

Adult Groups and Ministries

Connections

Connection Celebration (Greg Finrock, Kelly Vincent, and Chris Shank)

If you are new to Living Word, we want to get to know you better! We would love to sit down with you and learn about your family's journey to Living Word, and we can share with you a little more about our church family. We offer a Connection Celebration each semester (March and September) at which we offer you and a chance to learn more about the mission of Living Word over dinner and dessert, and you will have an opportunity to join the church as a member that evening.

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries Council (Bob Davidson)

A committee of men that evaluates and plans events for the year to enrich the spiritual and family lives of Living Word's men.

Men's Club (Ken Ware)

Men's Club is a group of men at Living Word that provides opportunities for fellowship, service, and discipleship. Monthly meetings are held on first Mondays and include dinner, a presentation from guest speakers, and a business meeting following the presentation.

Men's Studies

Men For Christ (Scott Watson)

-Men's study on Friday mornings at Chesterfield Bread Co.—6:30 am

Men on the Grow (Michael McIntyre)

-Men's study on Wednesday mornings—6:00 am

Men's Sunday Morning Study (Chuck Wintermute)

-Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in room 233/Conference Room

Home and Yard work group (Jesse Young)

-Home/appliance/yard assistance provided by the men of Living Word

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Council (Jerri Ann Emert)

A committee of women that evaluates and plans events for the year to enrich the spiritual and family lives of Living Word's women.

Women's Studies

Fall:

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m. Room 211/212

Jenny D'Errico, facilitator jderrico@livingwordumc.org, 636-821-2821

Begins January 10

"Mercy Triumphs", 8 weeks, \$14

Beth Moore Study on the Book of James

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. Room 204
Ann Lindemann, facilitator annlindemann@hotmail.com, 636-519-0864
Begins January 10

"Mercy Triumphs", 8 weeks, \$14
Beth Moore Study on the Book of James
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. Room 204
Wendy Sain, facilitator wsain@livingwordumc.org, 636-821-2823
Begins January 18

"Crazy Love", Francis Chan, 10 weeks, \$15
Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Room 216
Traci Kelly, facilitator traci-kelly@sbcglobal.net, 636-530-4671
Begins January 23

"He Speaks to Me", Priscilla Shirer, 8 weeks, \$15
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. Room 211/212
Jill Rector, facilitator jillrector@rectorfamily.com, 636-536-6699
Beginning in March

Mary Martha Circle (Mary Ottenburg)

United Methodist Women circle dedicated to fellowship, discipleship, and service.
Regular meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month and include dessert and a presentation from guest speakers, followed by the monthly business meeting.

Sunday Morning Studies

8:00 am

-Discipleship (Bill Schmidt)

9:15 am

-Getting Out of the Boat (Bill VanLue)

-Active Faith (Patty Brown)

-Family Matters (Dawn Gleusenkamp)

-Men's Study (Chuck Wintermute)

10:45 am

-Christian Journey (Don and Linda Varner)

-Fellowship Class: 50+ (Chris Shank)

Disciple small group studies (Chris Shank)

Disciple 1 Complete Overview of the Bible 34 weeks

Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Greg Finfrock, facilitator

Room 205/207

begins September 7

Sundays, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Steven Mitchell, facilitator

Room 205/207 steven.mitchell@charter.net

begins September 11
Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Ed Aderman, facilitator
Room 202 eaderman37@yahoo.com
begins September 12

Disciple 2 Genesis, Exodus, Luke & Acts 32 weeks

Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bill McCormick, facilitator
Room 203 wmcormickjr@ideacommidwest.com begins September 8

Christian Believer Worship, Belief and Daily Life 30 weeks

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Greg Finfrock, facilitator
Room 205/207 gfinfrock@livingwordumc.org
begins September 7

Missions

Our Missions team is involved in a variety of ministry events and is supported and funded by the Missions committee that meets every other month. (Steve Ernst)

We actively support the following agencies through our hands-on service and financial gifts:

Ghana Project (partnering with villages in northern Ghana to provide clean water, education, medical supplies, and agricultural assistance)
The Bridge (soup kitchen downtown, formerly "Cares Outreach")
Circle of Concern (food pantry, emergency assistance)
Epworth Youth Treatment Facility
Crisis Nursery
Kingdom House (south St. Louis social services agency)
Shalom House (our cooking group prepares meals for this women's shelter)
Mozambique Initiative (partners with UM churches in Mozambique)
Community Garden
Needs Pool (ongoing service opportunities, small group ministries)

Our quarterly mission focuses include:

- Shoe-perbowl
- Go! Day
- Backpack Attack
- Christmas Miracle Offering (Ghana)

Needs Pool is a listing of current service needs and opportunities. Visit <http://livingwordumc.org/needspool.html>

Small Groups

Covenant (Lynn Stewart)

Covenant groups are small groups with an emphasis on confidential sharing and support.

Affinity (groups of individuals sharing common interests)

BRIDGES (Loretta Schepp)

BRIDGES (Busy Retirees Involved Doing God's Exciting Service) is a group of senior adults who enjoy luncheons, excursions, ice cream socials, fellowship and service. Excursions include trips to concerts, plays, museums and current/historical sites in both Missouri and Illinois. They also host movies, games, and guest speakers for the community. Watch the *Beacon* and Worship Carry Out for the next event, or email Loretta Schepp at wschepp@sbcglobal.net for more information about the next time you can join the activities!

Quilters (Betty Nishimura)

Women gather on a weekly basis to quilt together.

Faith Walkers (Ann VanLue)

Faith Walkers gathers for devotion, a prayer, and walking together on a trail on Sunday afternoons from 4 pm – 5 pm.

Men's Club (See above in Men's Ministries)

Mary Martha Circle (See above in Women's Ministries)

Study (co-ed)

"Experiencing God", Blackaby Study, 13 weeks, \$15

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Room 211/212

Kim McGee, facilitator, kmmcgee@swbell.net, 636-227-0783

Begins January 10

Financial Peace University, 8 weeks, \$99

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Room 211/212

Kevin and Melody Barger, facilitator melbarg01@aol.com, 636-207-8697

Begins January 23 with free preview January 9

"Invisible War", Chip Ingram, 6 weeks, \$7

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Room 211/212

Ann Lindemann, facilitator annlindemann@hotmail.com, 636-519-0864

Begins January 12

Couples Communication Class, 5 weeks, \$40/couple

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wendy Sain, facilitator wsain@livingwordumc.org, 636-821-2823

Begins February 29

Support Groups

Heart Print Remembrances, Grief Support, 8 weeks, \$30

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. Room 211/212

Wendy Sain, facilitator wsain@livingwordumc.org, 636-821-2823

Begins January 11

Regular Mission Service Groups

iServe—Kelly Vincent (kvincent@livingwordumc.org)

Second Saturday of each month. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meet at Baxter and Clarkson (park at Bread Co.). We will carpool downtown to serve in various missions around St. Louis

The Bridge—Chris Shank (chrisshank79@hotmail.com)

The Bridge serves meals downtown to people with economic hardships. We carpool together and serve on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 pm—6:30 pm. Sign up your ministry group on the schedule!

Shalom House Cooking—Barbara Steurer (libertysales@prodigy.net)

We are using our kitchen facilities to cook meals for Shalom House, and you are invited to help!

Active Faith—Patty Brown (patty.brown@atexinc.com)

Join our Sunday morning group to discuss what it means to live out our faith and take an active step in helping a world in need. We are active in our support and service for a variety of mission agencies. Stop in and join us any Sunday morning at 9:15 am in room 204.