

2012 Spring Small Groups

This 12 week semester begins the week of January 29 and concludes the week of April 22. We will not have Small Groups the week of March 11 because of Spring Break.

Childcare is provided for all Wednesday evening groups that meet at the church. Childcare is for nursery age through elementary age. **Children may be dropped off any time after 6:45p and must be picked up by 8:15p.** There is also a mid-week YOUTH service that is offered for Jr. and Sr. high school students on Wednesdays.

Childcare is also provided on Sunday mornings and may be offered during some of the other small groups, as indicated in the description area.

We encourage you to review all of the groups that are offered and prayerfully consider which group is right for you. We're sure you'll find one that will bless you — and fit in with your busy schedule. We encourage everyone who attends Willowbrook Church to make time for Small Groups!
You'll be glad you did!

WHEN DO SMALL GROUPS MEET?

Because Small Groups are such a vital component of the ministry offered at Willowbrook Church, we have Small Groups that meet at the church and various places within the community and on various days and times. Check out this booklet for a listing of Small Groups available this Spring. Included is a description of the group, meeting dates, time, location, and other important information.

WHY SMALL GROUPS?

1. Small Groups Are Biblical.

Acts 2:42 tells us that the New Testament Christians devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Fellowship was something that was specifically done in homes. The Bible tells us to:

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24)

Be concerned for each other's interests (Philippians 2:4)

Pray and rejoice with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17)

2. Small Groups Provide Community.

Bill Hybels, the Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois defines "community" as a place where you can:

Know and be known

Celebrate and be celebrated

Serve and be served

Love and be loved

3. Small Groups Provide Fellowship.

Small Groups provide the time and place to get to know one another better. Our weekend services are great for worship, preaching, teaching, and prayer—but not always the best environment for getting to know other people in the church. Small Groups are open to everyone and guests are always welcome.

4. *Small Groups Provide Ministry.*

When someone in a Small Group has a need, the members of the group are quick to respond and support each other. The closeness of the group provides a safe place to express needs to one another, and an opportunity to give and receive ministry.

5. *Small Groups Provide Spiritual Growth.*

In a Small Group, people develop committed and trusting relationships with each other and the Lord as they share their lives and minister to one another's needs. This is important because Christianity is a lifestyle, not simply a set of teachings. Close, personal relationships are essential to spiritual growth. Small Groups provide the ideal environment where relationships between believers can form and healthy, spiritual growth can occur.

**So, join us this Spring and get
connected...
There's a Small Group available
just for you!**

Our Small Groups are designed to be short-term and flexible. They vary from fellowship groups, to Bible Studies, to interest groups – you name it...there's one for you.

So,

**WELCOME TO THE SMALL GROUP
MINISTRY OF WILLOWBROOK CHURCH...
where LIFE CHANGE happens!**

SPRING 2012 Guide At A Glance

SUNDAYS

8:30a	Rm 203	Everyone	Prayer	Alan & Julie Hasling
9:30a	Rm 201	Everyone	Finances	Pat & Teresa Fox
11:00a	Rm 202	Everyone	Journey	Pastor Brian

MONDAYS

7:00p	Home	Men	Desiring God	Blane Robertson
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TUESDAYS

10:00a	Student Building	Women	Girls Gone Wise	Marti Owens
7:00p	House of Prayer	H. S. Girls	Girls Gone Wise	Brianna Bowen

WEDNESDAYS

6:30a	House of Prayer	Men	Strongman Summit	Pastor Steve
7:00p	House of Prayer	Kids	Flipside Discovery	Lorenzo & Jackie Zavala
7:00p	Rm 203	Adults	Alpha Course	Sajjan George
7:00p	Rm 201	Adults	Colossians/Galatians	Ken Avery
7:00p	Rm 202	Parents	Grace Based Parenting	Mark & Sandee Royalty
7:00p	Rm 204	Adults	Go Fish	Floyd Gaskins
7:00p	Kitchen	Adults	Who We Are in Christ	David Knight
7:00p	Sanctuary	Men	Courageous	Tom Herold
7:00p	Rm 105	Men	Man of Passion	Jim Millspaugh/Jason Lujan
7:00p	Rm 205	Women	Wonder Women of the Bible	Missy Millspaugh
7:00p	Mom's Retreat	Couples/Mature Believers		Ray & Tracy Horvath
7:00p	Home	Adults	Spiritual Health	Val Carter

THURSDAYS

9:30a	Chick-Fil-A	Women	Breakfast Club	Lorena Gaskins
7:00p	House of Prayer	Girls; 10-18	Music Appreciation	Kimmy Gaskins

FRIDAYS

7:00p	Home	College/Career	Young Adults	Gaskins
6:30p	Home (every other week)	Jr. High Students		Justin & Natalie Brandt

SATURDAYS

9:30a	House of Prayer	Women	Daughter of the King	Mary Knight
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MONTHLY – TBA

Various	Boomers (50+)	Fellowship		Nancy Reiszner/Kay Davis
Various	Women	Fellowship		Rhonda Bowen
Various	Everyone	Service to Homeless Shelter		Kristi Cox

Sunday

Pre-Service Prayer at 8:30am

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 203**

Leaders: **Alan & Julie Hasling** 281.655.8379

ahasling@live.com; jhasling@live.com

Adults & Teens

Childcare not available.

Do you think prayer groups are boring and uninteresting? Are you uncomfortable to pray out loud or in a group setting? Don't worry, you won't feel uncomfortable or awkward in our group!

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and encouragement as we pray for Willowbrook. If you desire a closer, more intimate walk with the Lord then we invite you to join us. This group will strengthen your prayer life and walk with God.

Surviving the Current Economic Times at 9:30am

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 201**

Leaders: **Patrick & Teresa Fox** 281.251.3790

fox2pt@aol.com

Adults & Teens

Childcare available at the church.

We will discuss the current economic times and how our finances are affected today as well as how they will be impacted in the future. Other topics include: debt, spending, saving, investing, risk, retirement, budgeting, and insurance. Materials that will be used in our discussion include: current financial and news articles, *Financial Peace* by Dave Ramsey, *Your Money Counts* by Howard Dayton and *Money, Possessions, and Eternity* by Randy Alcorn.

Sunday

The Journey at 11:00am

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 202**

Leader: **Brian Bowen** 281.469.5850

brian@willowbrookchurch.net

Adults & Teens

Childcare available at the church.

We encourage everyone that attends Willowbrook Church to go through this simple process; the Journey. It will connect you to the life and flow of Willowbrook and will empower you to serve God with a greater passion and purpose. Join us for 4 weeks from Sunday, February 5—26

Monday

Desiring God at 7:00pm

Location: **The Home of Blane Robertson**
17834 Melissa Springs Dr.
Tomball, TX 77375

Leader: **Blane Robertson** 281.961.9211

blaner@sbcglobal.net

Men

Childcare not available.

During this small group, we will use the book, "Desiring God" by John Piper. The great business of life is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever. Discord between duty and delight doesn't exist; delight is our duty. Join us on a dangerous quest for maximum joy in God.

Tuesday

Radiant Women at 10:00am

Girl Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild

Location: **Willowbrook Student Building**

Leader: **Marti Owens** 281.469.5850

martiowensmail@gmail.com

Women

Childcare available at the church.

You will be captivated, challenged, and impassioned to be far more than the world's impression of the perfect woman. We will look at Proverbs and the book, "Girl Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild" by Mary A. Kassian.

Girl's Gone Wise at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook House of Prayer**

Leader: **Brianna Bowen** 281.687.8905

brianna.bowen@gmail.com

High School Girls

- Childcare not available.

Are you tired of trying to live up to the world's standard of what a girl is supposed to be? Well, it's time to learn how to be a success by God's standard!! We will have snacks, interesting discussions, and an intimate time of gaining wisdom from God's Word. You won't want to miss this time together!

Wednesday

Strongman Summit at 6:30am

Location: **Willowbrook House of Prayer**

Leader: **Steve Owens** 281.469.5850

Pastorsteve@willowbrookchurch.net

Men

Childcare not available.

Guys, if you are looking to grow in your walk with Christ, if you want to connect with other men, if you want to be the best husband and father you can be, then join us each Wednesday morning for the Strongman Summit. This semester make Strongman Summit a part of your weekly routine and experience "life change!"

**Discovering Who God is at 7:00pm for
FLIPSIDE KID'S**

Location: **Willowbrook House of Prayer**

Leaders: **Lorenzo & Jackie Zavala**

Elementary Students

- Discover the attributes of God through simple, science experiments. The life of King David and his writing of the Psalms brings a personal perspective to the lesson. We will play games, have a snack, and more! This class is designed for students in K—5th grade, **whose parents are on-site in a small group.** Parents MUST sign in kids when they drop them off. Drop off is at 6:45 and pick up is at 8:15.

Wednesday

The Meaning of Life at 7:00pm The Alpha Course

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 203**
Leader: **Sajjan George** 281.251.6533
Sajjan.george@gmail.com

Adults

Childcare available at the church.

Join us to explore and find answers from the Bible on the big questions of life; questions like—”Is there more to life than this?”, “What am I doing here?” and, “What is Christianity all about, and how is it different?”.

Studying the New Testament (Colossians/Galatians) at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 201**
Leader: **Ken Avery** 713.949.7780
kenaveryid@hotmail.com

Adults

Childcare available at the church.

If you want to learn what the Bible says—and get fed from God’s Word, then this small group is for you! Join us each Wednesday as we study the Word of God.

Wednesday

Grace Based Parenting at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 202**
Leaders: **Mark & Sandee Royalty** 832.472.5911
msroyalty@gmail.com

Parents

Childcare available at the church.

Grace Based Parenting is a refreshing study showing moms and dads how to love their kids the way God loves his- with grace! Parents can expect to go away with a blueprint for building confident, courageous, and cooperative kids. Grace Based Parenting will show them a grace-based, character-driven model to nurture well- rounded and loving kids—and have a great time in the process!

Go Fish at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 204**
Leader: **Floyd Gaskins** 713.812.6226
floydgaskins@yahoo.com

Adults

Childcare available at the church.

Evangelism is a product of a mature Christian’s walk. Join me as we study the popular book by Andy Stanley, “Go Fish.” Learn how to evangelize as Christ calls us to, “become fisher’s of men.”

Wednesday

Who We Are In Christ at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Kitchen**

Leader: **David Knight** 281.580.1874

knight628@sbcglobal.net

Adults

Childcare available at the church.

Knowing our identity in Christ is crucially important—a major key—to walking in ever-increasing spiritual victory. This class will help open our eyes to our infinite worth and immense potential as a dearly beloved child of God.

Courageous at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Sanctuary**

Leader: **Tom Herold** 713.397.7443

thomash54@live.com

Men

Childcare available at the church.

Men!, do you want to be the man God made you to be? Come join me as we learn to be courageous men of God!

Wednesday

A Man of Passion at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 105**

Leader: **Jim Millspaugh & Jason Lujan**

JIM—libertypestcontrol@gmail.com 281.463.8676

JASON—jason_lujan@att.net 832.287.0956

Men

Childcare available at the church.

What moves you; what is your passion and why aren't you doing it? We will be studying Nehemiah; a man that was moved by his passion to do an impossible task. Come find your passion and start doing what God has called you to do.

Wonder Women of the Bible at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Rm 205**

Leader: **Missy Millspaugh** 832.868.8676

missymillspaugh@gmail.com

Women

Childcare available at the church.

Wonder Women of the Bible: Heroes of Yesterday Who Inspire Us Today is an inspirational discussion of notable female figures in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Discussing the biblical stories, including how God chose to involve each heroine in His holy plans, Wonder Women of the Bible offers a springboard of hope and a model for faithful living for Christian women of the modern day.

Wednesday

Miracle Working Power at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook Mom's Retreat Rm**

Leader: **Ray & Tracy Horvath 281.788.4207**

Couples and Mature Christians

Childcare available at the church.

Read and discuss a short book that is a real life account from evangelist A.A. Allen. The purpose of this group can be best visualized by what happens when you squirt lighter fluid on an already burning charcoal fire. Many believers come to a place in their relationship with God suddenly wondering if there's more...or is this as good as it gets?

For Your Life, Spiritual Health at 7:00pm

Location: **The Home of Colin & Val Carter**

15422 Winterhaven Dr.

Tomball, TX 77377

Leader: **Val Carter 832.559.7206**

vc@chionatech.com

Adults

- Children are welcome.

Do you want to live in spiritual health? If you did, how would it impact your life; would it affect your physical life? Is it possible for the child of God to be in peace always? What steals our peace? Do you walk in discernment – knowing the difference between truth and lies? This class just might uncover lies that you unknowingly believed... If God's intent is that He be the 'God of peace to sanctify you wholly; and that God would cause your whole spirit and soul and body to be preserved blameless (1 Thes.5:23) – how do we walk in our Christian life so that all 3 (spirit, soul and body) are walking in agreement w/ God's Word?

Thursday

The Breakfast Club at 9:30am

Location: **Chick-Fil-A at FMI960 and Cutten Rd.**

Leader: **Lorena Gaskins 832.687.5175**

Women

Childcare not available.

Women's Breakfast Club...sharing short devotion lessons on topics women face today (from Joyce Meyer). If you want to develop friendships while growing in your walk with the Lord, this fellowship group is for you! Buy your own breakfast/coffee.

Music Appreciation at 7:00pm

Location: **Willowbrook House of Prayer** Leader:

Kimmy Gaskins 832.687.5231

kimmy.gaskins@yahoo.com

Girls Ages 10 –18

- A group for young ladies interested in music and singing. We'll spend time hanging out and learning new songs (worship and popular.) Girls and teens who already have a basic knowledge of singing or would like to learn are welcome.

Friday

Real Life Issues at 7:00pm

Location: **The Home of Heather & Desi Gaskins**
10901 Ranchstone Dr. #817
Houston, TX 77064

Leaders: **Heather, Desi, & Kimberly Gaskins**

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heathergaskins@gmail.com

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kimmy.gaskins@yahoo.com

College and Career

Childcare not available.

If you are looking to build life long friendships while growing in your relationship with Jesus then our group is for you. We are all about fun and food, too! If you are college and career age, come join us every Friday! We will review and discuss real life application of each Sunday's sermon.

Bible Talks for Jr. High Students at 6:30pm

Every Other Week beginning 2/3

Location: **The Home of Justin & Natalie Brandt**
12002 Viola Ct.
Pinehurst, TX 77362

Leader: **Justin & Natalie Brandt** 281.636.6986

nnbrandt78@yahoo.com

Jr. High School Students are encouraged and welcome to join us for games, snacks, and fun discussions.

Saturday

Daughter of the King at 9:30am

Location: **Willowbrook House of Prayer**

Leader: **Mary Knight** 281.580.1874

dtk316@sbcglobal.net

Women

Childcare not available.

Ladies, we will study qualities of a God-led life modeled by ladies in the Bible. And, we will learn how to live as God intended for us to...as daughters of the King. The book is "Princess to Princess" by Kathy Collard Miller...you will not want to miss this insightful study!

Monthly

Ladies Night Out

Location: **Various/TBA**

Leaders: **Rhonda Bowen** 281.727.9916

rhonda@willowbrookchurch.net

Ladies of ALL ages!

Childcare not available.

Ladies (and your daughters!) make time to join us for our ladies night out, twice per month. We will do things from painting, to exquisite dinners out, lessons in crocheting, and coffee get-togethers. Sign up to receive information about our evenings out in your email inbox.

Monthly

Boomers on the Rock

Location: **Various/TBA**

Leaders: **Nancy Reiszner 281.630.5387 and Kay Davis 832.567.7680**

nancyreiszner@yahoo.com

50+

Childcare not available.

Is your nest empty? “Baby Boomers on the Rock” is a monthly fellowship for senior couples and singles. Come get excited with us and see what God is doing in our “Prayer Works” ministry. We also have prayer cloths available for anyone who may need a touch from God. In our group you will find good, clean fun with great food and friends. Contact us to get the date, time and location of events. We will also pass out flyers and announce it in the bulletin, before events.

Service Project—Feeding the Homeless

Location: **The Men’s Center, downtown Houston
3809 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002**

Leaders: **Kristi Cox 281.989.3069**

kristidcox@yahoo.com

Everyone

Childcare not available.

Once per month join us as we feed men at the men’s center and then feed Houston homeless.