

SMALL GROUPS



**CHURCH
ON THE ROCK**

Spring 2024

February 11th-May 5th

Church On The Rock Small Groups

Make That Call And Join A Group Today!

Here, at Church On The Rock, we encourage everyone to be a part of a Small Group. Small Groups are fun and exciting in a variety of ways! They are an opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying the company of friends you already know.

Your Small Group Leaders have carefully planned these events for you. Be adventurous and give them a call to find out more about any groups that you are interested in. It is your call and participation that will make Small Groups everything they are meant to be!

**CALL TODAY AND BRING CHURCH A
LITTLE CLOSER TO HOME!**

CHURCH ON THE ROCK SMALL GROUPS

In times of need and times of fun, Church On The Rock (COTR) Small Groups are your source of friendship and support. They are your key to developing connections with those who share your interests or people who are dealing with similar life issues.

Small Groups are an opportunity to reach out to others, while growing in your walk with the Lord. Most groups meet at least once a month in homes, businesses or restaurants. There are three semesters throughout the year. We offer Free Market Small Groups, meaning you can come and go as you please. We just encourage you to get connected. You'll never fully experience all that Church On The Rock has to offer until you connect in a Small Group!

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." Acts 5:42

Small Groups were vital to the Church's growth then and they are just as vital now.

Small groups provide three things:

- 1. A Place to Connect.**
- 2. A Place to Protect.**
- 3. A Place to Perfect.**

We all need places and times to connect and fellowship. We need opportunities to be ministered to and to minister to others. Somebody needs to know where you hurt and struggle. You're not protected if no one knows what you are dealing with. We all need to grow in our faith and love for God!

Adult

Crossed Stitchers

Vicki Arnold - 941-402-0553

We are a bunch of people that enjoy hand stitching on many different mediums. Beginning stitchers to professional designers who drop in every once in a while, all are welcome. Cross stitching, embroidery, linen, aida, counted canvas, paper. We meet the 3rd Saturday each month: February 17th, March 16th, skipping April, and meeting again on May 18th at Tenth Street Coffee. Any questions, please feel free to call Vicki.

Date Night

Laura and Curtis Simmons - 941-704-5334

If you are a husband and wife, like movies and eating food, then this is the Small Group for you!! We have a great time of laughter and fellowship every time we get together! We will meet once a month.

Let's Give Fellowship a Shot

Mark Ashley - 941-725-0633 Matt Lawson - 941 448-5382

Join us as we fellowship with shooting and reloading enthusiasts to help each other by sharing our experiences and skills. We welcome beginners and experienced shooters alike. This group will evolve in multiple directions depending on each person who attends. Each week will look different. Some weeks we might meet at a shooting range while other weeks we might work on reloading and other weeks take a deeper look into firearm maintenance. We will meet every other Thursday at 6pm. Location TBD

Pickleball (Beginners and Intermediate)

Belinda Hill - 941-524-0885

Come play pickleball! We will be drilling to improve our skills, learning strategy for doubles, and playing competitive games! But mainly having lots of fun and fellowship! We will meet every Monday at 6pm at the Bradenton Yacht Club. See you there!

Shake The Heavens

Pastor Shelly - 941-729-3800

Please join me on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm for an hour of powerful, anointed prayer. We will pray for the needs of our families, church, community, and our nation. God does powerful things through those who pray! Let's see Him move dynamically among us as we seek His heart. This Small Group will meet at Pastor Shelly's home in Palmetto.

Tehillah Thursday

Pastor Sunshine Joiner - 941-729-3800

No spectators! Participants only! :-) There is nothing we need more than God's presence. When we bring a Tehillah praise, an enthusiastic, adoring, glorifying, fame-bringing, public praise, God makes His home there. Psalm 22:3 tells us this, "But You are holy, O You who inhabits the Tehillah of Israel." On March 7th, April 11th, and May 2nd starting at 6:30pm. We will be having a night of praise and worship in the sanctuary. These nights are going to be unforgettable as we minister to the heart of God. I know that you will be blessed.

The Drum Busters

Jeremy Carter - 941-580-4960

Do you find yourself drumming on your steering wheel? On your counter tops? Do you have a desire to develop some real drumming skills? Allow me to teach you the art of drumming. This small group is for beginners or intermediate level participants. We will meet every Thursday evening excluding Tehillah Thursdays.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Tad Mathews and Pastor Jerome Jones - 941-729-3800

Meets weekly on Wednesdays, at 7pm in the Family Room at Church On The Rock. Join Pastor Tad and Pastor Jerome for a weekly topical Bible Study and fellowship in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Join us each week as we study together! This Small Group begins February 21st.

Women

Ladies Breakfast Bible Study

Ruth Mathews - 941-735-8321

Meets weekly, on Fridays, at 9am at Popi's. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement for women. We will be meeting for breakfast to talk, enjoy each others company, and experience God's presence together!

Girls' Night

Michelle Harber - 941-779-5836

Let's cut straight to the point - you need a girls' night! What's better than sitting around the living room with your besties for a night of meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and deepening friendships? Whether you're new to the church or you've been around for a while, we all need a break from the demands of daily life and a chance to unwind and recharge. We will meet every other Thursday starting this Thursday the 15th. at 916 66th Street NW, Bradenton, FL 34209. No need to prepare anything before you come, we'll just chat about life as we cultivate God-centered friendships that empower us to grow stronger in our faith together!

Share Joy/Build Faith

Patsy Roberson (850-819-4383) and Anita Mills (740-812-2940)

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm to Share Joy and Build Faith through scripture and personal testimony as we play board games, enjoy snacks, and make strong friendships.

Matthew 18:19

Chandra Moore - 941-737-0362

This group is based on Matthew 18:19, where 2 or more gather in His name. If you have a prodigal child, marriage troubles, family struggles, we as women need to come together and be prayer warriors for each other. We need to love and respect other women going through difficult times. If you've been through difficult times you can be a prayer warrior to other women! This group is just for the ladies!!! We might include the men every other month.

Men

The ROMEO Club

Bob Stokes - 614-578-2613

Hey Romeo! Do you want to join the ROMEO club? (Retired Old Men Eating Out - ROMEO). We invite retired men, or any man, to join us for breakfast every Friday at 9am at Tenth Street Coffee. This will be a time of coffee, good food, good fellowship, and bad jokes. Come enjoy time together with other ROMEO's in our Church Family!

Young Adults

Connection

Pastor Jerome Jones - 941-729-3800

Many of our young adults in today's society are faced with pressures and stresses. We want them to know that God is with them and that we are going to stand beside them and encourage them. We meet every Sunday at 6:30pm in the Youth Room, with the exception of Connection Social Nights

Connection Social

Pastor Jerome Jones - 941-729-3900

This small group is an extension of our Connection Service. We will be meeting on February 25th, April 28th, and May 26th to build relationships and just hang out! Places and times TBD.

Youth

Friday Night Hangs

Pastor Shelly Riker and Sophia Weaver - 941-729-3800

This group meets on Friday Nights at various location and is a time to hang out, have fun together, make incredible memories and even better friendships! Each Friday night will look different. Some nights we will hang out at someone's house, some nights we will go do a fun outing, and some nights we will do Bible Study together! No matter what we do we will have fun together! We hope you can be part of this fun small group!

Uprising Prayer Small Group

Pastor Shelly and Keleah Peters – 941-729-3800

Join us every Sunday afternoon as we spend time in prayer together for our friends, family, schools and church. Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for a long time, we can guarantee that you will grow in your prayer life and God will use you to make a difference in the lives of others.

Children

Kids Rock Wednesdays

Pastor Devin Leigh - 941-363-6641

Meets weekly on Wednesdays, from 6:30pm-8pm, in the Children's Building. This Small Group is for children and includes classes and activities for potty trained 3 year olds through the 5th grade. "Kids Rock Wednesdays" is a night that involves both large and small team games and activities, including Bible Stories, Scripture memorization and crafts.

Would you like to be more involved?

Next Steps

If you are new to our church and would like to know more about what we believe and how to get involved in ministry, please join us for our Next Steps. This three part class takes place every other month and discusses the vision and values of our church, the essentials of our faith, your personal God given spiritual gifts, and how to get involved in ministry here at COTR. Our Next Step class begins on March 3rd.

Children & Nursery Ministry

'Kids Rock' is available during services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our Kid's Church is located in the large building north of the Family Room, ministering to Infants - 5th Graders.

The Uprising' Youth

'The Uprising' meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Building, directly behind the Sanctuary and Church Office. Grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Contact Pastor Shelly Riker or the Church Office for more information. You can also visit The Uprising website at www.theuprisingfl.com

Connection' Young Adults

'Connection' meets every Sunday of each month at 6:30pm. Our Young Adult's Ministry is for ages 18-35. Contact Pastor Jerome Jones at the Church Office for more information, or visit the 'Connection' website at www.connectionfl.com.

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