

# FAIRVIEW VILLAGE CHURCH

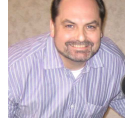


*Connect  
Groups*

*WINTER CATALOG 2012*

This is a collection of all the various groups meeting, sharing, and working together in service here at Fairview Village Church. Everything from growing in God's Word to sharing hobbies or interests, to learning a new skill, to community service projects... if you are looking for something, I bet you will find it here! Some of the groups are new; some have been around for a while. Some are in a classroom setting; some are in people's homes...However you look at it, we believe there is something for everyone here! So go ahead. Get connected. It matters.

*Pastor Dave*



**The Winter semester runs approximately 12 weeks, January 15th through the week of April 1st. In April we will promote the Summer Semester groups which are offered May through July.**

**Celebrate** describes our **worship**. Psalms 145: 7, "They will **celebrate** your greatness and joyfully sing of your righteousness." We have formed in our understanding of God's grace. Jesus died for us and in opening my heart to him, I find forgiveness, purpose, and meaning for living. But we are also reminded to share God's grace in words, thoughts and deeds. We are people who celebrate the goodness of God in every circumstance and situation.



**Connect** describes our **relationships**. Acts 2: 44, "All the believers were together and had everything in common." God created us to live in community. We reflect this by connecting to others. This also entices a lonely world to join us. We connect in the Café, through seminars, classes, coffee groups. Our deep desire to connect encourages us to help others connect also.



**Care** describes our **service to each other and the world**. John 3: 16, "For God so loved the world that he gave..." Meaningful service is important to us. We seek to volunteer with enthusiasm to make a difference in each other's lives, our community, and the world. We seek out those in need among us, in our community, and the globe so the love of Christ may be "observed" through us.



## To Register for Winter 2012:



After reviewing the groups offered in this catalog, make a notation of your first and second choices in the space provided below. You may bring this page with you and sign up for a Connect Group at the Connect Group area of the Resource Center Jan. 1st—15th, 2012. Winter semester begins January 15th and runs through the first week of Aril.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children to attend and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Number

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

If you have questions about the Connect Groups or about the registration process, please contact the church office at 610-539-3333, X249 for Marquetta Rieger or X243 for Dora Bennett. Email either of them at [mrieger@fvcn.org](mailto:mrieger@fvcn.org) or [dorabennett@fvcn.org](mailto:dorabennett@fvcn.org).



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## Basic Discipleship Groups Winter 2012



### Sun-100

9:00 a.m.

Room 505

**The Alpha Class** is a video and discussion group that meets every week for 15 weeks beginning January 15th. The series of discussions are on topics such as: Who is Jesus?; Why did Jesus die?; Why and how do I pray?; Why and how should I read the Bible?; Who is the Holy Spirit?; How can I resist evil?; Does God heal today? Childcare is provided in the nursery, Pre-K and Elementary BibleZone. Limited to 15 participants.

### Sun-101

10:30 a.m.

Room 515

This Adult Bible Study Group is for those aged 60+. For the winter semester, they will be studying *Look to the Lord*, the book of Psalms. Meets weekly.

### Sun-102

10:30 a.m.

Room 517

This Adult Bible Study Group is for adults aged 40+. For the winter semester, they will be studying *Look to the Lord*, the book of Psalms. Meets weekly.

### Sun-103

10:30 a.m.

Room 512

This Adult Bible Study Group is geared for adults aged 50+. This winter, they will also be studying *Look to the Lord*, the book of Psalms. Meets weekly.

### Sun-104

10:30 a.m.

Room 513

This Adult Bible Study Group will have sermon based discussions for the Winter 2012 semester. Season of life is 40's, 50's and 60's.

### Sun-105

3:00 p.m.

Lansdale

This is a mixed Bible study group of couples and singles. The age range is in the 40's & 50's. They meet every other week on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. —5:00 p.m. This semester they will be studying the Pauline Epistles.

## Basic Discipleship Groups Winter 2012



**Sun-106**                      **5:00 p.m.**                      **Room 505**  
The **Getting Started Class** helps you develop into a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. This class teaches specific Biblical principles and skills for spiritual maturity. Topics to be covered are (1) time with God's word, (2) prayer, (3) tithing, (4) fellowship, and (5) spiritual gifts. Join us in this spiritual journey! Class is offered January 29th and March 25th from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

**Sun-107**                      **5:00 p.m.**                      **Room 517**  
**Village 101** gives you an overview of the church and its beliefs. It is also a great question and answer time with a staff pastor, as well as an opportunity to make new friends in an informal setting. Meets January 29th and March 25th from 5:00—7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

**Sun-108**                      **6:15 p.m.**                      **Collegeville/Lansdale**  
This is a group for couples that meets twice a month in Collegeville & Lansdale. Age range is 40's—60's. For the Winter semester they will be having sermon based discussions.

**Sun-109**                      **6:00 p.m.**                      **Audubon/East Norriton**  
This is a mixed group of singles & couples. They range in age from 30's to 70's. They meet twice a month on Sunday evening. They will be studying Ray Vander Laan's, DVD series, "Fire on the Mountain."

**Sun-110**                      **6:30 p.m.**                      **Eagleville/Collegeville**  
This is a mixed group of singles, couples and families. They meet twice a month and will be studying the book of Hosea this semester. They vary in age from 30's to 50's. \*Includes openings for parents with children.

**Tues-111**                      **8:30 a.m.**                      **Collegeville Diner**  
This is a men's Bible study group that meets the third Tuesday of every month for lectionary Bible readings, prayer and breakfast. Aged 50+.

**Tues-112**                      **7:00 p.m.**                      **Norristown/Trappe/Wayne**  
This is a couple's group that meets twice a month on Tuesday in individual homes in Norristown, Wayne and Trappe. They will be having discussions that parallel the sermon topic each week they meet for the winter semester. The age range for this group is 60's and 70's+.

## Basic Discipleship Groups Winter 2012



**Wed-113**                      **10:30 a.m.**                      **Room 505**

This Bible study meets at the church on the 2nd, 4th and any 5th Wednesdays of each month. They are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. This is a mixed group of singles and couples aged 60+.

**Wed-114**                      **7:15 p.m.**                      **Room 517**

Do you believe God or merely believe *in Him*? Abraham and Moses believed God.. This planted in them a seed of faith that grew into towering oaks of steadfast trust and belief. In this study, Beth Moore brings these characters to life in a way that will spring forth in you a fresh explosion of faith. Open to women of all ages. No childcare is provided.

**Fri-115**                      **6:30 a.m.**                      **Room 517**

**Men's Half Time Group-** "Halftime" is a term for a period in life that was coined by Bob Buford, author of the best-selling book by the same title. It refers to the stage that many people reach (usually somewhere mid-life) where they become more aware of their life, where it is going and where they want it to change. It is a time when (despite and often following success) frustration and emptiness motivate people to start asking the hard questions and seek more life-purpose. It is birthed out of the desire to leave a legacy and to make a difference. Group meets every Friday.

**Fri-116**                      **8:00 a.m.**                      **Prayer Room/Local Restaurant**

This is a prayer and Bible study group for men aged 60+. They meet weekly for a time of prayer and then travel to a local restaurant for breakfast and a Bible study.

**Sat-117**                      **6:00 p.m.**                      **BlueBell**

This is Bible/Discipleship group for couples and singles. Children are welcome. They meet twice a month on Saturdays from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Age range is 30's—50's. Join us for fellowship and study in God's Word.

## Celebrate the Journey Groups Winter 2012



**Celebrate the Journey** is a Bible-based support/recovery program that meets **each Monday evening at 5:45 p.m.** beginning Jan. 9th in the Chambers Center. Dinner is provided for a suggested donation of \$5.00 (optional). Large group gathering of prayer and praise **begins at 6:45 p.m.** (required) and **small group** time takes place from **7:30—8:45 p.m.** The groups are gender-based, men with men, and women with women. Small group topics and locations are as listed below. You may sign up for a group on Sunday morning, or contact Pastor Marquetta Rieger at 610-539-3333, X249, or [mrieger@fvcn.org](mailto:mrieger@fvcn.org).

**Mon-300                      Men's A to Z                      Room 505**  
Men's A to Z is a group for alcohol and chemically dependent men. Substance abuse and addiction can affect your life in a profound way; having an impact on relationships, work and even your sense of self worth. This group uses Godly principles to combat the hold that chemical dependency can have on your life.

**Mon-301                      Parents of Addicted Adult Children                      Room 513**  
Christ-centered support and fellowship for those who need a safe place to share the truth about their lives, problems and struggles with addicted adult children.

**Mon-302                      Open Share                      Room 514**  
The Women's Open Share is a support/recovery group that is open to women with any type of presenting issues. You may join the group at any time.

**Mon-303                      Basic Bible Study                      Room 512**  
This is a Bible Study group for new believers and anyone who would like to take a closer look at the New Testament.

## Celebrate the Journey Groups Winter 2012



### **Mon-304**                      **Prayer and Fasting**                      **Room 308**

This is a support group for Prayer and Fasting with teachings from Beth Moore, Jentezen Franklin and others. Did you know there are spiritual feats that can only be accomplished by prayer and fasting? See Matthew 17:21. We have many biblical examples -- including Jesus himself -- of those who chose to fast for healing or guidance or the start of a ministry or deliverance or a host of other reasons. How fitting for us, then, to dedicate 2012 to God by starting the year with a 21-day Daniel Fast. We will then meet for the next four Monday evenings (through February 6) to pray and testify to all we see God doing.

### **Mon-305**                      **Quiet Strength**                      **Room 515**

New men's support group— *Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life* by Coach Tony Dungy will begin January 9, 2012. How is it possible for a coach—especially a football coach—to win the respect of his players and lead them to the Super Bowl without the screaming histrionics, the profanities, the demand that the sport come before anything else? How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir, Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family—and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed. You are invited to join this group and discover what Coach Dungy has learned about Quiet Strength.

### **Mon-306**                      **Searching for God**                      **Room 208**

New women's support group. What happens in those times when your worship feels dry, when prayers only bounce off the ceiling, and when God seems totally unreachable? How can your faith become real and vibrant in the midst of everyday life and the issues life brings. A woman's spiritual life can give her deep comfort, abiding assurance, and wisdom for living. Even in the midst of the wilderness times, the doubts, the fears, and the questions you'll find your faith growing stronger again.

### **Mon-307**                      **DivorceCare**                      **Room 517**

Find help for the pain of divorce and separation, discover hope for the future, and experience God's healing. This is a 14 week support group open to both men and women. Begins Jan. 9th.

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### **Mon 308**

### **Changes That Heal**

### **Room 309**

This new women's support group will help you learn to understand your past in order to insure a healthier future. In his ground-breaking book, *Changes That Heal*, Dr. Cloud takes you step-by-step through the four basic tasks of becoming mature image bearers of God:

- Bonding to others
- Separating from others
- Sorting out good and bad in ourselves and others
- Becoming an adult

As Dr. Cloud explains and describes each task, he also identifies the problems that result when we fail to accomplish that task. Come join us.

### **Thurs-309**

### **Grief Share**

### **Room 517**

Grief Share is a Bible-based support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It is a place where you can be with people who understand and feel the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through the difficult times in your life. Grief Share will meet Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in room 517.

## Marriage Ministry Winter 2012



### **Sun–Marriage                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 517**

**How We Love** – Relationship experts Milan and Kay Yerkovich draw on the powerful tool of attachment theory to show how your early life experiences created an “intimacy imprint”—an underlying blueprint that shapes your behavior, beliefs, and expectations of all relationships, especially your marriage. They identify four types of injured imprints that combine in marriage to trap couples in a repetitive dance of pain. This study will give insights to every relationship in your life. A 12 week study that begins Jan. 15th in Room #517 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Mon–Marriage                      Marriage Oneness                      Room 311**

FVC’s new Marriage Ministry small group study, *Marriage Oneness* from Family Life begins Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Fireplace Lodge. Childcare is available. For most of us the hope of deep, soul-level harmony is why we get married in the first place. But oneness doesn’t just happen. Couples make it happen - and it can deepen over the lifetime of a marriage. *Marriage Oneness* equips you for oneness in seven key areas:

- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Money
- Spirituals Beliefs
- Sexual Intimacy
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Family and friends

Please register to join us!

# WOW-Women of the Word

Winter 2012



## Tues-WOW AM

9:15 a.m.

## S'MORE Theatre

**Women of the Word (WOW)** is a Bible study for women of all ages, circumstances, life stages, and backgrounds. For the winter semester, we will be studying the book of John. Large group gathering is at 9:15 a.m.; then we break into small groups at 10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided. The fee for this study is \$25 and an additional \$25 for one child or \$35 for 2 or more children, per semester. Fees are collected at the time of registration. Sign up the first day of classes or visit [www.fvcn.org](http://www.fvcn.org).

## Tues-WOW PM

7:00 p.m.

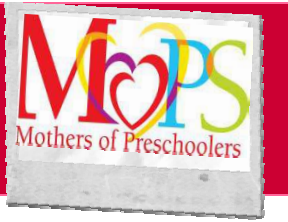
## Fireplace Lodge 311

**Women of the Word (WOW)** is a Bible study for women of all ages, circumstances, life stages, and backgrounds. This winter we will be studying the book of John. Large group gathering is at 7:00 p.m., then break into small groups at 8:15 p.m. The fee for this study is \$25 per semester, collected at registration. (No childcare provided in the evening session.) Sign up the first night of classes or visit



# MOPS

## Winter 2012



Thurs-MOPS

9:15 AM

S'MORE Theatre

**Mother of Preschoolers** is a place to experience authentic community, mothering support, personal growth and spiritual hope, so no mom is alone. ***Meets the first Thursday of each month through June.***

- **ENCOURAGEMENT** - MOPS understands mom, knowing the unique joys and challenges of this early season of mothering. Through a MOPS group, moms help each other become better moms while learning new parenting skills and developing new friendships.
- **HOPE** – A MOPS community provides a place to anchor your hope and share your joys and frustrations with other moms. The relationships that develop within a group help you sustain hope during the daily act of mothering, even when you feel you have no more of yourself to give.
- **RELEVANCE** – The MOPS experience provides for the mothering journey. Through MOPS, moms can learn mothering skills and strengthen supportive relationships while children are cared for in the nurturing environment of MOPPETS.
- **FAMILY** – MOPS strengthens marriages and supportive relationships.
- **SPIRITUALITY** - MOPS draws moms closer to Christ.

The enrollment fee is \$50 per year. This includes the MOPS registration fee, the magazine *MOM SENSE*, childcare, arts and crafts and other materials. Sign up at the Connect Groups area of the Resource Center in the church lobby or online at [www.fvcn.org](http://www.fvcn.org)

## College/20somethings Winter 2012

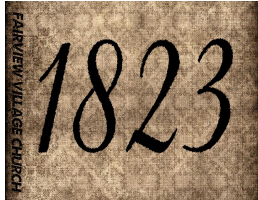


**“1823”**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Room 515**

Join us at “1823” for conversation, food and friends in a casual setting geared for 18–23 year olds. We meet each Sunday immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Room #515 for sermon based discussion and fellowship! For more information, contact Abe Williams at 610-539-3333, x224, or [awilliams@fvcn.org](mailto:awilliams@fvcn.org).



## Disciples - Young Adults Winter 2012



**Disciples**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Room 515**

The Disciples young adult group exists to help 20/30 somethings connect with other young adults, grow in their spiritual journey, and find community. We meet every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room #515. We are studying *The Prodigal God*. Pizza and soda are provided (donations accepted!). Come check us out! For further info, please contact Luke Arrington at [larrington@fvcn.org](mailto:larrington@fvcn.org) or 610-539-3333, x281.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

## Winter 2012



### Service Group—As Needed

This is a **community service group** that makes themselves available as needs arise within the church or community (generally once a month). They may be called upon to fill needs such as helping someone move, doing minor maintenance/repair, or painting, to name a few. These are people with willing hearts and eager hands to extend help!

### Serv-501

2:00 p.m.

### Room 517

Come join us at **Knitting Together**—if you knit or crochet, or have always wanted to learn! From making gifts for your friends and family, to community service projects, such as “Warm Up America”, or hats, scarves and mittens for local Norristown children, you’ll have fun while making new friends and creating something beautiful. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, January—May. You must provide your own supplies.



## Interest Based Groups Winter 2012



**Sun-600**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 208**

**Right Start** is a ministry based on biblical values for engaged and seriously dating couples. Its' purpose is to provide premarital couples with a Godly foundation for marriage as well as to gain insight into one another's expectations. Right Start has a three-pronged focus:

- 1) Instruction covering areas of importance such as marriage as a covenant, conflict resolution and financial stewardship
- 2) Support and guidance from a Godly mentor couple
- 3) Homework assignments to encourage deeper interaction between couples

This program meets weekly for 12 weeks on Sunday morning from 9:00—10:30 a.m. beginning January 22nd. Applications must be completed to participate and are available at the sign up table, at the Resource Center in the foyer or in the church office. There is a \$45 fee per couple for materials. ***\*Right Start is a requirement if you choose to be married by an FVC pastor.*** Please contact the church office at 610-539-3333 with any questions.

**Mon-601**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Barn at FVC**

**Judo for Fitness** is a group for all ages that teaches the rudiments of Kodokan Judo in a friendly and noncompetitive environment. Students participate to the degree that their age and condition permits. Students under 10 years of age need to meet with the instructor to determine eligibility. Great emphasis is placed on safety and the role fitness plays (both physical and spiritual) in learning and practicing Judo and Christianity. They meet weekly on Monday evenings in the Barn from 6:15-8:15 p.m. A Judo Gi must be purchased and is available through the instructor.

**Mon-602**

**8:30 p.m.**

**Worship Center**

**Men's Basketball**—join us weekly for a friendly game. This is a great place to meet new people and fellowship together while getting some exercise! This group is for men aged 20+. Meets weekly at 8:30 p.m. during Upward basketball season—through March 12th. **After March 12th, meets at 7:00 p.m.**

## Interest Based Groups

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**Tues-603**                      **7:00 p.m.**                      **Room 514**

**The Photography Club** provides an opportunity for people with a common interest in photography to exchange ideas and techniques, share knowledge, and improve photography skills while enjoying the fellowship with others in the church. Discussions and lessons include such topics as learning how to utilize various camera features and how to compose, frame, shoot, edit and present photographic images. Members are encouraged to shoot and share their photos. The group is encouraged to participate in photographing church related and other events. Additional ideas and active participation are welcome. Group will meet the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Participants must provide their own camera.

**Fri -604**                      **10:00 a.m.**                      **Room 517**

The **WHO Group (Women Helping Others)** meets the third Friday of each month to work together on service projects or other fun projects of interest to the group. Meeting time runs from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Members work in the morning, then stay to eat a sack lunch together. Join us!

**Fri-605**                      **5:00 p.m.**                      **Room 517**

**Scrapbooking Group**—Where are your photos? Can't find the time at home to scrapbook because of all the interruptions or because your little ones want to sit in your lap and "help?" Well, no more worries! Join us for a free monthly scrapbook evening on the second Friday of each month in Room 517 from 5:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Don't let your memories be stuck in a drawer or shoebox, come fellowship and scrapbook with friends. It's a great place to get new ideas and techniques too!

## Worship Arts Groups—Music Winter 2012



### **Wed-700**                      **7:00 p.m.**                      **Worship Center**

Members of the **Contemporary Worship Band and Singers** meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for practice. You will need to arrive by 9:00 a.m. on Sundays to participate in the Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. You should be proficient in your instrument. The ability to read chord charts or musical scores is also required. All potential members must audition.

### **Thurs-701**                      **7:00 p.m.**                      **Room 506**

**Blended Worship Praise Team**—If you love to sing, come and be a part of the Praise Team. Practice time is held every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Arts Room. You will need to arrive by 8:00 a.m. on Sundays to participate in the Blended Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Members should have a strong ability to maintain pitch and blend well with other voices. Audition required.

### **Thurs-701**                      **7:00 p.m.**                      **Worship Center**

**The Blended Worship Orchestra** is for those who like to minister to others through music. Practice is held once a month on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. You will need to arrive by 8:00 a.m. on Sundays to participate in the Blended Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Instrumentation involvement may vary from week to week. Audition required.

# Notes



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