

Women's Groups

Digging Deeper Together

Do you desire to go deeper with Christ and one another? We're currently studying the life of David. Join us to study God's word, share and pray with one other.

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

7-9:15pm in the Andersonville/Edgewater area

- Jenny Haas: jenny@jchaas.com
- Gloria Grell: gloriagrell@gmail.com

Women's Group

You're invited to be encouraged and encourage others to live lives of faithfulness through our study of the Bible using Beth Moore's book series.

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm at First Free, Room 124

- Suzanne VanKersen: svankersen@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Join us as with study the Bible together!

Mondays, 7pm in the Andersonville/Edgewater area

- Judy McGuire: judithmcguire@ameritech.net

This group is closed at this time.

Moms in Prayer

Our primary focus is guided, Scripture-based prayer time for our children, also praising God for who He is and what He has done for us. Moms In Prayer is an international movement to join mothers throughout the world.

Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Office Conference Room (5241 building)

- Nancy Hall: nancyhall_99@yahoo.com
(Also contact for info about starting groups at your school, etc.)

Small Groups

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Small groups are a vital part of Christ-centered community within First Free, making urban disciples of Jesus who are themselves making disciples.

If you do not see a group that fits your schedule or needs, or you would like to explore starting a new small group, please contact our Small Group Leadership Team: smallgroups@firstfree.com

- Del Shimandle, Pastor of Outreach Ministries
- Jenny Haas

For a list of recovery groups (dealing with things like alcohol, narcotics and sexual addictions) that meet independently but at First Free throughout the week, visit: firstfree.com/recovery.

General Groups

Korte's Small Group

We wish to grow close in fellowship, worship and study our God, discuss shared issues, and eat. Topic of discussion is jointly determined at the beginning of each year or semester. At this time, we are studying "7 Habits of Highly Effective Families."

Bi-monthly on Sundays, 12:30-2:45pm, in members' homes

- Andrea Korte: jeff_and_andrea_korte@att.net
- Jeff Korte: jeffreyakorte@gmail.com

This group is open to adding one additional family at this time.

Stu's Small Group

New study tbd soon. Our most recent study was Soong-Chan Rah's prophetic exposition of the book of Lamentations, *Prophetic Lament: a Call for Justice in Troubled Times*.

Tuesdays, 7-9pm at 5239 N Ashland

- Stu Modrzejewski: smod@firstfree.com

Together at the Table

We're a group of early adults (mostly mid 20s to mid 30s, couples and singles), focused on building community and feeding both body and soul. Our goal is to grow closer to God – both individually and as a body of Christ – by studying God's Word through the Bible and various devotional books, praying for each other, eating together, and having honest dialogue. We also plan social activities! We are currently studying the book of Lamentations.

Tuesdays, 7-9pm, location in West Ridge

- Léa Tiéno-Gustafson: lea.tienou@gmail.com
- Darrell Tiéno-Gustafson: darrell.gustafson@gmail.com

This group is closed at this time.

Family Groups

Our First Disciples

A discussion-filled Sunday School style small group for parents that centers on corporate prayer for our children, introductions to Christian child-rearing methods, and a supportive community of fellow parents. We include teaching by guest speakers and an introduction to various

resources for parents. Nursery care provided. Although primarily intended for newer parents and parents of young children, this group would be relevant for all parents or future parents. We are currently studying *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas.

Sundays, 8:30-9:50am at First Free, Room 124

- Natalia Leonard: liaaria26@gmail.com
- Daniel Leonard: danielleonard83@gmail.com

This group is closed at this time.

Parents of First Free Youth/Teens

We begin our monthly Youth Night with a meal all together, teens and parents. Then the youth continue with a study and fun time, while parents break away and for study and discussion; currently Axis Teen Summit video series & *The Space Between, A Parent's Guide To Teenage Development*.

Last Sunday of each month, 6pm at First Free

- Stu Modrzejewski: smod@firstfree.com

Men's Groups

Men Who Pray and Read the Bible

Bible study, focused prayer, and building relationships with one another. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

Sundays, 7-9pm at First Free, Room 120

- Andrew Studee: astudee@gmail.com
- Mark Esper: mesper@schosp.org

Men's Bible Study & Prayer

Goal: To grow in personal discipleship (obedience to Jesus), so that it affects every area of our lives. Focus: 1&2 Peter. Method: 1) Study - Read in advance a pre-assigned passage for each meeting; read passage out loud at the meeting; discuss application to our lives (i.e., less "this is what I think it means", and more "this is how I can/will apply this passage.") 2) Prayer - Share specific personal challenges as husbands/fathers, then pray for each other, and our wives and/or children. 3) Social - Hang out and chat or be free to leave as personal schedules permit each week. We are studying at this time.

Fridays, 7-8:30am at First Free, Fellowship Hall

- Del Shimandle: dshimandle@firstfree.com

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