



PRAYER

Introduction

Prayer—such as Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Calvin—was not that they do not fall aside into other camps? Indeed, even the prominent Catholic theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar has sought to bring balance to the mystical, contemplative prayer tradition. He warns against turning inward too much. "Contemplation is not [rather] a recent development, but [rather] a recent rediscovery of the Christian tradition."

Through Duty to Delight

Where, then, does this leave us? We should not drive a wedge between seeking personal communion with God and seeking the advance of his kingdom in hearts and in the world. And if they are kept together, then communion will not be just wordless mystical awareness on the one hand, and our petitions will not be a way of procuring God's favor



SCC GROUPS

# SPRING GROUPS 2021

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## Monday Groups

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ROOTED | Rooted is designed to help you connect with God, the Church & your purpose. This 10-week experience is for people in every stage of life, wherever they are in their walk with Christ. We explore the Bible, engage in experiences, share stories & practice rhythms essential to a healthy spiritual life. Each group meets individually for 10 weeks, with all groups joining together for 4 immersive experiences on Sunday afternoons. Each participant will purchase a Rooted workbook for \$15. Each week in the workbook contains 5 days of homework to help participants connect with God & engage in the 7 spiritual rhythms of Rooted.

***This group is led by Tom Myers on Mondays @ 7:00pm. Location TBD.***

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Love & Respect (marriage group) | A wife has one driving need: to feel loved. When that need is met, she's happy. A husband has one driving need: to feel respected. When that need is met, he's happy. When either of these needs isn't met, things get crazy. This series reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily & biblically. We welcome any couple (dating, engaged, or married) of any age to join us! If you're a younger adult, we especially encourage you to check out this study to get a head-start on honoring God with how you communicate with your significant other. Each participant will purchase a *Love & Respect* workbook for \$10.

***This group is led by Ron & Shannon Martindale on Mondays @ 6:30pm at SCC.***

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Financial Peace University: FPU teaches God's way of handling money through video teaching, class discussions & interactive small group activities. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend & save wisely, and so much more! There is a \$90 workbook & resource fee (partial scholarships available).

***This group is led by Chris Culp on Mondays @ 6:30pm at SCC beginning February 15<sup>th</sup>.***

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Reminisce (seniors group) | SCC is excited to join with our neighbors at Town & Country Christian Church for this group that meets on Monday afternoons @ 1:00pm twice a month for senior adults. Join us for Bible study, fellowship & interactive sessions centered around a Bible lesson. This group plans to get going again in the month of March, so register now & stay tuned for updates!

***This group is led by Phil & Cynthia Farnsley and Don Bennett  
at Town & Country Christian Church. Call Phil 317-694-0541 for more info.***

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## Tuesday Groups

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Forgiving What You Can't Forget (women's group) | Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over & over in your mind? You know you can't go on like this, but don't know what to do next. Lysa Terkeurst shares how to let go of bound-up resentment & overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren't willing to make things right. Group members have the option to purchase the book (\$14) or the study guide (\$11) that accompanies this powerful video series.

***This group is led by Susan Allen on Tuesdays @ 6:30pm at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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The Garage Guys (men's group) | Sometimes guys just need to get together for some quality time in one of the world's most sacred meeting spaces: the garage. This spring, we'll look to challenge & encourage each other as we dive into the book *Every Man's Battle: Winning the War on Sexual Temptation One Victory at a Time*. Participants will purchase a copy of the book for \$14.

***This group is led by David Frazee & Jim Johnson on Tuesdays @ 7:00pm in Jim's garage (628 9<sup>th</sup> Street).***

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## Wednesday Groups

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Life's Healing Choices | We've all been hurt by other people... we've hurt ourselves... and we've hurt others. As a result, every single one of us ends up with some sort of *hurt, habit, or hang-up*. But the question we all face is: Where do we go from here? This small group approach to *Celebrate Recovery* is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. It's a safe place to find community & freedom from the issues controlling our life. You'll find real answers, real hope & a real future – one healing choice at a time.

***This group is led Merry Popplewell @ 10:00am at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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Living Grace | Living with anxiety, depression & other difficulties can be exhausting & confusing! Living grace will empower you with new ways to reduce symptoms, increase your well-being & rest in God's grace. Topics include: rest, relaxation & joy; safe & healthy relationships; renewing your mind; managing stressors; and more! Participants will purchase the *Living Grace* workbook for \$15.

***This group is led by Ashley Jones on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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ROOTS | This program is designed to help K-5th graders grow deeper in their faith. ROOTS meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00PM here at SCC. This spring, we'll use the "What's in the Bible?" curriculum. Julie Work & her incredible team of volunteers can't wait to point your kiddos to Jesus!

***For more info, email pastor of children's ministry Jessica Seelye at [jessica@shelbychurch.org](mailto:jessica@shelbychurch.org).***

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## Wednesday Groups (continued)

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Jesus in the Secular World (men's group) | There is an ever-widening cultural divide between the secular youth culture & the Church. Much of what was formerly regarded as the Christian world is now dominated by secularism & relativism. The Bible is no longer considered the moral compass, but rather everyone is free to decide for themselves what is right & wrong. As followers of Jesus, it's clear that we need to respond to this... but how? This series combines vivid illustrations with practical principles to encourage & equip any follower of Jesus to relevantly reach those who would not come to the Church for answers. Participants will purchase the book *Jesus in the Secular World* for \$9.

***This group is led by Dan Duran at SCC on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm during ROOTS & THE MIDDLE.***

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The Book of Philippians (women's group) | The life Jesus invites us into when we follow him is one of sacrifice. But does sacrificial living mean the Christian life should be riddled with sorrow? Paul answers that question in his letter to the Philippians with a resounding no. Paul, and the Philippians with him, lived joyfully in the midst of persecution, prison & poverty. In this series, Jo Saxton takes us through Philippians to encourage us to follow Jesus no matter what life throws at us. Through Paul's words & example, we'll learn how joy & sacrifice can go hand-in-hand.

***This group is led by Karen Norton on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm at SCC during ROOTS & THE MIDDLE.***

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THE MIDDLE | We have a team of adults & high school students who think that middle schoolers are the coolest people on earth! Our team loves to spend time with middle schoolers, laugh, create new adventures & point them to Jesus every chance we can. We invite all students in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade to hang out with us at THE MIDDLE here at SCC on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm.

***For more info, email pastor of student ministry Lee Willis at [lee@shelbychurch.org](mailto:lee@shelbychurch.org).***

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The Book of Signs | What does the Bible tell us about the future? How much can we understand about biblical prophecy & its application in our lives? What signs & signals will precede the end of everything as we know it? Which have already come to pass, which are we experiencing now, and which are still to come? In this series, Dr. David Jeremiah seeks answers to these questions & more!

***This group is led by Linda Smith on Wednesdays @ 6:00pm at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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Prayer 2021 | God calls us to be a people of prayer, desperately depending on Him to move & transform hearts & lives. Each session of this group will begin with a short teaching on the elements of prayer. The remainder of our time will be spent in prayer for our church, local ministries, our community, government leaders, families, and the leading of the Holy Spirit in the church.

***This group is led by Pat & Jane Norton on Wednesdays @ 7:00pm at their home (5953 N. 400 W. Fairland, IN 46126) beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>.***

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## Wednesday Groups (continued)

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The Book of Judges | The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity & relationship to its God. Heroes & heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver. In this series, pastor & author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories & truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen.

***This group is led by Dan & Nancy Blackford on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm at their home (9425 N. 100 W. Fountaintown, IN 46130).***

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## Thursday Groups

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The Marriage Group (married couples) | If you're trying to do everything right so you can have a happy marriage, you'll probably be disappointed. Why? Because satisfying marriages aren't something that we can create by following a list of to-dos. Great marriages happen when we surrender completely to the Holy Spirit so that he can supernaturally give us the power to love our spouse above ourselves. Whether you're newly married or remarried, this group will provide biblical & practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally & love biblically.

***This group is led by Julie & Jim Johnson on Thursdays @ 6:30pm at their home (628 9<sup>th</sup> Street).***

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Heaven: A Comprehensive Guide to Everything the Bible Says About Our Eternal Home | We all have questions about what Heaven will be like. In this series, Randy Alcorn invites us to picture Heaven in the way that scripture describes it: a bright, vibrant & physical new earth... free from sin, suffering and death... brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty & the richness of human culture... just as God intended it! The next time you hear someone say, "We can't begin to image what heaven will be like," you'll be able to tell them, "I can." Participants will purchase a copy of the book for \$15.

***This group is led by Curt & Michelle Babbitt on Thursdays @ 7:00pm at SCC.***

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The Book of Ephesians (men's group) | Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God? He knew before the world began that his people would face hardship, so he gave us his Word. Ephesians is a survival manual that equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. In this series, J.D. Greear challenges believers to live out the gospel. If the people in your city, your workplace, or your family are going to hear the gospel, it's going to be from your mouth. Encounter Ephesians & get swept up into the story of Jesus!

***This group is led by Mike Farnsley & Brent Swonger at SCC on Thursday mornings @ 7:00am twice a month. (Donuts & coffee are considered an essential part of this men's group!)***

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## Thursday Groups (continued)

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Bridging the Gap | Walking with a loved one through anxiety, depression & other difficulties can be stressful & confusing. Bridging the Gap exists to support & equip anyone who has a family member or friend dealing with these types of struggles. We're a safe place where people can share coping tools, encouragement & prayers with others going through the same experiences.

***This group is led by Debby Whiteside on Thursdays @ 6:30pm at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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A New View | If you struggle with drugs & alcohol, you're not alone. We're a faith-based support group that will help you leave your past behind. We're a community of people who've overcome past addictions & desire to share our stories, provide tools, and offer hope & encouragement.

***This group meets on Thursdays @ 6:30pm at 106 W. Boggstown Road.  
Call 317.699.1852 and ask for Merry with any questions.***

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## Friday Groups

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Lunch Brunch | Everyone experiences difficulties at some point. Lunch Brunch is time to gather with a friendly, caring group of people to talk about how to deal with loss, seclusion & other struggles. We want to walk alongside you through tough times. You don't have to go through them alone!

***This group is led by Linda Smith on Fridays @ 11:30am at 106 W. Boggstown Road.***

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## Sunday Groups

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Beautifully Scripted: Living Out Singleness in a Way that Honors Christ (women's group) | Are you a woman in your 20s or 30s struggling through a season of singleness? Maybe you feel confused, overlooked, bitter or discontent - because singleness was not the part you wanted to play. But the truth is that the author of your script lovingly penned this part for you. Your life is beautifully scripted by his hand! Are you ready to accept this role & gracefully live out your season of singleness? Join this group for single ladies as we learn together how God wants us to respond. Participants will purchase a copy of the book *Beautifully Scripted* for \$13.

***This group is led by Janell Coffey on Sundays @ 4:30pm at her home (address TBA).***

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SENIOR HIGH | When we talk about following Jesus by loving God, loving others & serving the world, high school students can do those things like no one else! We invite all students in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to hang out with us here at SCC on Sundays @ 6:30pm.

***For more info, email pastor of student ministry Lee Willis at [lee@shelbychurch.org](mailto:lee@shelbychurch.org).***

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# How to Register for a Small Group Online

## **Step 1**

Go to *insidescc.org* on your phone, tablet or laptop. Click the “Join a Small Group” tab.

## **Step 2**

Scroll down to the bottom of the small groups page & click the “Load More” button to view all of the available small groups. Scroll through the listed groups & click on an option that interests you to learn more information about the group.

## **Step 3**

To join the group, click the “Join” button. (If you only see a “Contact” button, then the group is already full. Click back to the previous screen to look at other small group options.)

## **Step 4**

Input your mobile number. You’ll receive a code via text. (If you don’t have a mobile number, click “Use Email Address Instead” to enter your email address & receive the code via email.)

## **Step 5**

Input the code you received to log in. If you haven’t registered for a group previously, the system will ask you to complete your profile with your first name, last name & contact info.

## **Step 6**

You’ll see your profile pop up onscreen. Click “Join Group” to confirm your group registration. You’ll receive an email confirmation. (If you don’t receive a confirmation email, the group may have filled up before your registration was completed. If that happens, go back to Step 1, look at some other small group options & join another group.)

***If you have technical difficulties, email [mike@shelbychurch.org](mailto:mike@shelbychurch.org).***