4. Body Life unleashes every member as a gifted minister to serve others in the Church and in the community.
5. Body Life achieves the building up of the whole church through the ongoing practice of the Biblical one anothers.
6. Body Life draws people to Christ because the demonstration of Christian love is a compelling witness to the reality of Jesus Christ.
7. Body Life acknowledges our connection to the Church at large and partners with other local congregations to impact our world with the Gospel.

Luke gives us a picture of genuine body life when he says: *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer . . . All the believers were together . . . praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:41-47)

As the early church experienced a rare and rich community, I encourage us to pursue such a reality. Please pray for the Spirit of God to transform our congregation. Please feel free to discuss this vision with me and the church’s leaders. Please give us your suggestions on how together we can grow in being a people who are living proof of a loving God.

In Christ, Tom Lambelet

**NAME:**

Fellowship Group for Mixed Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a fellowship group for young families. Several in the group have kids who attend, but are not involved. We seek to encourage each other, and do mostly topical studies. Currently we are going through the “Truth Project” together.

**LEADER:**

Rotate facilitators

**LOCATION:**

Rotate homes

**TIME:**

Friday, 7:00-9:00pm

**CONTACT:**

Josiah or Tiffany Schultz, 899-1444

**CHILDREN:**

Yes, but not involved

**NAME:**

Intercession for Faith Church

**DESCRIPTION:**

A group of people gather to pray for the people and happenings of Faith Church. The first twenty minutes are spent interceding for the youth, who are usually meeting at that time. The remaining time is spent praying for the broader work and people of the church. We believe that God works through the prayers of His people, and it is a great privilege and important work to come to Him together in prayer during these times. This is an open group; all are welcome to come, one evening or more!

**LEADER:**

Marjorie Romero

**LOCATION:**

Faith Church  
900 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

**TIME:**

Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm

**CONTACT:**

Marjorie or Dennis Romero, 898-7830

**CHILDREN:**

**A BIBLICAL PICTURE OF FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

**ACTS 2:46**

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

**ACTS 12:12**

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

**ACTS 20:8**

There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.

**ACTS 20:20**

You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.

**ROMANS 16:4-5**

They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

**1 CORINTHIANS 16:19**

The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

**PHILEMON 2**

to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier and to the church that meets in your home:

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**CURRENTLY OPEN**

**NAME:**

Cardi Sophia ("Heart of wisdom")

**DESCRIPTION:**

A study for *college-age women*. This is a twice monthly study in the book of Romans. Fellowship is encouraged with once a month dinners together. The purpose of the group is to encourage a desire to grow in relationship with God and each other. Each member is expected to study in depth the assigned passage and share in the facilitating of the group.

**LEADER:**

Kate McMath

**LOCATION:**

Flying Star

**TIME:**

Every other Sunday, 7pm

**CONTACT:**

Kate McMath, 401-5364

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**MIXED FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**CURRENTLY OPEN**

**NAME:**

Fellowship Group for Mostly Young and Married

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a group with 4-5 couples currently. We meet weekly and have plenty of fellowship time, a study (both topical and Bible study), and pray for each other. We periodically have social events for us to get to know each other more on a casual basis (examples include: running/walking by the river, playing games, eating out, etc.). We are all in our Mid-20's to early 30's and several couples have young kids who are welcome at our fellowship groups Though this is true, this shouldn't keep someone *not* in this demographic from checking out our group! Please join us!

**LEADER:**

Rotate facilitators

**LOCATION:**

Rotate homes

Emails sent out each week with the address

**TIME:**

Monday, 6:30-8:15pm (some hang around a little later)

**CONTACT:**

Dave Hamburger, 507-1127 or [dlhamburger@gmail.com](mailto:dlhamburger@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN:**

Yes

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a group lead by Steve Rohde and Steve Burge. They also have a group that meets on Fridays, but opened this group to make more room for more men.

**LEADER:**

Steve Rohde

**LOCATION:**

Talk with Steve Rohde

**TIME:**

Tuesdays, 6am

**CONTACT:**

Steve Rohde

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Ladies Bible Study Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

We are a ladies group that has been meeting on Wednesday evenings for 3 years. We have full time jobs, and we all live in Rio Rancho. Currently we are growing through our study of Romans.

**LEADER:**

Jean Burge

**LOCATION:**

Janet Nascimento's home

**TIME:**

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30pm

**CONTACT:**

Jean Burge, 892-6600

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Ladies Bible Study Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

A group of ladies who do both Bible studies and topical studies. For example, on recent study was on "Becoming a Woman of Excellence."

**LEADER:**

Jocelyn Milligan

**LOCATION:**

Check with leader.

**TIME:**

Starting in October 2010, please call Jocelyn

**CONTACT:**

Jocelyn Milligan, 891-1170

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Group (Mostly Retired)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Our fellowship group meets Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and has six members. We're not open to new members at this point but have taken them on in the past as people move. Our meetings usually involve sharing about what is going on in each our lives. We commonly have a "question of the day" that allows us to explore an idea or principle together. We do not have a Bible Study group but we do relate God's word to our lives. We close by praying for one another. We have been meeting for at least six years and have come to know one another quite well.

**LEADER:**

Jerry Brenden

**LOCATION:**

**TME:**

6:00am

**CONTACT:**

Jerry Brenden

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**CURRENTLY FULL**

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

We are a fellowship group for men that is getting pretty big. Right now we have 9 regulars, but on any given Friday morning we typically have 8. We have a study of scripture and a time of sharing. We meet at IHOP at 6am. If any more start to come the size will self regulate as the restaurant set up does not really handle 8 well, best at 6 men. We do pray and give support and encouragement to one another. This week we are in 1 Thessalonians 4. While I believe that the group would say I am the leader; Steve Burge is leading the Bible study at this time. A year or two ago this study was five core members and we have added to that since. If we were to change locations or time, we might likely reduce in size as some come because of the time and location. The group is comprised of retired & working, youngest is 40 the oldest is 60. One has a grade school age child at home and no others have children at home.

**LEADER:**

Steve Rohde

**LOCATION:**

Talk with Steve Rohde

**TIME:**

Friday, 6:00am

**CONTACT:**

Steve Rohde

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Ladies Bible Study

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a study for ladies. We are going through "Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands" by Paul Tripp. We expect a great and challenging study and some good fellowship. We have 11 ladies currently, and are open to one more.

**LEADER:**

Betty Rohde

**LOCATION:**

Call Betty for location.

**TIME:**

Wednesdays, 9:30am

**CONTACT:**

Betty Rohde, 898-3308

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**OPEN GROUPS COMING SOON**

**NAME:**

Ladies Study

**DESCRIPTION:**

This study will begin in October and will be open to new participants. Lori Lambelet will be leading the study. A few of the participants are young mothers.

**LEADER:**

Lori Lambelet

**LOCATION:**

TBA

**TME:**

TBA

**CONTACT:**

Lori Lambelet, 385-8527

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a men's group that has fellowship and teaching, both Bible and topical studies.

**LEADER:**

Greg Dillon

**LOCATION:**

Call Greg

**TME:**

Sunday, 5:00pm

**CONTACT:**

Greg Dillon, 404-1155

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This retired Men's group was started by Harry Roach about 4 years ago. We are not a closed group and new men come from time to time. We have a time of fellowship, sharing, prayer and a time of Bible Study. Come join us!

**LEADER:**

Wendell Eyberg

**LOCATION:**

Faith Church  
900 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

**TME:**

Wednesday, 9:00am

**CONTACT:**

Wendell Eyberg, 890-1050

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Women's Study

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a group of ladies who do Bible studies and topical studies. They also meet to encourage each other.

**LEADER:**

Sally Berger

**LOCATION:**

TBA

**TME:**

TBA

**CONTACT:**

Sally Berger, 897-1923

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**CURRENTLY FULL**

**NAME:**

Women's Study

**DESCRIPTION:**

We are a group of women with children either in high school, college or married with their own children. We meet weekly and almost year-round (we find the continuity keeps us connected). We have used several different resources to encourage each other toward the Lord (our main goal). We have done studies from different books of the Bible, studies of books specific to topics we want to discuss and we use the sermon from each Sunday to discuss what the Lord is showing us/doing in our lives. We share what is going on in our lives...our struggles, prayer needs and praises.

**LEADER:**

Lora Tomlinson

**LOCATION:**

Tomlinson's home

**TIME:**

Tuesdays

**CONTACT:**

Lora Tomlinson

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

The group will be studying together the book of Romans. This group began on April 7th and is open to men who are willing to dig into God's Word and spur one another on to follow Christ.

**LEADER:**

Tom Lambelet

**LOCATION:**

Faith Church

**TIME:**

Wednesday, 7:00pm

**CONTACT:**

Tom Lambelet, 891-0393 or 307-0005

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Study

**DESCRIPTION:**

We are a group of married men in our 40s and 50s. Our purpose is to support, challenge and build up each other. We do not follow a study plan or work through books in the Bible. Instead we have challenged each other to share something that God has done or taught us during the week. We also share any problems that we may have in order to gain insight and support from each other on what God would want us to do to resolve the problems.

**LEADER:**

Facilitated by everyone in the group

**LOCATION:**

Satellite Coffee  
Alameda and Corrales Road

**TIME:**

Tuesdays, 6:00am

**CONTACT:**

Bryan Culler, 891-8537

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Women's Accountability/study

**DESCRIPTION:**

Meet to discuss struggles, pray, and share praises.

**LEADER:**

Facilitated by everyone in the group

**LOCATION:**

Varies

**TIME:**

Wednesdays

**CONTACT:**

Marjorie Romero

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**  
**CURRENTLY OPEN**

**NAME:**

Young Women's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a group that is for young (mostly single) women who meet to study the Word and encourage one another.

**LEADER:**

Lois Culler

**LOCATION:**

Culler's home

**TME:**

Monday Evenings

**CONTACT:**

Lois Culler

**CHILDREN:**

No Children

**NAME:**

Men's Group

**DESCRIPTION:**

This is a men's Bible study that has met for quite a few years. They meet to encourage each other and to study the Word.

**LEADER:**

Peter Weirich

**LOCATION:**

J.B.'s Restaurant  
6621 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM

**TME:**

Monday, 6:00am

**CONTACT:**

Peter Weirich, 344-0606

**CHILDREN:**

No Children