# Small Group Ministries

Saint Andrew CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An Opportunity to Join and Create Community

## **Small Group Ministry**

at Saint Andrew Christian Church

One of Saint Andrew's key values is "Create Community." One of the important ways we create that community is through meaningful relationships in small groups. Saint Andrew has so many different types of small groups and for all ages in the church. Some of the small groups consistently happen all the time. Other small groups are formed to meet for



smaller periods of time. Small groups are a wonderful way to get to know other people in the church and strengthen your relational connections.

This brochure highlights all the various small groups that Saint Andrew offers throughout the year. We hope you will create some time to be a part of one or more of these groups. Saint Andrew is known for its social justice and progressive theology. We would love for you to embrace these key parts of our church while forming meaningful relationships with others at the same time.

If you have questions about any of the small groups you can email the church at office@sacchome.org to learn more about the small group that interests you. You may also contact any of the staff directly if you want to learn more about these opportunities.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew the phrase, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). There is power in groups to learn more about each other, about God, and even yourself. Join a small group at Saint Andrew today to deepen the relationships at the church and deepen your faith.

Rev. Dr. Chris Wilson Senior Pastor

## **On-Going Groups**

#### Dinners for 6, 7, 8

Each year the church forms dinner groups.
The group will meet for the year rotating to various homes within the group. You can sign up for adults only or a family dinner group.
These group are formed in January and will leave spaces for new families that come in to join a group in the middle of the year. Each year new dinner groups are formed.

4<sup>th</sup> Friday Family Gathering Group (new)
People in the church with youth and children
are invited to a family's home on the 4th
Friday of each month at 7:00pm. The
intention is to be together for fellowship and
relationship building. Everyone is invited to bring their own

#### Brewed Night (new)

drinks, snacks and chairs.

This is an informal group open to anyone that wants to meet at a local brewery for conversation and fellowship. The group currently meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Grinder's Stonewall (10240 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa, KS) from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.



#### Tuesday Night Bible Study Group

A member of the church leads a weekly Bible study on Tuesday nights. The class will take a deep look at a particular book of the Bible. When that book is complete, they will decide on the next book of the Bible to study. They meet at 7:00pm.

#### **Justice Book Group**

Formed in the Summer of 2020, we read books focused on racism, racial equity, refugees and immigrants. Our book discussions are held via Zoom approximately every 6-8 weeks. New members are always welcome!



#### Men's Ministry

**Breakfast Gatherings:** Men are invited to gather for breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:30am at Ginger Sue's off 119th for food and fellowship.



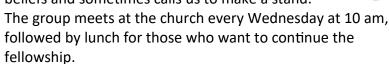
**Work Morning:** The men gathering on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:00am to 11:00am to work on property projects. They are focused projects to be completed on that day.

#### Women's Ministry

**Ladies Night Out:** Women gather once a month on the 3rd Tuesday night of the month at a local restaurant for food, fellowship and relationship building.

**Wise Women:** This is a group for women of all ages. Each month will feature a varied and interesting program on timely topics such as health, creativity, relationships, ritual, traditions, and community issues. Come and see what the group is all about. They meet the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of each month, 7:00pm at church.

Saint Andrew Study Circle [SASC] (new): This is a women's self-led group that meets weekly using books, videos, articles, and other resources to help us understand how we can walk our faith in our daily lives. The topics may explore some material that challenges our beliefs and sometimes calls us to make a stand.





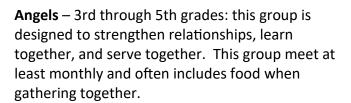
#### Youth/Children's Groups

**Sunday Fellowship Group** – 6th through 12th grades: Youth meet almost every Sunday. A light meal is provided. This is a caring environment for fun, community engagement, lively discussions on relevant topics, and strengthening fellowship. The time for this gathering is 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

**D&D Club:** Youth that are in 6th through 12th can participate in a twice a month group that plays D&D together. It is a fun way to engage in relationships and play a fun on-going game together.

Saint Andrew Youth [SAY] – 9th through 12th grades: In addition to other youth activities, SAY meets weekly on Tuesday nights for relationship building, topical discussions, and fellowship. The Tuesday gatherings are from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and meet at the church or at a local restaurant. SAY also meets for Sunday School on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am.

**Chi Rho** – 6th through 8th grades: In addition to other youth activities, Chi Rho meets for Sunday School on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am.

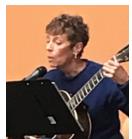


Pastor's Class: this a class offered to young people who show an interest in baptism or being confirmed. It is suggested that a young person be in fifth grade or older to be a part of this process.

The class explores themes of faith, church, and help a young person be ready to make a decision about their discipleship and path of faith. This group is typically offered in the Spring.



Music is a vital part of our church worship life. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, there is a place for you to share your gifts. We have a choir, band, and opportunities for ensembles or solo sharing of music. We loved adding to the music talent of our church.



## **Occasional Groups**

#### Senior Pastor Studies (new)

The Senior Pastor will lead various short-term studies: book studies, theological studies, or topical studies. The intent is to engage our minds and strengthen relationships within the church.

#### **Book Studies**

The church will offer book studies related to matters of justice, spiritual formation, and theology. These are often led by church member who have excellent skills in leading these studies.

### Disciples of Christ Theology/History Class

Saint Andrew is part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. As new people become connected to the church, Saint Andrew offers a series of classes to give people knowledge of our movement in terms of theology, history, and vision. Our wider denomination history gives important context to Saint Andrew as a congregation.



#### White Caucus Groups

As part of the church's effort to engage in anti-racism we have groups form occasionally. White Caucuses are an important mechanism for people who identify as white and/or have



white skin privilege to do their own work. It provides an environment and intention to authentically and critically engage in whiteness, white privilege, and hold each other accountable for change. We explore how to recognize whiteness and white privilege, identify and interrupt our internalized dominance, and collectively develop strategies for liberation and change. These groups are a next step following some form of anti-racism training.

#### Seasonal Small Groups

Each year this is an opportunity to sign-up for short-term small group activities that only meet for a short period of time. The intent is to connect people around common interests. Information about these seasonal small groups get shared in the newsletter and in worship. It is a great way to form relationships with others on subjects of commonality.

