



Life Groups

Life Groups are designed to help students know and understand God's Word. A Life Group is divided by grade and by gender. We have 8 High School Life Groups: 9th Guys and 9th Girls, 10th Guys and 10th Girls, 11th Guys and 11th Girls, and 12th Guys and 12th Girls. Life Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in

the Fellowship Hall. From 9:30-9:45 a.m. students can hangout with their friends, connect with one of their leaders, or even play a little ping-pong. At 9:45 a.m. students attend a brief assembly that includes announcements, videos, and a 3-5 minute teaching about the topic of the morning. At 9:55 a.m.

students go to their Life Groups where their leaders teach them an in-depth Bible lesson. Life Groups are a time for students to make connections with new friends and strengthen their connections with existing friends. Life Groups are the first step for a student looking for connection and Bible teaching.



Access

Access meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Access is designed around Community Groups. Community Groups are co-ed groups of students of the same grade. We have four Community Groups: 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th

grade, and 12th grade. Each week, I teach on a topic through a series. The students get in their Community Groups and discuss together the passage and topic that I am teaching. These groups are a great way for students to connect with other guys and girls in

their same grade. The Community Groups are student led and usually have an adult leader that helps guide discussion. Community Groups give students an opportunity to connect and live life together. Every student needs to experience Community Groups.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is one of our biggest challenges, but one of our greatest opportunities. We have students in 25+ schools, ranging from public, private, Christian, and home school. We do our best to connect to as many schools as we can, in as many ways as we can.

Interestingly, 75% of our high school families live in the Collins Hill, Mountain View, and Mill Creek cluster. The main goal of campus ministry is to encourage our NM students. I try and get to schools during lunch time and before and after school for various clubs

and events. It is always fun to see students away from the church campus in their environment. Another goal is to serve the schools. I work hard to establish relationships with as many faculty, teachers, and coaches so NM has opportunities to serve.



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Communication



I was attending a conference a few years back and one of the topics discussed was Communication. The facilitator showed a cartoon picture of a beautiful park. This park was loaded with all the amenities a great park should have. The park builder was very proud and was showing his design to his boss while standing next to a big sign that read, "Noah's Park." The last box of the cartoon showed a "voice from above" that simply said, "I said ark."

That cartoon, while meant to be funny, had a great reminder. Communication is important. In our families, jobs, relationships, and lives, a lot depends on how we communicate. It depends on how and what we say, and how and what we hear. In student ministry, communication is very important. It is important as we communicate Biblical truth to students on Sunday, Wednesday, and special events. It is also important as we communicate to you, the parents, about what is going on in the ministry, what God is doing in the lives of students, what our prayer needs are, and how you can find your place to serve. It is my desire to communicate effectively in all areas of our ministry. I hope this newsletter will be a resource that will help you understand more of what is going on in the student ministry, and how the ministry can help your student get connected and stay connected.

I believe the future of our student ministry is very bright. I am excited about the growth I see in our students and how they respond to the teaching of God's Word. I commit to do all I can to communicate to you and with you about our ministry and pray that God would unite our hearts together as we partner to help our students connect to God and to one another. Blessings,

MacLane



"We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us."

1 Thessalonians 2:8

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Life Group Series (December 4th, 11th, and 18th)

Our Life Group curriculum is called KNOWN. It is written and published by Lifeway. We are finishing our November series which has been a study about temptation. In December, the new series will be about Friendship and Relationships. The December series will feature lessons on:

1. What is true friendship? (*a true friend loves sacrificially*) (1 Samuel 18) *(hold them accountable and don't give up)*
(Proverbs 17 and 27)
2. How do I choose friends? (*choose your friends carefully*) (1 Samuel 23; Proverbs 22)
3. How can I help my friends in their relationships with God?

One of the most crucial areas for students are their friendships. Choosing wise relationships is very important and this series will help and remind them to choose wisely.



“Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store...maybe Christmas means a little bit more”

*Jim Carrey
(The Grinch—2000)*

Access Series (November 30th, December 7th and 14th)

Grinches



The Grinch movies are classics. The Grinch liked one thing and one thing only; to rob others of the joy of Christmas. In this series, we will tackle those issues in the lives of high school students that steal from them. Things that can rob them of joy, peace, and passion. We

will teach them to protect their joy, peace, passion, etc. and not allow trials and tough times to steal from them. We will use video clips from the Grinch movies in our services to help us connect with the mind and emotions of students. This will be a great series.

Upcoming Events

Life Groups will meet on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. No Life Groups on December 25th. We will have one service at 10:30 a.m.

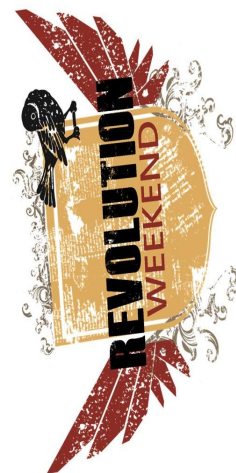
Access will meet November 30th, December 7th and 14th. No Access December 21st or 28th.

Hillbilly Christmas, our high school student Christmas Party, will be December 16th. More details will be available very soon.

Revolution Weekend will be March 16-18, 2012 at NMBC and various host homes.

Beach Camp will be July 2-6, 2012. We are headed to Panama City Beach, Florida this year.

**Please mark your home and family calendars so your student can be a part of these exciting events.



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