

# SMALL GROUPS



**CHURCH  
ON THE ROCK**

**Fall 2022  
Sept 11th - Nov 20th**

# 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 7:00pm 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 September 14th.

## Date Night

**Laura & Curtis Simmons – 941-704-5334**

This is a Small Group for married couples that meets once a month on Saturdays, at 3pm or 4pm, at various locations to see a movie then have dinner, or sometimes just have dinner. If you like movies, like to eat, love to laugh and are a married couple, then this is the Small Group for you!! Sorry, no kids allowed, this one is just for Mom and Dad :-)

## 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 October 6th and November 3rd 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.

## Serve Our City

**Pastor Shelly Riker – 941-729-3800**

During His ministry, Jesus didn't show His love through a lecture; He showed it by taking the role of a servant. In this Small Group we are going to share the heart of Jesus with those around us who are hurting, lonely, in need and broken. We are going to bring the hope of Jesus to the world through acts of kindness and meeting the needs of others. We will meet at 9:30am on Saturday mornings in the Family Room for our rallying point and then we will go out to serve our city.

### **Pickleball Intermediate**

**Chandra Moore – 941-737-0362**

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!

### **Pickleball for Beginners**

**Chandra Moore – 941-737-0362**

This group is for beginner pickleball players who want to learn to play the game, have fun, and fellowship! We will meet weekly on Mondays or Thursdays. Time and location TBD.

## **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's at 9:00am 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!

*“Transformation  
happens in  
small groups.”*

# Women

## Ladies Breakfast

### **Ruth Mathews – 941-735-8321**

Meets weekly, on Fridays, at 9:00am at Popis. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement for women. We will be meeting for breakfast to talk, enjoy eachothers company, and experience God's presence together!

## Wednesday Evening Ladies Group

### **Erica Weaver – 941-730-4752**

Join us in this 7 week video session of Elijah, Faith, and Fire by Priscilla Shirer. We will journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine and how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. The Bible study companion guide may be purchased from Amazon or Christianbook.com

## Choose Joy...Share Joy

### **Patsy Roberson & Sheryl Riker – 850-819-4383**

Join us every other Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm at 6211 60th St East, Palmetto for a study of Tommy Newberry's book, "The 4:8 Principle." This book focuses on using the practical applications of this study of a single verse from Philippians to choose to live a joy-filled life. The second half of each session will be devoted to sharing the joy... a "show and tell" time to exchange praise-worthy, virtuous, lovely, true ideas or activities that bring us joy. Expect to learn and to laugh!

## 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.

# Children

## Kids Rock Wednesdays

**Pastor Tim - 941-729-3800**

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

# Youth

## 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 6:30pm 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 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 6:30pm on the 1st Wednesday night of every month!

## Campus Life

**Pastor Shelly Riker - 941-729-3800**

Meets weekly on Thursdays, at 3:00pm, 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!

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

*Ecclesiastes 4:9*



# What Small Groups are you interested in?

(Here's a great place to keep track!)

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



## Connect with us on Social Media



Church on The Rock Palmetto



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## Posting on Social Media

Posting pictures with your  
Small Group this semester?

Use the hashtag **#churchontherockfl**

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

**WE PROCLAIM HIM**

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**WIN PEOPLE**

**TEACHING EVERYONE**

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**DISCIPLE PEOPLE**

**PRESENT EVERYONE PERFECT**

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**PUT PEOPLE IN MINISTRY**

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