

Small Groups at Grace Covenant Church

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The church has numerous roles in God's kingdom, and a great way to learn and practice these roles is in a smaller setting. The early church met both as a body for corporate worship, but also in homes (Acts 5:42). In a similar fashion, we meet on Sunday mornings for corporate worship, and have small groups that meet throughout the week. In these small groups, we can enjoy more intimate fellowship and encourage one another both in our relationship with God, and our relationships with one another (Hebrews 10:24).

Small groups do not supplant meeting for corporate worship. Instead, they provide a setting where the church begins to experience the kind of closeness that will characterize the life of the redeemed in the age to come.

Among the reasons to become involved in a small group:

1. **Discipleship:** Small groups provide opportunities for believers to learn from each other as they apply the gospel within the intimacy of relationships
2. **Study:** By discussing and applying Scripture together, members can learn to understand not only the Bible, but also each other, so that each will know better how to love the other.
3. **Curiosity:** When small group leaders cultivate an environment of openness and trust, group members are encouraged to ask questions they might not ask elsewhere.
4. **Accountability:** Every member should encourage and gently urge their brothers and sisters to better follow the Lord.
5. **Shepherding:** If small groups can help believers assist each other, they can also help elders shepherd their flocks with greater familiarity and empathy.
6. **Evangelism:** It may be easier for church members to invite friends to a small group who are unready to come to church.
7. **Hospitality:** As believers gather in homes for food and spiritual conversation, those present can witness hospitality blossoming from theory to practice.
8. **Commitment:** For those who are guests and attendees at our church, small groups can provide a way to better understand the life of the church.
9. **Prayer:** In small groups, children and parents, neighbors and friends, elders and new converts help each other come to the throne of grace, articulating their praise and petitions in personalized words and accents.
10. **Socializing:** Fellowship is not a spiritually neutral activity. As we catch up with friends and make new ones, we practice our calling to understand and love each other.

Derived from William Boekestein's article:

<https://corechristianity.com/resource-library/articles/10-benefits-of-church-small-groups>

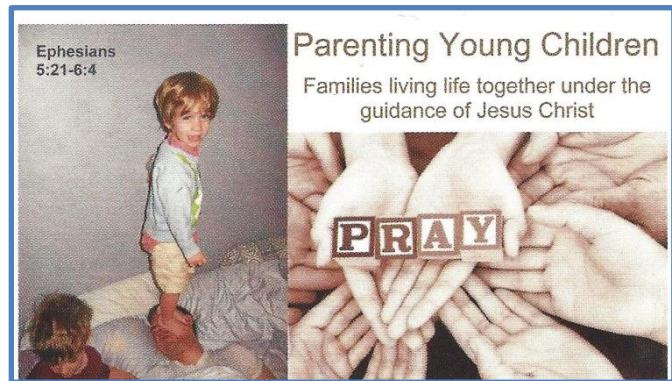
SUNDAY:

Parenting Young Children Small Group

4:30pm

1st Sunday of each month will be at the Lahr home in Morrison, CO

3rd Sunday of each month will be at the Elkinton home in Littleton, CO



We are families living life together under the guidance of Jesus Christ. If you have young children, we ask that you consider joining us. We will meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 4:30pm. Books provided by the group for studies. Currently, we are in the study “The Art of Parenting” from Family Life. This 8-session study will consist of video, some light reading, and a study guide for discussion.

<https://www.familylife.com/parenting/>

Curriculum Review: *“It’s not enough to teach children about God. You have to work in preparing their path to success and help them each step of the way.”*

Food and fellowship will be available for adults and children beginning at 4:30pm. At 5pm children will go to a separate room where childcare is provided and adult study time will open in prayer. The study and discussion will be followed with closing prayer ending by 7pm.

How will history view us? Legacies lost... Years wasted... Destinies destroyed? As Abraham, Isaac and Jacob worked through generations, it is time we do the same. We hold the baton of faith that our children so desperately need. In a wakeup call to parents, Doug and Lisa Cherry ignite the revolution of generations. Disqualification is no longer an option. The hand-off must be made. See Ephesians 5:21-6:4

For more information please contact the church office: 303-988-7505 x10

MONDAY:

**Steve and Shelley Burdick's Small Group – 6:45pm
(All)**



We meet in our home @ 6:45 pm Mondays. The Bible study topic is determined by the group and is currently in the Old Testament book of Daniel. Our group is open to all.

About the Book of Daniel:

The genre of the book of Daniel is Narrative History, Prophetic Oracle, and it includes Apocalyptic material. The prophet Daniel wrote it around 530 B.C. and his writings records the events of the Babylonian captivity in 560-536 B.C. to which Daniel was a servant. It also describes the apocalyptic visions given by God, and reveals the events and plans for everyone's future. Key personalities of this book include Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Belshazzar, and Darius.

The purpose of this book is to provide a historical account how the Lord God protected and provided for His faithful followers while in captivity. It also includes a vision of future redemption and hope.

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WEDNESDAY:

Nick and Katie's Small Group – 6:45 thru 8pm (Young Adults)



We will be meeting the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month for normal small group. Some 3rd Wednesday's of the month we do community nights: games/ worship/ crafts.

Join us as we strive to build community with one another. This small group is aimed towards post high school life livers, college students, and young professionals who are interested in pursuing an intentional walk with Christ. We are married, single, and somewhere in between. New believers, older believers, and some folks just feeling things out. Our goal is to create community with one another, and to engage with the believers and nonbelievers alike with true meaning.

Our Five guiding questions include:

- 1) What does it mean to live intentionally?
- 2) How can we become God's hands and feet?
- 3) How do we thrive in a community of believers?
- 4) How can we engage with the Bible?
- 5) What does it look to be in relationship with Christ?

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FRIDAY:

**MY TRIBE Women's Bible Study Small Group –
6:30-9pm (beginning 1-31-2020)
(All women are welcome! Ages 18-99)**
Grace Covenant Church – South Building (downstairs)
10101 W Mississippi Ave, Lakewood, CO 80226
Corner of Kipling and Mississippi



Calling ALL Women at Grace Covenant Church!!! Have you ever felt a longing in your heart to be fully seen, fully known, and fully loved by a community of friends who stand with you no matter what? You are invited to make MY TRIBE your tribe and see how great (joyful, fun, outrageous, victorious) life can be when women adventure together with God!

Childcare (birth through second grade) available, but please RSVP to Kelly Gibson by the Thursday prior to the Friday you want to attend. You may also call Debbie Gilmore or Lynne Pott with any questions.

Hope to see you there!

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FRIDAY:

**FriendZ – 7-9pm (for 7th thru 12th grade)
(Youth Group)**

Grace Covenant Church – Sanctuary
10101 W Mississippi Ave, Lakewood, CO 80226
Corner of Kipling and Mississippi



This group is open to any and all youth (7-12th grade) no matter where they are on their spiritual journey--everyone is welcome. Our first hour is games and second hour is a time of worship and teaching and prayer.

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SATURDAY:

Men's Fellowship – 7-9am

IHOP in Belmar
389 S Wadsworth Blvd
Lakewood, CO 80226



We meet for a time of fellowship, in the east room.

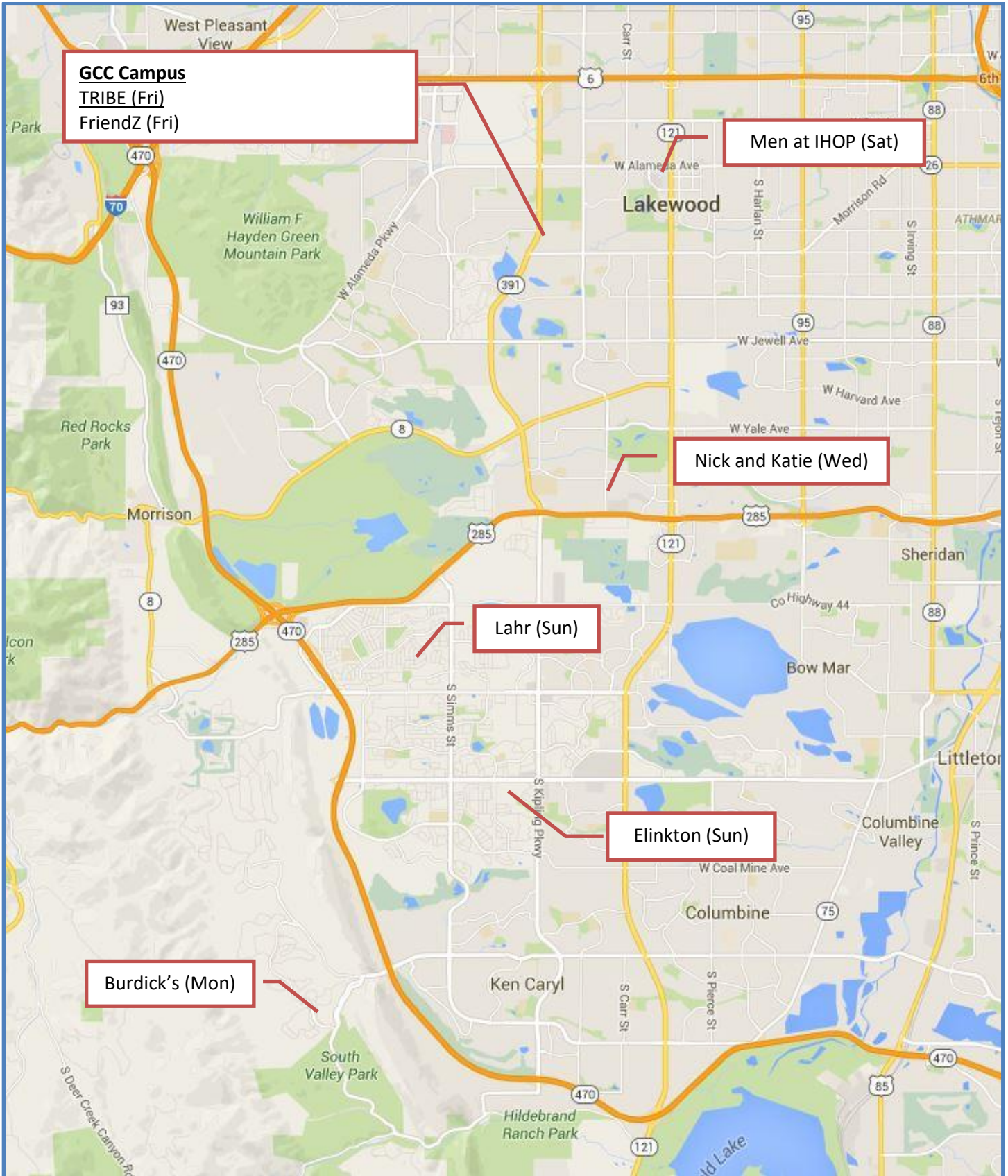
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For questions regarding Small Groups at Grace Covenant Church, contact:

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GCC Small Group Locations



Note that the dates provided on this map do NOT indicate frequency of meetings. Check the group listing.