

Ready to find the group for you?

Here are the details of the Small Group opportunities beginning this month. (Don't be afraid of the SMALL GROUP term—think of it as a bunch of friends-to-be)

When you see the group that interests you or if you want to know more contact the person listed.

Creative Church

Want to use your creative side to make the Discovery experience, from front door to the altar, a welcoming, inspirational encounter? This group will have creative projects such as making various types of crosses as well as plan the altar arrangements using the outdoor gifts that God provides, based on the message theme each month. It will also be responsible for keeping the lobby of the church inviting. The meeting place is in close proximity to the church so trips back and forth will take place.

Meets weekly—Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm Begins 1/24
5520 Lake Trace Drive ~ Hoover ~ 35244

Contacts: Lynn Thomas Int4469@gmail.com 205-982-9435
Peggy Bishop pvbishop@gmail.com 205-426-6624

Manna & Mercy

The Bible is a great gift from God meant to bring life. Yet so often, it has been misused to bring about death, oppression, and exclusion. *Manna and Mercy* gives us a fresh look at Scripture. Using Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as our guide, we will journey through all of Scripture (from Genesis to Revelation) to reclaim its message of life, justice, and inclusion for all people. Our spiritual leader through the study will be Rev. Alan Storey, a UMC pastor whose faith and understanding of the gospel was forged growing up in apartheid South Africa. We will watch his sermons, read and study the scriptures, and participate in robust discussions.

Weekly, Wednesday 6:00—7:30 pm at Discovery

Can join in anytime ~ no cost ~ optional book purchase

Utilizing video series: <http://mannaandmercy.org/news/1/61/Now-Available-Manna-and-Mercy-video-series.html>

Contact: Becky Mantooth beckymantooth@gmail.com

Scouting the Divine—Searching for God in Wine, Wool and Wild honey

Discover the spiritual adventure of a lifetime in this critically acclaimed 6-session DVD Bible study, that unlocks the deeper meaning of Scripture. Through *Scouting the Divine: My Search for God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey*, the author spent a year visiting shepherds, farmers, vintners, and beekeepers in order to better understand the a land flowing with honey, the meaning of abiding in the vine and much more. Possible field trip to a vineyard on a weekend.

Weekly, Thursdays 6:30– 7:30 AM (**for early risers!**) at Discovery

Begins 1/26—If you are interested in the group but on another day/time indicate that on the INTERESTED card at the back of this bunch.

Contact Peggy Harrison pharrison@discoveryumc.org 205-987-4000
Book purchase *Scouting the Divine* by Margaret Feinberg

Clear Your Clutter

Learn the practical steps to declutter your living or office space while understanding the Biblical principals behind organization. Knowing where to start is the hard part. This group will discuss the basic steps to getting any space in ship-shape. At the end of the class, we will put our newly learned skills into practice by organizing a project at Discovery

Contact: Robin Swartz robin.swartz@bbva.com

Weekly, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm Begins January 24

All welcome

At the home of Daryl & Jenny Hardy
1713 Lake Cyrus Club Drive

Lit Lovers Lunch Bunch

A book club for ladies. The group makes a book selection each month. The books will be reserved at the Hoover Library, so no purchases are necessary. Take a month to read the book at your leisure. Come together for a lively discussion over lunch, some of which will be about the book!

Monthly, 3rd Sunday of the month 11:30-1:00

Panera Bread, Patton Creek Begins 1/15

Contact Susie Richardson bamafans1@yahoo.

Sitting on Our Ashes

Do you need to move beyond the ashes of your past? Bring your favorite cigar or pipe or just join us to discuss the biblically based need for us to be a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Contact: Jeremy Jeremy.auvil@umcna.org

Monthly, Beginning Friday 1/27 6:00-7:00 pm

Locations will vary—January meeting will be at Jeremy & Jenny Auvil's

5493 Magnolia Trail, Trussville, AL 35173

The Green Team (not just for men!)

Discovery is blessed to have a beautiful piece of property! The Green team has the honor of keeping it a warm, inviting place to welcome our congregation and visitors. Ladies, we need your help too. Beautifications thru planting of flowers, a spot of paint, some pruning and tidying the beds make a world of difference.

We have partnered with the Boy Scouts to help keep the grass mowed, we're focused on much more than cutting, edging & sweeping

Contact: William Harris 205-540-7710

Weekly: Saturdays 9:00 am for coffee and snacks beginning January 28

Frequency: twice a month until Springtime

Sunday Night Women's Bible Study

Ladies fellowship and study beginning with the Study by Beth Moore—"Breaking Free.. *"The Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom by drawing parallels between the captive Israelites and the spiritual strongholds in our lives. A series of videos include Bible study content and testimonies from women like you who have found freedom from their personal captivity. No matter what life stage you're in or struggles you're going through, if where you are isn't where you want to be, don't stay there. Break free"*

Daily readings and reflection using a workbook. Cost of the book is around \$17 and can be ordered on Amazon.

Contact: Toni Bird ToniBird57@gmail.com

Weekly, Sundays 5:30-7:30 beginning January 25

Toni Bird's home 212 Eden View Drive—Hoover, 35244

Financial Peace University

In a nine-week class, learn Dave Ramsey's seven easy to follow steps to create a budget, get out of debt and make a plan for your money. The scripture based financial management course is open to everyone.

Contacts: Tim tim@timbarron.com

Robin robin.swartz@bbva.com

Wednesdays, 6:15-8:00 pm, beginning 1/25

At Discovery

Order materials and register on-line www.DaveRamsey.com search for the class being held at Discovery.

Approx cost of materials is \$93

Dig It

We will explore how archaeological findings shed light on Biblical times and give context to the stories of the Bible. Our resources will be the Bible and the Biblical Archaeology Review Magazine www.Biblicalarchaeology.org.

Contact: Peggy Bishop 205-426-6624 205-587-5649

pvbishop@gmail.com

Weekly: Wednesdays 10:00-12:00 begins 1/25

Meeting at the home of Peggy Bishop 5917 Shades Run Lane Hoover, AL 35244

Unwind with Brews

A laid back time to unwind after work every other Friday. Try new beers, enjoy old favorites or just have a soda and smile. We will meet at different pubs, homes, bars, and grills around the area. Come any time or all the time!

Contact: John Mantooth johnpmantooth@gmail.com 205-602-4727

Thomas Bain tcbain@gmail.com 205-821-5555

BiWeekly: every other Friday Beginning January 27 4:30-6:30

First meeting will be at Red Hills Brewery in Homewood

Empty Nesters (couples group)

The 3 biggest life changing events for most couples are 1-getting married; 2-having children & 3-becoming Empty Nesters! Using many different socially engaging activities, we will put some fun back into your empty nest. Look forward to a game night, wine night, book night, guys cooking night, movie night, beer night and of course an outreach mission project in our own community. Dinner will be included!

Contact: William & Julie Harris 205-540-7710 205-515-5383

Weekly Thursdays 6:00—8:00 pm beginning January 26

At the home of William & Julie Harris 3615 Guyton Ridge Drive, Hoover, 35244

Marvel Study

How do the Spider Man, Dr. Strange, The Hulk, Thor, Iron Man and other Marvel Universe characters line up with Biblical principals? Who were the “The Avengers” of Bible times?

Contact Kris krisbishop@gmail.com

Weekly, Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 begins 1/23 At Discovery

For the Kids! 4 years– 5th grade

Manna & Mercy—Kid Style

Learning to live in harmony with others and have a LOT of fun doing it! Ms Christy keeps the excitement at a high level! Bible study & kids choir with performances some Sundays during worship.

Contact Christy cbain319@gmail.com

Weekly, Wednesday 6:00– 7:30 begins 1/18

Parent volunteers ALWAYS welcome

**childcare available for children whose parents in a small group until 8:00*

- *Nursery for infants—3 yrs available also for children of parents in a small group*

NO SIGN UP NEEDED—come anytime you can!

If you would like to be on the Children’s Ministry email list fill out the interest card in the back of this bunch

YOUTH 6th GR– Sr. High

Revolution Students

Bible study, fellowship and just plain fun! We likely will have some frequent outings and trips throughout the year.

Contact Thomas tcbain@gmail.com

Susie bamafans1@yahoo.com

Weekly, Wednesday 6:00—7:30 begins 1/18

No signup necessary come anytime you can.

If you would like to be on a Student Ministry email list, fill interest card at the back of this bunch.

Do you have an interest, a time of day, a day of the week that isn’t met in these groups? Let us hear from you! New groups will be formed in the coming months, we would love your input and your time as a potential leader!

Contact Toni tonibird57@gmail.com or Peggy pharrison@discoveryumc.org