

LIFE GROUP OFFERINGS

- FOR EVERYONE (4)
- FOR CHINESE SPEAKERS (1)
- FOR PARENTS (1)
- FOR YOUNG ADULTS - COLLEGE AGE 18-22 (1)
- FOR YOUNG ADULTS - POST COLLEGE 22-35 (1)
- FOR WOMEN (4)
- FOR MEN (2)

Type: For Everyone

Town: Arlington

Leaders: Thomas Adams, assisted by Taeseon Adams

Time: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Duration: Through June 2020

Childcare/activities: No

Format Bible study, discussion, fellowship and prayer

Topic: Book of Romans

Description: Study and facilitated discussion on the book of Romans focusing on:

- What do the scriptures say?
- What did the scriptures mean in the time and context they were written?
- What do the scriptures mean to us today and how do they apply to us personally?

Our guiding Scripture: Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

Type: For Everyone

Town: Winchester

Leaders: Rick & Jenny DiMuzio, Iain & Liz Whitfield

Time: 1st Sunday of the month (beginning Oct. 6) after the worship service
One other day of the month (preferably a Sunday afternoon) to serve somewhere outside of HCC

Duration: To be determined

Childcare/activities: No

Format Once/month on a Sunday, we will have fellowship, prayer, and a devotional on loving & serving others;
Once/month we will serve people or organizations outside of HCC

NOTE: we may not always be able to schedule these service projects on Sundays, but rather on a date that works for the recipient(s) and a majority of the group

Topic: Loving and serving others

Description: Our desire is to put feet to our faith in a way that not only addresses the spiritual needs of the group but specifically reaches beyond the walls of our church to the communities around us.

We aim to be salt & light, showing unbelievers the love of God and the power of Christian community as we work together with our LIFE group in service to them.

Service opportunities are being identified but we hope that members of the group will bring ideas for serving others as part of their participation in the group.

Type: For Everyone
Town: Billerica
Leaders: David & Sheryl Gonzales
Time: Saturday evening or Sunday after church, every two weeks, to be determined by the group members.
Duration: Through June 2020
Childcare/ activities: Yes
Format Video series followed by discussion, fellowship, prayer
Topic: Initially, marriage enrichment but later topics will be determined by the group
Description: The group is open to all including singles with the focus initially being on better understanding God's design for christian marriage. We have identified a video series called *Love Talk* by Les and Leslie Parrott with enough material for the fall semester.

We will find another topic by mutual agreement as a group for the second half of the ministry year.

Type: For Everyone
Town: Winchester
Leaders: David & Sharlene Yi
Time: Saturday evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Duration: Starting in January (*after Perspectives course*) through June 2020
Childcare/ activities: Yes
Format Potluck dinner, topical study, prayer
Topic: To be determined
Description: We meet weekly for an intentional time of fellowship over a shared potluck meal. We study the scriptures together using a no homework Bible Study series and spend time praying together. We aim to put into practice what we have learned and to challenge one another to live out our faith.

Type: For Chinese Speakers
Town: Winchester
Leaders: Ben Yu & his wife, Li Hua Huang
Time: Every other Saturday (precise times vary)
Duration: Ongoing
Childcare/ activities: Children are welcome
Format Bible study, discussion, fellowship, prayer
Topic: Finishing the book of Romans, new book TBD
Description: We meet for about an hour relatively informally. We read a passage and discuss it together, share prayer requests and pray for one another, and have fellowship. Discussion is in Chinese. Children are welcome but there is no formal childcare or activity.

Type: For Parents of Children and Youth
Town: Stoneham
Leaders: Steve & Merri Brown
Time: Every, or every other, Sunday (to be determined by the group), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Duration: Starting in January (*after Perspectives course*) through June 2020
Childcare/ activities: Yes
Format Fellowship, prayer, Bible study, with a focus on parenting issues, and discussion
Topic: Parenting today's generation of kids
Description: Our LIFE group will use the booklet, *Parenting God's Way*, by Alistair Begg as the basis for our discussions. This resource looks at how Scripture sets forth the role of parents that goes well beyond the responsibilities of getting through our busy routine of school and extracurricular activities.

In this resource Begg draws principles from the book of Ephesians that will provide a Biblical foundation for God-centered parenting. Our group will discuss ways to live these out and seek to support one another in the challenges we face.

Type: For Young Adults
(College Age: 18-22)

Town: Woburn

Leaders: Todd & Alisa Cravens

Time: Every other Sunday afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.,
beginning September 15

Duration: Through June 2020

**Childcare/
activities:** No

Format Meal, Bible study, sharing, prayer

Topic: To be determined

Description: Our time will begin with a meal together and then flow into a time of group study and sharing. The purpose will be to cultivate a deeper level of spiritual devotion to Jesus through intentional discipleship and engagement in spiritual disciplines, such as group Bible study, Scripture memorization, journaling, accountability, theological discussion, and prayer.

Type: For Young Adults
(Post-College Age: 22-35)

Town: Winchester

Leaders: Tim & Sarah Graybill

Time: Every other Thursday evening, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Duration: January through June 2020

**Childcare/
activities:** No

Format Bible study, discussion, fellowship, prayer

Topic: Book of Exodus

Description: It will include a time of snacks and desserts followed by a Bible study.

As individuals and couples who are charting a course of life in Christ in post-college adulthood, we share common life experiences, whether in respect of careers, lifestyle choices, stewardship of time, determining God's will regarding a marriage partner, or experiencing the early years of marriage.

Our aim is that together we will better understand God's heartbeat for each of us within our generation as we explore God's word and share life together.

Type: For Women
Town: Winchester
Leaders: Ruth Chamberlain
Time: Every Wednesday morning, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Duration: Through June 2020
Childcare/activities: No
Format Bible study, prayer
Topic: Focus on prayer using A.W. Tozer's *"Knowledge of the Holy."*
Description: The purpose of this group is simply to grow in Christ as we spend time with each other and in God's Word.

Type: For Women
Town: Winchester
Leaders: Elizabeth Harrah
Time: Every Tuesday morning, 9:30 -11:00 a.m., beginning September 17
Duration: September-June 2020
Childcare/activities: No
Format Bible study & discussion
Topic: 1 Corinthians
Description: Our primary focus is to study the Bible through observation, interpretation, and application.
We will also pray, encourage, and fellowship with one other.

Type: For Women

Town: Winchester

Leaders: Heather Wilson

Time: To be determined

Duration: Starting in January (*after Perspectives course*) through June 2020

Childcare/ activities: No

Format Discussion based on Scripture, cooking, mutual encouragement and prayer

Topic: Eating “healthy” to nourish God’s temple

Description: Heather is a registered dietician, passionate to help people to treat their body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, nourishing it with a plant-based diet, so that it can remain in the best condition from which a person can do God’s work!

We will meet bi-weekly at church to review an appropriate Scripture, discuss a health-eating topic, prepare recipes in the church kitchen & then taste and see!

By so doing we will share our lives together and pray for one another.

Type: For Women

Town: Winchester

Contact: Liz Whitfield

Time: Every Saturday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Duration: Through end of December 2019

Childcare/ activities: No

Format Sharing what we learned from the previous week’s Bible reading and prayer

Topic: Reading through the Bible in 2 years (four months left but you can pick up where we are)

Description: We are using a reading plan from Bible Study Together. It has an app you can follow or printed sheets in which you read about 2 chapters a day and answer 4-5 questions about your reading. We then meet and discuss what we learned through the week’s reading and pray together. All women are welcomed to join us.

Type: For Men
Town: Winchester
Leaders: Todd Cravens
Time: Every Wednesday morning, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Duration: Ongoing, beginning September 26
Childcare/ activities: No
Format Personal accountability and Bible study
Topic: Colossians
Description: This study is open to all men. The first half of our time is spent in personal accountability with the second focused on Bible study. We are mindful of our start and finish times to make certain that men can get to work in a timely manner.

Type: For Men
Town: Winchester
Leaders: David Yi
Time: Every Saturday morning, 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Duration: Through June 2020
Childcare/ activities: No
Format Fellowship, prayer, singing, Bible study, and discussion
Topic: *Prayer As An Adventure* - book series & discussion
Description: We gather before the family really gets going and help each other as men to grow spiritually in the knowledge of Jesus and the word of God. Our current topic is prayer! All men are welcome.

PERSPECTIVES COURSE

Time: Thursday evenings, September 5 - December 19, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Multifunction Room

Coordinators Todd & Alisa Cravens

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Experience 15 powerful lessons that have equipped thousands of every day believers with greater vision, hope, and passion for His glory. *Perspectives* is a course that comes with a book, study guide, and speakers from near and far.

This is an "external area-wide course" which is being hosted by Hope Christian Church. It should be noted that there will be people from other churches attending the course. The course requires registration and a registration fee (the first two sessions are "taste and see" evenings and may be attended at no charge). The church is willing to provide a \$100 subsidy in the course registration fee for anyone who is a regular attender at HCC.

We believe this course offers such excellent content in revealing the missional heart of God that we are encouraging everyone to make a special effort to participate at whatever level they can. We recognize that this may mean a temporary reduction of participation in our weekly/bi-weekly LIFE groups in the meantime - in fact we consider that the cohort from the church will share some of the fellowship and community aspects of what it means to be in a LIFE group together.

There are different levels at which you can take the course. You can audit the course, called the Key Reading level, all the way to receiving college, seminary, or ACSI credit. Course information is available at www.perspectives.com where you can also register. When registering, all HCC regular attenders can use the code HCC100 for \$100 off the price of the course.
