

## Community Group Guides

Community Groups are led by Community Guides. Each Guide is responsible for implementing the four main purposes within the small group. They are the facilitators for the Group meetings, and they reproduce themselves by mentoring Apprentice Small Group Leaders. Guides participate in initial and on-going leadership training. If you would like to use your giftedness in this dynamic leadership role, contact Pastor Jeff or check out more information at the church website – [www.westparkbaptist.org](http://www.westparkbaptist.org).

## Initial Training Seminar

All new Guides need to attend an Initial Training Seminar. Please call the church office at (865) 690-0031 for further information.

## Guide Summit

All Guides meet periodically for ongoing training and encouragement.

# Community Group/Service Calendar Winter 2007

<b>January 7</b>	<b>Community Service</b>
January 14	Community Group #1
January 21	Community Group #2
January 28	Community Group #3
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Community Service</b>
February 11	Community Group #4
February 18	Community Group #5
February 25	Community Group #6
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Community Service</b>
March 11	<b>Community Service</b>
March 18	Community Group #1
March 25	Community Group #2
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Community Service</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Easter - No groups</b>
April 15	Community Group #3
April 22	Community Group #4
April 29	Community Group #5
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Community Service</b>
May 13	Community Group #1
May 20	Community Group #2
May 27	Community Group #3
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Community Service</b>

Community Groups begin again August 2007

## INASMUCH Community Project Day Saturday, April 21

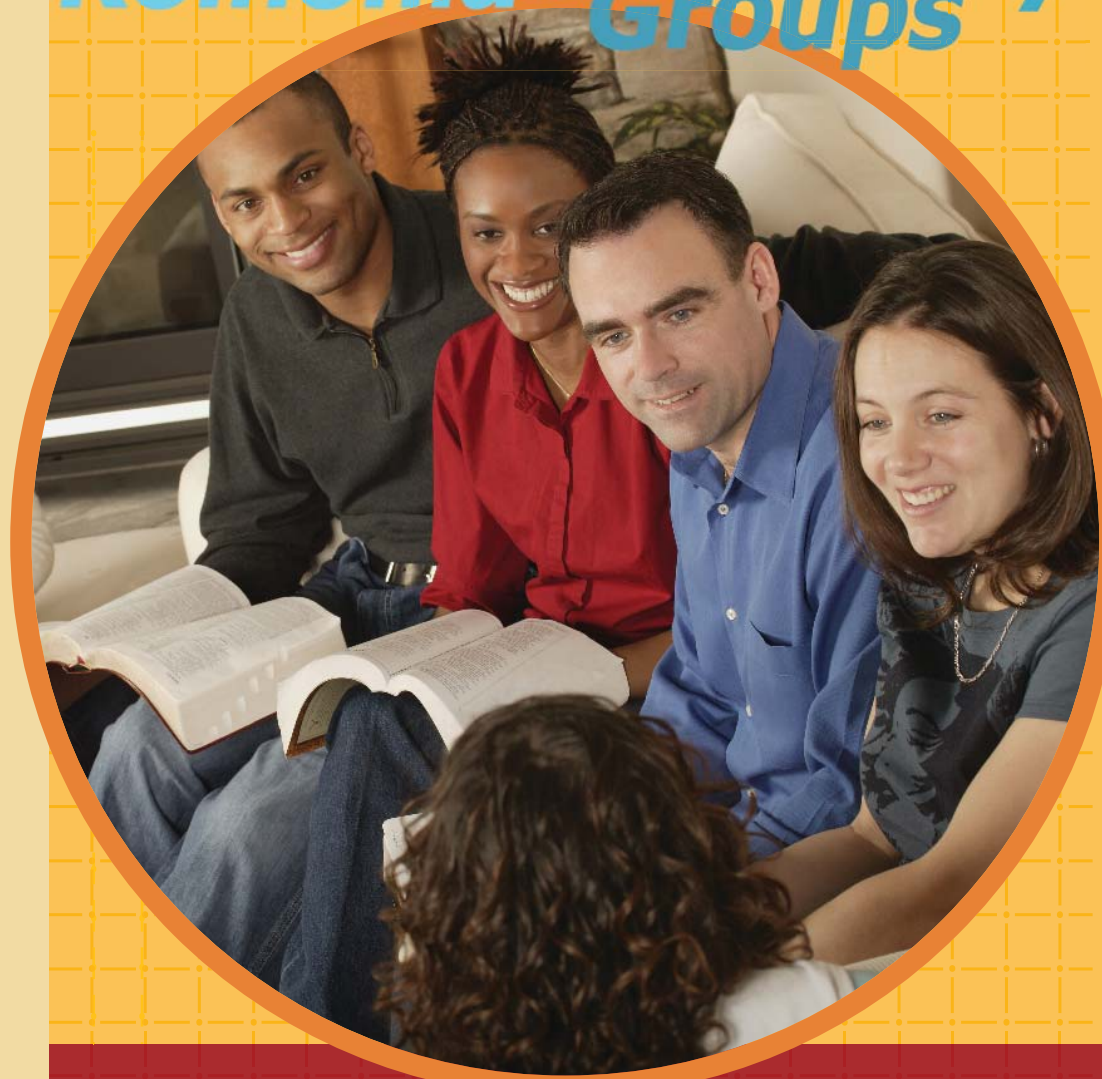
Plan ahead for your involvement in this special day of service. Join hundreds of West Park members and multiple area churches, as we serve our community by adopting one of many ministry opportunities.



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## West Park Baptist Church

# Fellowship Koινωνia Community Groups



COMMUNITY GROUPS are small groups of 8-14 people, usually meeting in a home, where people can build relationships with one another in order to help each other become better disciples of Jesus Christ. The 4 main purposes of Community Groups include:

1. Authentic Relationships – Community Groups provide the best setting for people to come together to learn from, listen to, and care for each other. It is in this setting that believers live out the “one anothers” of scripture. (Intimacy, confidentiality, prayer, care, sharing, belonging)
2. Spiritual Transformation – A non-negotiable purpose of Community Groups is that they enable members to continually grow spiritually and become stronger in their faith and obedience. This is attained as the group biblically applies God’s Word to real life, provides accountability, and grows together. (Bible study, accountability, stewardship, worship)
3. Intentional Influence – By definition, a disciple, or a mature believer, should be investing himself or herself into the lives of other believers by encouraging, equipping, and mentoring others for ministry. All members are encouraged to discover and utilize their spiritual giftedness. (Apprentice, equip, service, counsel)
4. Loving Compassion – Community Groups grow strong inwardly for the purpose of reaching outward. Community Groups exist to help reach out and assimilate un-churched neighbors and friends. They also reach out to impact the world around them through compassion ministries and projects. (Evangelism, compassion, outreach)

- Community Groups meet ~3 times per month and are tied to the Community Service. Sunday nights are reserved for Community Groups/Service. However, Groups can meet at any time throughout the week
- Community Groups are primarily developed from ABFs or other Adult ministry areas. (Worship, Student, Children’s ministry)

COMMUNITY SERVICE is usually the first Sunday of the month. The purpose of this service is to provide the environment for the “church family” to join together to participate and celebrate membership, baptisms, communion, and focused challenges from the pastoral staff.

## Straight from the Pages of Scripture

Acts chapter 2 shares with us today that the New Testament church enjoyed times of celebration and worship as they gathered together in the temple courts. At the same time, believers also regularly met together in small settings in their homes to participate in and benefit from “koinonia,” which is where we get the word for “fellowship.” This more intimate setting provides the perfect environment to carry out all of the “one anothers” of scripture. More than 50 references in the New Testament challenge us to pray for, care for, love, greet, build up, submit to, etc. one another.

As we grow bigger at West Park, we are also intentionally growing smaller by prioritizing community groups. It is our intention that ALL adults become part of this crucial community setting in order to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. Community groups help us apply scripture to our lives. It is a place to pray and care for the needs of one another. Groups provide a place for everyone to exercise their spiritual gifts to serve one another. The closeness that the groups develop is then intended to help us reach out stronger to our community through outreach and community projects.



### What Happens in a Community Group?

Community Groups meet for about 1 1/2 hours, usually on Sunday evenings. They can meet any other time the group chooses to meet with the exception of Sunday morning Celebration and Sunday evening Community Services. The time together is a balance between Bible study/application, prayer, and biblical fellowship.

### How do I connect with a Community Group?

Most Community Groups will develop from within ABFs (Congregation Level). Each ABF will assimilate members into their Groups, developing new Groups when they grow beyond 14 people. Other adult ministry areas will also provide connection to Community Groups for those who are not committed to an ABF. If you need assistance or have questions, check the website, or call Pastor Jeff Sanders.