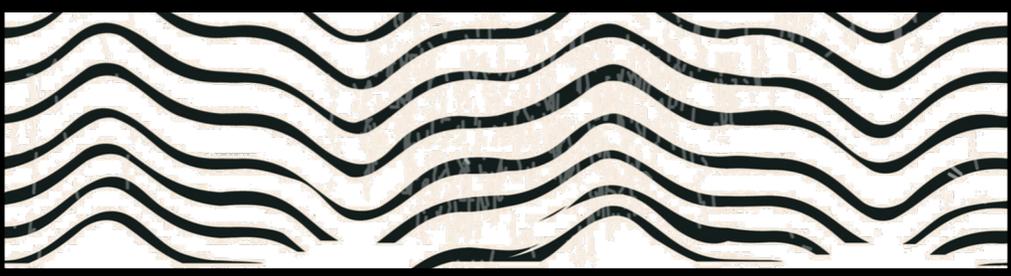




LIFEGROUP GUIDE | SPRING SEMESTER | 2022



Welcome to our LifeGroup Spring Semester!

Welcome to LifeGroups 2022!

Unsure about joining a group this semester? We encourage you to go ahead and take the plunge and give it a try! Our favorite thing about LifeGroups is that they turn friends into family as we grow together in the Lord. We believe that joining together with a community of believers creates an atmosphere where we can find freedom together. We encourage you to find a group, get involved and invite others to be a part as well. There is no greater time than now to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference!

Blessings,

Pastor Scotty Dingsen

Sunday Groups

Women's Bible Study – *Elijah* by Pricilla Shriver

Time: 10:15am

Location: 3rd Floor Classroom of Youth Center (Teen Sanctuary)

Group Leader: Cherith Altizer

Targeted Audience: Women of all ages

Every serious believer longs to summon up the kind of boldness and faith that can stand firm on Mount Carmel and pray down heaven into impossible situations. Yet few are willing to go through the process required to get them there. Strength of faith, character, and boldness can only be shaped in the hidden fires of silence, sameness, solitude, and adversity. Those who patiently wait on God in the darkness emerge with their holy loyalty cemented, their courage emblazoned, and their confident belief in Him set afire.

Join us on this 7-session 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.

Out of the Cave

Time: 10:15am

Location: 3rd Floor Classroom of Sanctuary (Above/Behind Stage)

Group Leader: Mark Vance & Drew Martin

Depression is the number one health issue in the world today, yet those who suffer are still sometimes stigmatized--especially followers of Jesus. Many assume God's peace, power, and protection should prevent us from ever feeling anxious, depressed, and afraid. But the Bible teaches otherwise, particularly in its depiction of the life of the Old Testament prophet Elijah.

In *Out of the Cave* we will use Elijah's life to show us that everyone is susceptible to depression. Even when we're walking closely with God, we can still stumble and get lost in the wilderness of tangled emotions. But we don't have to stay there, because we serve a God who meets us in the darkness. Out of the Cave helps us

Sunday Groups (cont.)

The Good Fight

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Sanctuary

Group Leader: Jack & Judy Logan

Having strength and keeping faith through the battles of life is not always easy. In this study, we will learn how to remain standing through storms and attacks of the enemy, using the weapons that God has provided for us.

Bicycling

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Chief Logan State Park, across from the Museum

Group Leader: David Quick

This group will meet in the parking lot across from the Museum at Chief Logan State Park for a devotion and a 60 minute bike ride at your own pace.

Walking With Jesus

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Chief Logan State Park, across from the Museum

Group Leader: Hailey Quick

Each week we will walk and talk about Jesus and life. Enjoy the fellowship and admire the beauty of God's creation as we walk and burn some calories!

Men's Bowling

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Plaza Lanes Bowling Alley, Logan

Group Leader: Brad Bevins & Tim Miller

Whether you are a fantastic bowler or not, you are sure to enjoy the fellowship of this group. Each week there will be a devotion followed by food, fellowship, and bowling.

Sunday Groups (cont.)

Bigger than Basketball

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Youth Center, Gym

Targeted Audience: Young Women/Women Ages 10 and Up

Group Leader: Anitra Ellis

Come enjoy some basketball and games as we discuss our true purpose, calling, and identity which can only be found in Christ. Life is *Bigger than Basketball* but there's nothing wrong with enjoying the game that God has given us.

High School Young Men's Discipleship

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Steve & MiMi Browning Residence

Targeted Audience: Young Men Grades 9-12

Group Leader: Pastor Scotty

This group is designed specifically to target young men of high school age. You never know what activity you may end up getting into with Pastor Scotty, but you will be guaranteed to learn more about Jesus while you are doing it.

Monday Groups

Women's Discipleship

Time: 2nd Monday Each Month, 6:30pm

Location: Gym

Group Leader: Alma Evans

Women's Discipleship is an opportunity for women to engage in God's Word and fellowship with one another. Refreshments are always served.

Beginners Sign Language

Time: 4:30pm – 5:15pm

Location: 2nd Floor Classroom in the Gym

Group Leader: Tiffany Thompson

This group is open to everyone of all ages. Whether you want to learn sign language to communicate with the deaf community, teach an infant, communicate with a nonverbal individual or just to learn for fun! Everyone Welcome!

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Time: 5:30pm

Location: Youth Center Gym

Group Leader: Jimi Bailey and Tiffany Thompson

Cardio focused workout that combines positive music, sweat and smiles. It will be a great time for all regardless of age, fitness level or ability.

Tuesday Groups

Food for the Homeless

Time: 9:00am

Location: Kitchen of Youth Center

Group Leader: Kristen Dingess

Looking for a way to give back to your community? This is your group! Each Tuesday, join us in the kitchen as we prepare a meal for the homeless in the town of Logan. Whether you are a "cook" or not, you have a place! This group will work in correlation with our Outreach Group who will help with getting the food where it needs to go that evening.

Tuesday Groups

Outreach

Time: Food Delivery by 5:30pm / Various other Meeting Times

Location: Youth Center/Outside City of Logan State Building

Group Leader: Dorothy Stapleton

Do you realize that you are called to be a missionary right here in Logan, WV? It is easy to think of missionaries as those who serve to take the Gospel to the far reaches of the globe, but in fact, the Great Commission (Mt. 28:14-20) and the Great Commandment (Mt. 22:36-40) are not restricted to mission work overseas. They are intended for every Christ follower! Be a part of this group as they care for, listen to, nurture, bless, and love others in our community. Serve our region together as we partner to take on this challenge of being His hands extended in our own backyard.

This group will assist with delivering food to the homeless in the town of Logan every Tuesday. Food distribution begins at 5:30pm outside the State Building in the Town of Logan. There will be other meetings to discuss other projects; dates & times TBA.

Tween Boys Group – No More Excuses

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Teen Sanctuary (3rd floor Youth Center)

Targeted Audience: Tweens aged 8-12

Group Leader: Jamie & Dee Hawkins

In No More Excuses, our middle school aged young men will be given advice and inspiration guys need to stop making excuses, stop letting their past define them, and battle on through life's most difficult circumstances. Drawing from the lives of Moses, David, Joseph, Jonah, and other men from the Bible who faced the worst, they will see that the struggles we face today are tools God uses to develop better men tomorrow.

Wednesday Groups

The Emotionally Healthy Marriage

Time: 6:30-8:00

Location: 2nd Floor Classroom in Youth Center

Group Leader: Pastor Scotty and Kristen

All of us have issues from our past that we bring into the marriage. But few of us know how to deal with those hurts as they're happening. In this inspiring series, you'll learn to celebrate your differences with your spouse, why couples fight for control and practical steps to renew your relationship. Whether you've been married for years or preparing for the journey, Emotionally Healthy Marriage is the essential resource for every couple.

This group will be offered TWICE during the semester in 5 week sessions. The first group will be March 9 – April 13th. The second will be from April 20th – May 25th.

Holy Spirit 101

Time: 6:30

Location: Sanctuary

Group Leader: Jack and Judy Logan

Are you interested in learning more about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? During this Bible teaching, plan to delve into the Spiritual Gifts, the purpose of each gift and how God intends to use people in them together.

West Logan Student Ministry

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Teen Sanctuary, Youth Center 3rd Floor

Group Leader: Pastor Cory and Billie Robinson

Targeted Audience: Middle School and High School Students

This semester we are going to strip things back and have a personal scripture reading together. We'll read through different books of the Bible, studying Jesus' interactions with people like us, and so much more. We are excited to learn more about Christ together.

Wednesday Groups (cont.)

King's Kids

Time: 6:30-8:00

Location: Youth Center Gym

Group Leader: Erica Bridges

Kids meeting together for FUN on all kinds of levels! Join us for a devotion and various activities each week.

LightKeepers Drama Team

Time: 6:00-6:30pm

Location: LightKeepers Children's Sanctuary (Youth Center 2nd Floor)

Group Leader: Shawnica Bailey & Kailey Belcher

We believe that children are not too young to be involved in ministry. This offers your student an opportunity to be involved in ministry here at WLCOG. Our drama team ministers both in and outside of our church.

Tiny Lights (3-5)

Time: 7:00pm, 1st Wednesday of each month

Location: Youth Center 1st Floor

Group Leader: Tiffany Thompson and Tinley Thompson

Targeted Audience: Children Aged 3-5

Yet another opportunity to pour into the lives of our tiniest disciples! This time together is packed with fun, games, prizes, and most importantly, God's Word. This service happens in correlation with our First Wednesday Services.

SHINE Kids

Time: 7:00pm, 1st Wednesday of each month

Location: LightKeepers Children's Sanctuary (Youth Center 2nd Floor)

Group Leader: Keri Workman

This time together is packed with fun, games, prizes, and most importantly, God's Word. This service happens in correlation with our First Wednesday Services.

Men's Basketball

Time: 7:45pm

Location: Youth Center Gym

Group Leader: Joe Ellis

Come out to the Men's Basketball Life Group! We will meet each Wednesday for a short devotion, fellowship, exercise and healthy competition.

Thursday Groups

Volleyball

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Location: Youth Center Gym

Targeted Audience: 4th Grade – 11th Grade Students

Group Leader: Valerie Robinson

Come out for some healthy competition paired with God's Word and a great time!

Teen Girls Group

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Youth Center Kitchen

Group Leader: Kristen Workman

Targeted Audience: Young Ladies aged 10-15

Some of the best and most difficult work God calls us to do is love other people. While girls may talk about their followers, likes, snaps, and being friended...what they really want is true lasting unconditional friendship! Through this group, teen girls will learn how to be a good friend and follower of Jesus while doing fun activities at the same time!

Friday Groups

All Recovery Group

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Children's Sanctuary

Group Leader: Amber Bjomson

All Recovery meetings offer support where people can share their addiction recovery experiences with an emphasis on the hope and healing for our recovery and how it has changed our lives, regardless of the "behaviors", "mindsets", or substances that is at the root of our addiction. For questions, please call our group leader Amber at 304-785-3528. Amber has a remarkable personal story of how Christ broke the chains of addiction in her life. Participants will enter the gym through the side door in the breezeway.

Saturday Groups

G.L.A.D. (Gaining Life After Divorce)

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Group Leader: *Kasie White*

A Girl's Day Out! For women who have gone through or currently going through divorce. Whether you are still single or remarried, your story may help others. Dates and times will be announced and will be held 1-2 times each month. "This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24 NLT

Men's Breakfast

Time: 10:00am

Location: Parkway

Group Leader: *Jason McCoy*

Each week this group meets at Parkway for breakfast and to talk about the Lord!

Life Groups Q & A

Why should I get involved in a Life Group?

We believe that the church is a product of the relationships of the people within it. Believers can find themselves reaching new levels in the Lord as they experience the friendship, accountability, support and community that can be found in Life Groups.

Who can attend?

Everyone! Church membership is not required and we welcome your friends and family outside of West Logan Church to join us as well.

What can I expect when I attend Life Group?

Life Groups model the beginning of the church as found in Acts 2:42-47. Each group will have time for the following:

- Teaching (bible studies, DVDs, books devotions, etc.)

- Fellowship

- Breaking of Bread (meals/snacks are enjoyed by most)

- Prayer

- Care

How are Life Groups structured?

Everyone is different: we all have our own unique interests and personalities. Our Life Groups are just as unique as we are!

Groups may be structured by gender, stage of life, age, interest or topic. Our Life Groups range from support groups, to Bible Studies, to Bowling and groups for mothers and their children.

Life Groups Q & A (cont.)

How often are Life Groups offered?

Life groups occur in two semesters: Spring and Fall. Each semester lasts anywhere 13 weeks and will break during the summer months. Each semester is short enough that is not a life commitment and just long enough to make some friends!

Can I sign up after the semester begins?

Absolutely! We realize that you may be looking to join a connect group once the groups have begun. Space is always available!

What if the group I attend isn't the right fit for me?

No problem! Everyone has different personalities and different tastes. We want your experience with Life Groups to be a positive one and that may mean trying one or two groups before you find the right fit. If you would like to change your group assignment you may contact the church office or Pastor Valerie Robinson.

How do I get more information and/or a referral to a specific group that is right for me?

You may either contact the church office at 304-752-6695, call or text Pastor Valerie Robinson at 304-687-5566, or check out our LifeGroup sign up days on Sunday mornings in the weeks prior the start of each semester.

