

HOME GROUPS



Fall 2019 Directory
Omaha Bible Church

"The truth of Christ applied to our hearts in fellowship and service with others"

Home Groups 2019-2020

Our Hope

In Home Groups we hope people learn what it means to love Jesus Christ and live the life of a disciple. Our hope is that Home Groups create a space for all people - those who have an existing faith in Jesus, and those who are uncertain in what they believe. The purpose of our Home Groups is to grow and be challenged in the context of a smaller group of people. At Omaha Bible Church, we meet together on Sunday morning for worship service and then in smaller gatherings called Home Groups twice each month. Joining a Home Group is a primary way our church cultivates meaningful one to one relationships with one another, and this is one of the many ways we believe God grows us as believers in Jesus. Whether you are new to Omaha Bible Church or have been attending for years, we encourage you to experience the love and care of a gospel-centered small group by joining a Home Group.

Our Groups

Our Home Groups meet every other week throughout the city of Omaha. This year we will be continuing to read and discuss our way through the Gospel of John and as we do we will discuss such topics as what is the gospel, who is Jesus, and what did he come to do. We will also sing, pray, and serve one another and those outside our group. We want our Home Groups to be small so we have room to invite our neighbors, friends, family and co-workers. One of the purposes of Home Groups is to reach those who do not know Jesus as Savior with the gospel of Christ as proclaimed in the Bible. Home Groups are in some ways very typical of other social gatherings in Omaha, however, they are distinct groups founded where friendships are developed and shaped by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Leaders

Home Groups are led by leaders who use their unique gifts and abilities to teach and care for the members of their group. Their purpose is not to model perfection, for they are sinners too, but to demonstrate a heart willing to be shaped by and to grow in Jesus Christ. Our leaders facilitate Home Group meetings and organize the ongoing life of the group. They open up their lives to listen, and faithfully walk with the people in our church. Interested in becoming a leader? Contact Pastor Mike Holloway at mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org

Here's how to join a Home Group:

You do need to register for a Home Group as we want to keep them small and intimate and ensure they continue to work well in a home setting. Here is how you sign up.

- 1) Look through the 2019 Home Group Directory or check the website or app and find an open Home Group you think might be a good fit for you and/or your family.
- 2) Then to register you can talk to one of the Home Group leaders or stop by the Home Groups table in the lobby through Sept. 15th to sign up or email Pastor Mike Holloway at mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org
- 3) After signing up, you will be contacted by your Home Group leader to welcome you to the group and give you details on the next upcoming meeting. For general questions, email Pastor Mike Holloway at mholloway@omahabiblechurch.org

Home Groups are listed from East to West in the Omaha Area.

RAVEN OAKS HOME GROUP – THIS GROUP IS FULL

(Meets near 60th & State at 8941 N. 56th Ave. Cir., Omaha NE 68152)

Leader: Michael Herrington; email – mmm4isu@msn.com; (402) 573-5662

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Married Couples and Singles, Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: We begin our time together with fellowship around a meal. We then spend time looking into God's word and praying. We enjoy the home setting because our kids range in age from preschool to high school and we like to include the entire family in the study time. We kick off the study at 1:30 and usually end by 3:00.

KEYSTONE HOME GROUP– THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 82nd and Fort at 8180 Browne Street, Omaha, NE 68134)

Leader: Doug Johnson; cradle2crayons@aol.com; (402) 572-4101

When: Every other Tuesday, beginning September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Who: This is an Adult Couples Group

Group Bio: Our group will be focused on reading and discussing the Bible, challenging one another, prayer time, and snack or dessert/fellowshipping. The importance of a small group is not only what happens on meeting night, but also what happens in our hearts and lives and loving one another when the unexpected happens in our everyday lives. We hope to intersperse occasional activities, dinners and outreach. We are a home with dogs and also have one member who has fragrance allergies.

WESTROADS HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 96th and Blondo at 1311 N. 98th Court., Omaha NE 68114)

Co-Leader: Eric Ball, email - ekbball@gmail.com; (402) 578-8958

Co-Leader: Greg Gensler, email – ghgensler@icloud.com; (402) 690-2654

When: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 4 p.m.

Who: Singles, Empty Nesters, and Retired

Group Bio: Our group meets at the home of Eric and Denise Ball. We look forward to getting to know one another and building each other up.

NORTHWEST OMAHA HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 103rd & Fort Street at 5122 Eastridge Drive, Omaha NE 68134)

Leader: Lucas Thomas; email – lucasthomas1@live.com; (402) 658-7828

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Who: Married Couples, Families with Children, College/Career Singles; Everyone is welcome

Group Bio: Our mission is to encourage and exhort believers outside of corporate worship as we engage the world in our daily lives. We will begin our time together with Bible reading and discussion. We will start at 5:00 p.m. and end prayer between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. We will complete our fellowship with a small snack or dessert.

SUNNY SLOPE HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 108th & Fowler Ave. at 10275 Grand Ave. Omaha NE 68134)

Leader: Dallas Focht; email - d.fochtiii@att.net; (402) 321-8690

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 6 p.m.

Who: Adults and Families with Older Children

Group Bio: Our group meets at the home of Jerod and Amanda Abuhl. We desire to encourage one another and build one another up in the Lord in order that we might be faithful witnesses to the grace of Christ in each other's lives and to our neighbors. We will spend time singing hymns, reading and discussing the Bible, praying, and sharing food and fellowship.

CHAMPIONS RUN HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 132nd & Blondo at 13449 Sherwood Ave, Omaha, NE 68164)

Leader: Martin Bast; email – thebasts@cox.net; (402) 660-3267

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Who: Everyone is welcome – including children!

Group Bio: We rejoice with all the saints that He has “called us into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9). We begin each gathering with a bit of socializing before transitioning to the scheduled Bible text and then prayer for the church and personal matters. Our group is currently quite small, and on the mature side of life, but know that everyone is most welcome to check us out.

BENNINGTON HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 144th & State at 14871 Mormon St, Bennington, NE 68007)

Leader: Mike Grimes; email – mgrimes@omahabiblechurch.org; (402) 670-6806

When: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Who: Families with children of all ages

Group Bio: Our group is made up of young marrieds who don't have children or are just beginning their family. We begin our evening with a time of reading and discussing the Bible followed by a time of prayer. Our desire is that as we discuss the Bible and pray for one another we are encouraged and find opportunities to serve and encourage one another. Following our time of study and prayer we end the evening with a time of fellowship with snacks and desserts. We meet in the home of Tim & Jenny Hare.

ZORINSKY LAKE HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS FULL

(Meets near 156th & Q St. at 4735 South 154th Plaza, Omaha 68137)

Leader: Dave Guthrie; email - arlog60@gmail.com; (402) 981-1115

When: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Who: Empty Nesters and Single Seniors (adults only)

Group Bio: We will meet in our home for lunch after the Sunday morning service. Everyone will bring something to share for our meal. Following lunch we will be reading and discussing The Gospel of John. Our ultimate purpose is to glorify God by stimulating evangelism, spiritual growth, and discipleship through relationships based on the gospel and Jesus Christ. Due to meal planning please call before attending. We desire to build closer relationships with one another and grow together.

STONE CREEK HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets near 156th and Fort at 16018 Curtis Ave., Omaha, NE 68116)

Leader: John Schmoll; email - johnpschmoll@gmail.com; (402) 813.1956

When: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Couples, Singles, Empty Nesters, Everyone is welcome

Group Bio: We want to reflect the diversity of the body of Christ as we enjoy getting to know each other and understanding the Bible better together. All ages and stages of life are welcome here as we all have something to learn from and appreciate about each other! We start our time with a potluck meal together after church and then read and discuss a Bible passage before breaking for prayer, praise and hanging out together. We kick off our Bible reading and discussion time at 1:30 and end by 3 p.m.

SOUTHWEST OMAHA HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS FULL

(Meets near 168th & Harrison at 6711 S. 163rd St, Omaha NE 68135)

Leaders: Matt Holloway & Willie Zwiener; email - mattjholloway@gmail.com; (402) 212-8035

When: Our group meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 3:30 pm,

Who: Families with Children, Married Couples and Singles, Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: Our group meets at the home of Willie & Debra Zwiener. We read and discuss God's Word, pray for one another, and spend time in fellowship. Our desire is to care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and encourage each other as ambassadors for Him to our neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers. Our group is currently made up of families with children, but all are welcome.

WEST OMAHA HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS FULL

(Meets near 168th & Blondo at 1506 N. 164th St, Omaha NE 68118)

Leaders: Vimal George & Brian Meade; email – Vimal: thegeorgez@gmail.com; (402) 321-2270;
or email - Brian: bhmeade@gmail.com; (402) 218-3771.

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Who: Families with Children, Married Couples and Singles, Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: Our group is casual and friendly and we are excited to study the Bible, pray for one another and enjoy fellowship together. We are currently made up of families with children, primarily elementary and middle school aged. During adult Bible reading and discussion and prayer time the children are in the basement and are cared for by adults where they play games, have story time and prayer. We begin with a group dinner and fellowship followed by time in the Word and prayer.

RIVERSIDE LAKES HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets just west of Elkhorn at 22350 S. Shore Drive, Waterloo, NE 68069)

Leader: Frank Barber; email - fbarber@noddlecompanies.com; (402) 681-5365

When: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 6 p.m.

Who: Singles, Empty Nesters, and Retired

Group Bio: Our group enjoys a great environment of significant small group interaction for the purpose of better understanding and living in light of the gospel of Christ. A relaxed atmosphere of fellowship sets the stage for being wholly impressed by the gospel of Christ, in order that we might recognize our daily dependence upon Christ to the glory of Christ.

WATERLOO HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS OPEN

(Meets just west of Elkhorn at 503 Waterloo Dr, Waterloo, NE 68069)

Leader: Todd Swift; email – tswift1@cox.net; (402) 699-7206

When: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Who: Singles, Married Couples, and Families with Older Children

Group Bio: Our group meets at the home of Todd and Laura Swift. We are a group of adults and families with older children that are committed to building into each other's lives through reading and discussing the Bible and prayer. Included at every meeting is the added enjoyment of food, singing, and fellowship.

VALLEY HOME GROUP - THIS GROUP IS FULL

(Meets just west of Valley, NE at 58 Ginger Cove Rd, Valley, NE 68064)

Leader: Ben Meier; benmeierllc@gmail.com; (402) 210-5313

When: First meeting is October 6th at 6 p.m., then 1st & 3rd Friday's of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Who: Singles, Married Couples, Families with Children, and Empty Nesters. Everyone is welcome.

Group Bio: This will be a laid back group with understanding for little ones running around while we learn about our great Savior. We plan to enjoy food and fellowship together in our home while building-up one another in the trust as shown in the Bible.