

SMALL GROUPS



**CHURCH
ON THE ROCK**

**Fall 2021
Sept 12th - Nov 21st**

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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

Meets weekly on Wednesdays, at 7:00p.m. in the Family Room at Church On The Rock. Join Pastor Tad and Pastor Jerome for a weekly Bible Study on the book of James, short time of worship, and fellowship in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Join us each week as we study together! This Small Group begins September 15th.

The Chosen

Pastor Shelly Riker – 941-729-3800

Join us in the Youth Room on Thursday evenings at 7pm to watch the award-winning television series called “The Chosen.” This series brings Biblical stories to life and will cause you to fall in love with Jesus all over again. This is a great Small Group for adults, young adults, and youth. Come watch the life of Jesus together as a family! We will be watching Season 2!

Date Night

Laura & Curtis Simmons – 941-704-5334

This is a Small Group for married couples that meets once a month on Saturday, in the late afternoon, at AMC Riverview 14, 9390 Theater Drive, Gibsonton, FL 33534, Exit 250, off I75. If you like movies, like to eat, love to laugh and are a married couple, than this is the Small Group for you!!

One Year Bible Reading Group

Ruth Mathews – 941-735-8321

We will be meeting biweekly starting on Sunday Nights, at 5pm, at Tenth Street Coffee. If you are reading through the One Year Bible or would like to start, this is a great place to be encouraged, discuss, and fellowship with others while reading through God’s Word together!

Pickleball

Chandra Moore – 941-737-0362

If you have played, are interested in playing, or never even heard of pickleball but want to know more, this is the Small Group for you! We will be meeting at a pickleball court each week and having fun playing and learning together. Join us on Thursday Nights throughout the semester. Time and location are TBD. Please text Chandra for more information.

Do The Write Thing!

Pastor Sunshine Mathews – 941-729-3800

Have you ever written a song and then never shared it with anyone, ever?! Nope, me neither! lol This Small Group is going to be a place where we will work on the skills it takes to write songs. We will brainstorm songwriting individually and together, in fun, silly ways and in more serious, spiritual ways. You do not have to be an expert in music to write beautiful and anointed songs. My ultimate hearts desire is to see Church On The Rock begin to have worship songs written IN the house, FOR the house! This is where we start! We will be meeting biweekly starting September 30th on Thursdays from 6:30pm - 8pm in the Church Sanctuary.

Men

The ROMEO Club

David Heuthe – 516-707-2439

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 9:00 am. at Tenth Street Coffee. This will be a time of coffee, interesting conversations, and fellowship. Come enjoy time together with other ROMEO's in our Church Family!

Men in the Gap

David Heuthe – 516-707-2439

This Small Group will be men praying for the world and the church once a month on Thursdays at 7pm at 2612 Waterford Way, Unit B, Palmetto. We will focus on national and global issues praying for God's will and intervention!

Women

Breakfast and Devotions

Ruth Mathews – 941-735-8321

Meets weekly, on Fridays, at 9:00a.m., in the Family Room, at our Church. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement for women and it is centered around a devotion based on God's Word. We will not be serving breakfast but feel free to bring your own breakfast or drink and come experience God's presence with us!

Let's Talk

Tara Gage-941-545-1105, & Pastor Shelly -941-729-3900

Meets on Saturday or Sunday, biweekly, time TBA. This Small Group is for women in their 30's and 40's! As we navigate through this very special time in our lives, it is easy to find ourselves busy with our family, vocation and life responsibilities. While these things are fulfilling, it can leave us feeling distant from close friendships that we crave. We need the friendship and support of those around us to help encourage us! In this Small Group, we discuss how to excel in every area of our lives and become all God has created us to be.

Ladies Ministry

Ruth Mathews – 941-729-3800

This ministry is an opportunity for women of all ages to join together for encouragement, relationship building, fun, celebration and spiritual growth. All females from Middle School and beyond are invited. We want every woman to know that you are fully loved.

Deeper Water Christian Book Club

Patricia Heuthe – 516-302-5250

A book club that will meet once a month on Thursday at 7pm at 2612 Waterford Way Unit B. Palmetto, FL. Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted and set the prisoners free. This book club is about delving into how that can happen in our lives by applying the Word and Ways of God into our hearts. Our two books this semester are The Three Kings by Gene Edwards (Pastor Shelly's favorite book) and Healing the Human Spirit by Ruth Harley. You will need to acquire your own copies. The first by Amazon and the second one will need to buy from me (I can get it faster). We look forward to seeing you there!

Children

Kids Live

Pastor Jacob - 941-729-3800

Meets weekly on Thursdays, from 2:45p.m. - 3:45p.m., in the Children's Building. This Small Group is for all PCS Elementary School children. Each Thursday after school, students are welcome to come for a fun, exciting time of Bible Stories and games. Your kids will love the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God and friends from school.

Kids Rock Wednesdays

Pastor Jacob - 941-729-3800

Meets weekly on Wednesdays, from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m., 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.

***“A small group
of people can
change the course
of history.”***

Young Adult

Girls Night!

**Rebekah Skidmore -941-962-3182
& Shelby Kreeb - 727-244-8940**

We will meet biweekly on Friday or Saturday, time and location tbd. Calling all young adult ladies! Join us for chill game nights, dress up fancy dinners, fun adventures, and more as we create community and friendship together!

Sun. Set. Spike.

**Rebekah Skidmore -941-962-3182
& Pastor Jacob - 941-526-6683**

Come hangout with us every Thursday night at 7pm at Anna Maria Island Beach for beach volleyball!

Nothing But Net

Pastor Jerome - 941-729-3800

This is a men's basketball small group that meets in the Palmetto Charter gym. If interested, contact Pastor Jerome at the church for dates and times.

Youth

Campus Life

Pastor Shelly Riker - 941-729-3800

Meets weekly on Thursdays, at 3:00p.m., in the Youth Building. This Small Group is for all Middle School PCS students. After school on Thursdays, students come to the Youth Building for devotions and games. We want to see all PCS students in relationship with Jesus. Bring your friends!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Pastor Shelly Riker - 941-729-3800

This Small Group meets weekly in the New Auditorium at Palmetto High School. Each Wednesday there are FREE Turners Donuts and an encouraging message to start the day. Athletes and Non-Athletes are invited! We look forward to seeing you at FCA on Wednesday Mornings!

Sports

Shelly Riker - 941-729-3800

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room throughout the semester for Small Group Night. This small group loves to play any sport. Each time we meet, we will pick a different sport game to play like dodgeball, kickball, etc. If you love to be outside, have fun, and play games, then you will love this small group! You don't want to miss Small Group Nights at The Uprising at 6:30p.m. on the 1st Wednesday night of every month!

Art

Kaylee Bolles - 941-729-3800

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room throughout the semester for Small Group Night. This small group is focused solely on Art. We will learn different art techniques like watercolor, calligraphy, and drawing, as well as do fun projects that let you be creative in a fun and encouraging way! You don't want to miss Small Group Nights at The Uprising at 6:30p.m. on the 1st Wednesday night of every month!

Book Club

Sarrah Diaz - 941-729-3800

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room throughout the semester for Small Group Night. This small group is all about reading. We will be reading and talking about different books that you find interesting! You don't want to miss Small Group Nights at The Uprising at 6:30p.m. on the 1st Wednesday night of every month!

Game Night

941-729-3800

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room throughout the semester for Small Group Night. If you love spending time with friends and playing games, this is great small group for you! We will be playing board games, card games, and having a great time hanging out with each other! You don't want to miss Small Group Nights at The Uprising at 6:30p.m. on the 1st Wednesday night of every month!

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are not a
program
of the church,
**THEY ARE
THE CHURCH**



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Posting pictures with your
Small Group this semester?

Use the hashtag **#churchontherockfl**

Two people are
better off than
one, for they can
help each other
succeed.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

**WE PROCLAIM HIM, ADMONISHING
AND TEACHING EVERYONE WITH ALL
WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT
EVERYONE PERFECT IN CHRIST.**

WE PROCLAIM HIM

WIN PEOPLE

TEACHING EVERYONE

DISCIPLE PEOPLE

PRESENT EVERYONE PERFECT

PUT PEOPLE IN MINISTRY

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