

SMALL GROUPS



**CHURCH
ON THE ROCK**

**Spring 2022
Feb 13th - May 8th**

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, short time of worship, and fellowship in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Join us each week as we study together! This Small Group begins February 16th.

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!!

Deeper Waters 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. This semester we will be reading two books by Derek Prince. The first is, "The Grace of Yielding" and the second is, "Secrets of a Prayer Warrior". They both are easy to read and not long. Come and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord!

Family Discipleship

Pastor Shelly Riker – 941-729-3800

This small group is for Youth Families (youth students, parents, and grandparents). We will work together as families to help our youth be everything God created them to be. Parents and Grandparents will find support. Students will find perspective. We will meet bi-weekly on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Family Room. Our first Small Group will be February 27th.

One Year Bible Reading Group

Ruth Mathews – 941-735-8321

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! Meeting times are TBD. Contact Mrs. Ruth for more information!

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 the Bradenton Yacht Club every Monday and having fun playing and learning together. At 6:00pm, beginners are welcome to join for one hour and I will teach you the basics of this fun sport! I will limit this to 8 people so each person can be given attention. At 7:00pm, I will be hosting the small group to intermediate players! Whether beginner or new, join us on Mondays!

Tehillah Thursday

Pastor Sunshine Mathews – 941-729-3800

No spectators! Participants only! :-) There is nothing we need more than God's presence. And 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 10th, April 17th, and May 8th from 6:30-8pm, we will be having a night of praise and worship at COTR 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.

Follow the Beat

Jeremy Carter – 941-580-4960

We will meet biweekly on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm in the Church On The Rock Youth Building. The small group will focus on certain attributes for adults or youth: Learning proper technique on drumming, how to set up a drum set, playing by ear and reading music with and without a metronome, learning the history of drums and inviting special guest musicians to share their stories about drumming. Hopefully this small group will create opportunities for eager musicians to follow the beat of the drum and develop new love for music.

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, good food, good fellowship, and bad jokes. 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 the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at 2612 Waterford Way, Unit B (2nd floor), Palmetto. We will focus on issues concerning the Church and Nation.

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!

Enneagrams, Coffee, and Jesus

Josie Jones – 205-370-6585

Three of my favorite things are Jesus, coffee, and Enneagrams! Together they are even better!! We will learn about the different Enneagram types and use it to grow. Through developing an awareness of the different Enneagram types, it can also help to strengthen your relationships with others. And there will be coffee... coffee is always a good idea. ;) We will meet weekly at 6:30pm on Thursdays at 3417 97th Ln E., Palmetto, FL 34221.

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.

Ladies Evening Bible Study

Erica Weaver – 941-730-4752

The Evening Ladies' Bible Study will learn and grow together alongside the daytime ladies' study so all COTR's women are moving in the same direction spiritually. We'll start where the daytime ladies left off - a Max Lucado series called, "Don't Let the Enemy Have a Seat at your Table". Our study will be a video and discussion based group, with optional reading throughout the week. This group is for ALL ladies of the church - young, old, married, single, baby Christians, and matriarchs of God's Word; we need each other for growing and sharpening our faith! Our evening study will be held at 1602 19th Ave W Palmetto, FL 34221 and start promptly at 6:40 to coincide with drop-off and pick up times at the children and youth programs.

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

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.

Young Adult

Girls Night!

Shelby Kreeb - 727-244-8940 & Pastor Sunshine Mathews - 407-808-8410

We will meet monthly 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!

Bad Boys For Life

Pastor Jerome - 941-729-3800

This will be a young adult guys hang out on the following Saturdays: February 26th, March 26th, April 30th. Time and event is TBD.

Youth

Youth Warrior Prayer

Pastor Shelly Riker - 941-729-3800

We will meet biweekly on Friday evenings at 7:30pm at host homes. We get together, learn what God's word says about prayer and pray together. Prayer changes the spiritual climate! We will have fun together, build great friendships and pray together. Friends that pray together, stay together!! Let's see God do great things through prayer! Our first small group will be February 18th.

Simply Youth Bible Study

Paige Ashley - 941-725-8832

Bible Study meets weekly on Saturday's at 9:30am at Tenth Street Coffee. A lot of times, being honest, it's hard for me to pick up the Bible and truly interact with it. This group makes that process just a little bit easier. With encouraging, supporting, and relatable voices around us, let's go after God and His heart together! We want to move His heart! Let's get to know it!

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 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!

Game Night

Paige Ashley - 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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Posting on Social Media

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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