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WELCOME TO GROWTH GROUPS!

You may be asking, “What is a growth group?” A growth group is a small group of people (between 4 to 16) who meet weekly for the purpose of doing life-on-life together. Our growth groups meet so they can grow together relationally, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and socially. We seek to understand how to live like Christ, love like Christ and lead like Christ. Growth is a major theme throughout the New Testament, especially in the four Gospels. Jesus often used analogies of farming, horticulture and growing.

The desire of the staff at Bethel Church is to help guide as many people as possible into growth groups, so they can begin the process of growing together to grow the kingdom of God and impact others for Jesus Christ.

As you look through the following pages, you'll see the groups are arranged by categories to help you locate the group that may best fit your needs. We've also included frequently asked questions. If you'd like some help selecting a group, please do not hesitate to give myself or our growth group staff a call. We'd like to help you connect with your new group.

So, whether you're looking for a new group to join or a returning veteran, sit back, look through the booklet and know that God wants to work in your life by connecting you with others.

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Paul Bond
Pastor of Growth Groups Ministries



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Steps to Joining a group:

- 1.) Browse through this handbook to find groups that may fit.
- 2.) Select the group (s) that would work for you.
- 3.) Three ways to sign up for your selected group:
 - A.) Fill out a registration form at Bethel's Growth Group table.
 - B.) Register online @ www.bethelch.com/growthgroups.
 - C.) Contact Paul Bond via phone (701.232.4476) or e-mail (paulbond@bethelch.com).
- 4.) Once the growth group team receives your registration, they will contact you as well as notify your new growth group leader.
- 5.) Your new growth group leader will contact you before the first night of group.

Remember: All sermon-based groups begin the week of January 9th!



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is a growth group?

A growth group is a home fellowship of 4-16 people who meet weekly to share, study and support one another. A trained leader leads each group. An average meeting lasts for 1 ½ hours, followed by light refreshments.

What are Introductory growth groups?

Introductory growth groups are for those who have never been in a growth group before. They are shorter sessions designed to give you an idea of what growth groups are all about. The introductory growth groups meet for three to four weeks and are open to all adult ages and stages of life. Sign up for introductory growth groups will be available 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the session. For more information on introductory growth groups contact the Bethel Church office and speak with the growth group Pastor. You also do not have to join an introductory growth group to join a growth group.

How important are growth groups?

Here at Bethel Church, growth groups are the hub of building relationships between people. The ministry of the church takes place as we study God's Word, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another. We believe meeting together on a regular basis is time well-spent. Our goal is to see as many people as possible become involved in growth groups for developing disciples and encouraging them to live, love and lead like Christ.

What will we study?

We encourage growth groups to use the sermon-based curriculum for each session. The benefits of sermon-based curriculum are discussing the weekend's message and digging deeper in the Word to discover the real-life applications that can be applied to their active life. However, existing growth groups have the option of selecting curriculum available at Bethel Church. Bethel has a great variety of Bible book studies, Biblical topical studies, theology & doctrinal studies, historical studies, spiritual life-management studies, and Christian living studies.

What is the Required Commitment?

Commitment is the key to a strong and healthy growth group. Joining a growth group requires a 9-11-week commitment to attend weekly meetings. Obviously, allowances are made for people who cannot attend each and every meeting; sickness, vacation, work conflicts and other special events can get in the way of our commitment to our growth group. Any person/couple entering into a growth group has a three-week grace period to make sure the group is a good fit for them. If after the 3 week period a person or couple does not feel it's a good fit, they can easily move into another group. When you join a growth group, you're promising to attend and be prepared each week. At the end of each quarter, you have the choice of recommitting for another quarter, trying a new group, or taking a break from growth groups altogether.

When and where do they meet?

growth groups meet on various days and nights of the week, typically in homes, throughout Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, and other cities in Eastern North Dakota and Western Minnesota.

How long do they last?

The winter session is January through early March and the Spring session is late March through early June. Growth groups do not meet during the summer. The Winter session will begin on January 10th.

What does it cost?

Sermon-based growth groups have no cost. The sermon-based curriculum is available on the growth group website and is also available each Sunday in the Bethel Weekly. growth groups that decide to use other curriculum are responsible for the expense of purchasing individual curriculum handbooks or workbooks.

Is child care available?

Growth groups are for teens and adults only. Nursing newborns, up to six months, may stay with a parent. We leave it up to each Growth Group or family to work out their own child care. Sometimes it works best for families to share a child care worker or to swap child care with another family whose growth group meets on a different evening. We have child care available on Sunday mornings (9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon), and Wednesday evenings (6:15 PM to 8:00 PM), at no charge to the family utilizing the childcare at Bethel.

How do I choose a growth group?

When selecting a group, we strongly recommend you choose a group based on its leader and target audience rather than its location. Over the years, we've found that groups do best when members share a common station in life and other interests with the group.



Young Adult Growth Groups

There is much in our busy lives that hinders us from establishing close, intimate relationships with others. Our purpose is to build a loving community of young unmarried adults age 18-35, who passionately live for Christ.

If you are interested in a young adult growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Young Adult Growth Groups

Leader: Jason & Jaclyn Frueh

Meets on: Thursday at 8:30 pm

Focus: Forgotten God

Location: South Fargo



About Jason and Jaclyn: Jaclyn & I are in our early 30's (well...actually she's almost 30) and we have twin 4 year old daughters who keep us very busy. Jaclyn works as a part-time dental hygienist and I'm a small business owner and entrepreneur. We love sports, outdoor activities, and just hanging out with friends and family. Our growth group meets every Thursday night at 8:30 and anybody in college or having graduated in the past few years is more than welcome to come. (We are starting it up this fall on 9/15). Jaclyn loves to host so there is always a meal and desert waiting for everybody who comes. We try to study topics that are relevant and important to the people that are in our group and want the time to be very practical and beneficial. We want our group to build friendships that are much more than just Thursday night meetings. We try as hard as we can to make the group as inviting as possible - come as little or as much as you can, plan to meet some great people, and we will all grow together

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Young Adult Growth Groups continued

Leader: Troy & Michelle Cody

Meets on: Sunday at 6:30 pm

Focus: Real Life Discipleship

Location: North Fargo



About Troy and Michelle: Troy is the athletic director and assistant principal at Fargo North High School. Michelle is a homemaker and they have 4 children. They have been married for 18 years and have experienced God's grace both personally and in their marriage. Troy and Michelle feel compelled to share their lives with others and offer hope and encouragement that is only found in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jay and Valerie Norris

Meets on: Monday at 7:00 pm

Focus: Gospel of John

Location: West Fargo

About Jay and Valerie: Jay and Valerie moved from the state of Michigan to West Fargo in December of 2009. They have been married for 3 years and have two daughters (Brittany and Lindsay). Jay is a Project Manager at US Bank, and Valerie is a Commercial Credit Officer at State Bank and Trust. Jay enjoys traveling, cooking, and golfing and Valerie enjoys music, reading, and traveling. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends by hosting dinners, get-togethers, and BBQs. And, they are huge football fans (Minnesota Vikings, NDSU Bison and Michigan State Spartans). Jay and Valerie have a desire to lead a growth group and develop strong, lasting relationships as they grow together and study God's Holy Word. They also would like to create a warm environment so that the members can share concerns and needs as well as celebrate the wonderful things that God has done and is doing in our lives. They plan on having social outings, dinners, BBQs, game night, etc. There is nothing better than spending time with other Christians in fellowship.





Young Married Growth Groups

Young married growth groups strengthen new marriages. These groups give you a place to connect with couples who are experiencing the same things you are. Young married growth groups help couples begin building relationships and laying foundations for strong, God-centered marriages. Groups may have specific age ranges and are sometimes led by mentor couples who can encourage and support each member's walk with Jesus and relationship with their spouse.

If you are interested in a young married growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Young Married Growth Groups

Leaders: Paul & Susan Bond

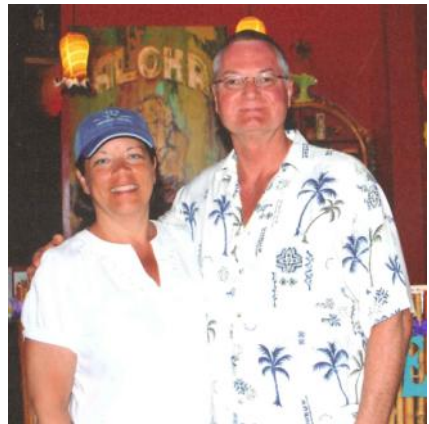
Focus: Sermon-based

Meets on: Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: South Fargo

About Paul & Susan: Paul and Susan are new empty-nesters who love having fun. They like meeting new people and hosting get-togethers for dinners, BBQs. They love to gather around a fire-pit and chat about life. They also love traveling, going to new places and seeing new things. Since they are Southern California natives, they love the beach, mountains and mild temperatures.

While meeting with members of their growth group, they enjoy deep friendships, caring for people, digging into God's Word and helping one another apply His Word to their



personal walks and lives. For Paul and Susan, there is no greater joy than to be surrounded by God's people, sharing life-on-life experiences.

Young Married Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Nate & Alice Safe

Focus: 5 Love Languages

Meets on: Wednesday at 8:30 pm

Location: West Fargo



About Nate and Alice: Alice and Nate have lived in Fargo for the last 8 years. Nate is originally from Cannon Falls, MN and Alice is from Pierre, SD. They both attended NDSU and have been happily married for 3 years. Nate is the Area Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Alice is just finishing her degree in nursing.

This is our first time leading a growth group and we are so excited for the opportunity to meet new people and grow, encourage, and serve each other in our walk with Christ. The group will consist of young married couples.



Young Families Growth Groups

Our young family growth groups are a place for couples to experience meaningful connections with one another. Most of these young families have infants and preschool-age children. Growth groups are great environments for getting to know others and encouraging one another during this significant chapter of life. If you are interested in a young families growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Young Families Growth Groups

Leader: Randy & Marilee Johnson **Meets on:** Sunday Night

Focus: Parenting & Marriage **Location:** West Fargo

About Randy & Marilee: Randy & Marilee have been married for 19 years. They have 3 boys: Payton, Riley and Cole. They have been members of Bethel since 1999. They desire to help equip young families with Biblical parenting and marriage skills to build Godly families.



Young Families Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Andy & Katie Doeden

Meets on: Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Focus: Gospel Centered Marriage

Location: West Fargo

About Andy & Katie: Andy and Katie live in West Fargo, ND and have been married for six years. They have a one-year-old daughter, Claire. Andy works sales at Discovery Benefits. He enjoys golfing, grilling, reading, sports and time with friends. Katie is a stay-at-home mom, who loves to read, cook, work out and shop. They moved back to West Fargo in the summer of 2008 after spending five years of marriage in Fort Worth, Texas.



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Leaders: Shane & Teresa Nickel

Meets on: Sunday's at 6:00 pm

Focus: Doing The Right Thing

Location: Varies

About Shane & Teresa: Shane and Teresa have a growth group with couples from North and West Fargo. The group is a source of strength and encouragement in life, career, marriage, parenting, and their walks with Jesus Christ. Their study topics vary. The location rotates weekly. This group is currently full.



Empty Nesters Growth Groups

Come and enjoy fellowship and studying God's word with others who have raised their families and have earned the well-deserved title of "empty nester." These groups are composed of people who desire to study the Scriptures and apply the Word of God to their lives.

If you are interested in an empty nesters growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Empty Nesters Growth Groups

Leaders: Reuben & Verda Tschritter

Focus : The Truth Project

Meets on: 1st & 3rd Wednesday's at 6:45 pm

Location: West Fargo



About Reuben & Verda: Reuben and Verda grew up and graduated from high school as classmates at Linton, ND. Both accepted Jesus as their personal savior as young children while attending a small rural Baptist church.

Reuben, an NDSU mechanical engineering graduate, worked for IBM in engineering and management for 34 years in Rochester, MN and Los Gatos, CA. He has worked for NDSU as a consulting engineer in the Institute for Business and Industry Development for 13 years.

Verda taught and supervised in public schools wherever they have lived over the years. She received her undergraduate degree in education from Valley City State University and her graduate degrees in Psychology and Counseling and in Educational Administration from Winona State University in Minnesota.

They have been married 47 years and have one son, Tim, who works for Idea One in Fargo. Besides being involved in church ministries and Bible studies wherever they have lived, they have a goal of reading through the Bible every year. They enjoy traveling, supporting NDSU activities, time at the lake, community involvement and having people in their home. They are excited for the opportunity to serve as growth group leaders.

Empty Nesters Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Dennis & Tamra Gullickson

Meets on: Every Other Sunday at 5pm

Focus: Sermon Based

Location: Varies

About Dennis and Tamra: Dennis and Tamra Gullickson have been members of Bethel for seven years. Both have been involved in Bible study classes, as greeters, and as members of a growth group. Dennis is currently an usher and Tamra served on the drama team for four years. Celebrating 48 years of marriage, they have two grown children and five grandchildren plus two Vietnamese foster daughters. Tamra has retired after teaching physical education and working in the medical profession. Dennis worked in higher education as an administrator for 16 years and has operated numerous businesses. Traveling and exploring God's great creation is a favorite pastime. Making friends across the globe, like these monkeys in Honduras, adds extra spice to their lives. They enjoy studying God's word with fellow Christians, learning how to have a personal relationship with Christ, as the center of their daily lives.



Leaders: Ron & Clarice Powers

Meets on: Tuesday at 7pm

Focus: Sermon-based

Location: Fargo

About Ron & Clarice: Ron and Clarice were married in January of 1962. They lived and farmed in Grand Prairie until 2004. They moved to Fargo and started attending Bethel the first week they moved. Ron and Claire have 7 children. Clarice still works at Open Door in Valley City and Ron helps his son Matt farm in the spring and fall. They both love the Lord and have been Christians since 1968. Both have always been active in community affairs; Ron has been elected to two separate public offices. They are very excited to be involved in growth groups.



Empty Nesters Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Wendell & Sue Herman **Meets on:** Every Other Sunday at 6p.m.

Focus: To Be Determined

Location: Varies

About Wendell & Sue: Wendell and Sue currently have a growth group with 14 people in it. The maximum number that they would like to have in their group is 14. The focus of the group is Prodigal God. The group has not decided what their next focus is going to be. This group rotates homes between all of the group members. The groups are comprised of members from Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo.

Leaders: Gary & Jan Herr

Meets on: Sunday Nights

Focus: Pursuit of God

Location: Varies

About Gary & Jan: Gary and Jan's growth group meets monthly on a Sunday evening chosen by their group to include the maximum number of attendees. The people in this group have been meeting together for over 10 years. This group prays for and encourages one another spiritually. This group currently full.

Empty Nesters Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Paul & Susan Bond

Meets on: Sunday at 5:00 pm

Focus: Sermon Based

Location: South Fargo



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Leaders: Carl & Betty Tengesdal

Meets on: Sunday at 5:00 pm

Focus: Sermon Based

Location: Tengesdal's or Holte's

About Carl & Betty: Carl and Betty have been a part of this growth group for four years. This growth group has been meeting for four years. This group enjoys a light meal together each Sunday evening. All the couples in the group have been at Bethel for quite a few years and are involved in various ministries. There are currently 12 people in this group and have a maximum of 14 people in this group.



Empty Nesters Growth Groups continued

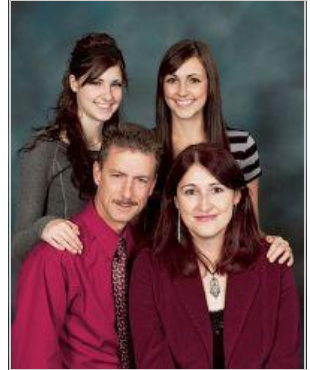
Leaders: Paul & Susann Lenzmeier

Focus: In Light of Eternity

Meets on: Monday

Location: Rotating

About Paul & Susann: Paul and Susann's growth group currently has 4 couples and is full. This group is currently studying the sermon-based homework. They also discuss social topics, scripture, and prayer applied to the circumstances of life. The goal of the growth group is to assemble a community of believers to know and be known, love and be loved, serve and be served, as well as celebrating and be celebrated.



Leaders: Russ & Marlene Sahr

Focus: Sermon-Based

Meets on: Every Other Sunday at 1pm

Location: Bob and Judy Posen's home

About Russ and Marlene: Russ and Marlene's growth group meets twice a month, and the group is doing the sermon-based homework. This growth group usually meets right after the second service with a pot-blessing meal at 1:00 pm. The group ranges in ages from late 50s to mid 80s. This group desires to be accountable to each other and to live Christ-centered lives. The group also supports each other in daily prayer and by acts of kindness. They also desire to help the community with outreach, like helping serve at a shelter.





Senior Adults Growth Groups

The senior adults growth groups are married or single people age 50+ who gather weekly to study God's Word and develop meaningful friendships.

If you are interested in a Senior Adult growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Senior Adults Growth Groups

Leaders: Gordy & Marge Johnson

Meets on: 2nd & 4th Sunday Evening

Focus: TBD

Location: Rotate Homes

About Gordy & Marge: Gordy and Marge have attended Bethel for many years; Gordy has been here his entire life. They've been involved in many areas of ministry throughout their time at Bethel and they believe service to our Lord is very important.



Growth groups are very important to their spiritual development and for developing relationships with other believers. They plan on having a number of social gatherings with their growth group beyond regular meetings together. They also desire to be involved in several community serving projects throughout the year.

Senior Adults Growth Groups continued

Leader: Harold Haakonsen

Meets on: Friday at 6:30 am

Focus: Book of John

Location: Iron Skillet at Petro Mart

About Harold: Harold really enjoys group fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. His growth group also enjoys prayer for the extended families of the members of the growth group. This group also provides support to one another in times of need. Jack's growth group also enjoys performing volunteering with projects at Bethel as well as in the community. He also has a heart for helping and sharing truth with college students.

Leader: Rich & Ruth Irish

Meets on: 2nd Thursday 6:30 pm

Focus: What In The World Is Going On

Location: Varies



About Rich and Ruth: Rich and Ruth believe strongly that their growth group is a fantastic way to experience church. They are involved in a number of ministry areas in Fargo-Moorhead. Rich and Ruth enjoy working with Master's Heart, teaching, and Children's Evangelism Fellowship. They love service projects where they are able to show both Christians and non-Christians the love of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rich and Ruth also believe that

caring is at its best in a growth group. There are currently 12 members in this group and it is full.



Mixed Life Stage Growth Groups

These are intergenerational growth groups that have a mixture of couples and singles from various life stages.

If you are interested in a mixed life stage growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Mixed Life Stage Growth Groups

Leaders: Monroe & Doris Bartel **Meets on:** Every other Sunday at 6:30pm
Focus: Christian Community **Location:** Rotate Homes

About Monroe and Doris: Monroe and Doris have started and led many small groups over the years and want to continue to do so.

Through their small group experiences, they have made many new friends as they have spent time in the Word together, socializing and serving.

This group would be perfect for those who are new to Bethel or new believers of any age.

Monroe and Doris enjoy traveling and spending time with their family. Doris enjoys volunteering, baking and crafts. Monroe busies himself with gardening, outdoor activities, carpentry and volunteering.



Mixed Life Stage Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Larry & Kathy Hoos

Meet on: Thursday at 6:30 pm

Focus: Sermon Based

Location : South Fargo



About Larry and Kathy: We have been married since 1974 and have 4 children, ages 27-35, and 9 grandchildren, ages 3yrs-13yrs. We have two daughters and 4 grandchildren here in the FM area and 1 son, 1 daughter, and 5 grandchildren in Findlay, Ohio. We have been attending Bethel since moving into the Fargo-Moorhead area in 2004. We are still

getting acquainted with being empty nesters, in spurts. We both like to adventure as time and opportunity become available. Larry likes outdoor adventures, like walking, biking, fishing, and playing with the grandchildren in the area parks. Kathy is actively involved with the care and raising of our grandchildren here in the FM area, as well as volunteers at Bethel for various ministries. We both like to read and fellowship with others so as to enlarge our circles of friends. Growth groups are essential for strength, encouragement, and becoming more like Him so that we can be used by Him to draw others who do not know Him. This group would be great for those who have just found faith in Jesus Christ, those who are newly married, and those who also find themselves as empty nesters as we are. There is so much to glean from each age demographic, which will allow us to see Him a little more clearly in our lives.

Mixed Life Stage Growth Groups continued

Leaders: George & Lisa Yocum

Meets on: E/O Friday at 7:00 pm

Focus: Book of James

Location: South Fargo

About George and Lisa: George and Lisa enjoy bike riding, gardening and reading. George is currently team-teaching Sunday school for adults and has been involved with teaching at AWANA on Wednesday nights. Lisa is a mentor mom for Exhale and leads the Moms in Touch prayer group for Discovery Middle School. George and Lisa enjoy inductive Bible studies. This year their growth group is planning on studying James and then First Peter.





Life Skills & Support Growth Groups

The life skills and support growth groups provide a specific focus of study and growth. Whether you're looking to strengthen your Christian walk with God, focus on your recovery journey or enhance a life skill, our groups provide an atmosphere of honesty, acceptance, nurturing and encouragement.

If you are interested in a life skills & support growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Life Skills & Support Growth Groups

Leader: Mike Heitland & Dave Kemper **Meets on:** Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Focus: Christian Recovery

Location: Bethel Church

About Mike and Dave: Mike and Dave have known each other for 12 years. They were friends before either of them was in an obedient relationship with Jesus Christ.



Mike and Dave have over 25 years of combined experience working with people struggling with alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography, and the list of sins goes on and on. It is a true joy for Mike and Dave to share the truth of Jesus Christ and the redemption that can be found in Him!

Life Skills & Support Growth Groups continued

Leaders: Mark & Charity Jensen **Meets on:** Monday at 6:15 pm

Focus: Marriage Support/Book of James

Location: Moorhead

About Mark and Charity: Mark and Charity are using this growth group as a marriage-support group. Their focus is helping couples who have encountered past or recent events that threatened to end their marriage. Couples that would like to join this group should be committed to doing the work of rebuilding their relationship with God and each other. The growth group provides support and encouragement in this process. This group will meet every other Monday evening in a home setting. There are currently two couples in this group, there is room for two or three more couples in this group.

Men's growth groups



Our goal is to strengthen and provide a balance in the life of every man at Bethel Church by building up the spiritual, social, emotional, psychological and intellectual areas of their lives. This is accomplished through a commitment of caring, nurturing, training, leadership development and providing community to the men, so that they may grow in Christ. Most of our men's groups meet during Men's Fraternity on Friday mornings, but we also have groups that meet throughout the week.

If you are interested in a Men's growth group, call Paul Bond at 701.232.4476

Men's Growth Groups

Leader: Monroe Bartel

Meets on: Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Focus: Christianity 101

Location: Bethel Church

About Monroe: This 16-week class is intended for seekers, new believers and those wanting to establish a Biblical basis for their Christian faith. "Fundamentals of the Faith" by John MacArthur will be used as a study guide with weekly assignments based on reading scriptures, writing out answers to questions before class and then discussion with application on Wednesday nights. Topics to be covered will include the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, Salvation, the Holy Spirit, Prayer, Church, Spiritual Gifts and Evangelism.



Monroe became personally challenged as to the Basics while serving as facility advisor to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and teaching Biology at MSUM. It was there that he came to realize that the small group was the most effective format to engage the students in the Word, matters of the Christian faith and living it. These experiences later lead him to help establish the Christian Basics ministry through small groups at Bethel.

Monroe enjoys canoeing the BWCAW, hunting, fishing, carpentry and gardening and has snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef.

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Matthew Faul

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Location: Bethel Church

About Matthew: Matthew is in his mid 20s and is very involved in men's ministry here at Bethel. He enjoys sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Pastor Paul Bond

Meets on:

Focus: No Study at this Time

Location: Bethel Church

About Paul: I love meeting new people, cooking, bar-b-qing, hiking, spending days at the beach and I especially like mentoring and discipling men in God's Amazing Word. There is nothing better to me than digging deep into God's Word and exploring what the Master of the universe desires for me to know. I count it a sincere privilege and great joy to invest time into men to help them grow spiritually to become the men, fathers and husbands that God intends us men to be.



Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Larry Hoos

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Location: Bethel Church

About Larry: We have been married since 1974 and have 4 children, ages 26-34, and 9 grandchildren, ages 2yrs 12yrs. We have two daughters and 4 grandchildren here in the FM area and 1 son, 1 daughter, and 5 grandchildren in Findlay, Ohio. We have been attending Bethel since moving into the Fargo-Moorhead area in 2004. We are still getting acquainted with being empty nesters, in spurts. We both like to adventure as time and opportunity become available. Larry likes outdoor adventures, like walking, biking, fishing, and playing with the grandchildren in the area parks. Kathy is actively involved with the care and raising of our grandchildren here in the FM area, as well as volunteers at Bethel, teaches women classes, and currently working at Sanford Hospital as a CNA. We both like to read and fellowship with others so as to enlarge our circles of friends.



HOOS, Larry & Kathy

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Michael Heitland

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Location: Bethel Church



About Michael: Michael is 35 years old and has been married to his amazing wife Michelle for 11 years. He has three daughters named Makayla, Maleah, and Molly who are the "apple of his eye". For the past two years Michael has felt the Lord calling him

into full time ministry, and has felt blessed to serve in Bethel's Men's Ministry until God opens a door. Michael has a heart for evangelism and discipleship and wants more than anything to help others to know the one true God for who He is, not who we would make Him. Mike enjoys spending time with his family, reading, or out in the outdoors hiking, climbing, and camping.

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Ron Powers

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Location: Bethel Church

About Ron: Ron attended the Friday morning Men's Fraternity for the past two years. He is a faithful servant of God. Ron loves studying God's word and leading others in truth. Ron is very excited to see where God leads his group this year during Men's Fraternity.

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Andy Doeden

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Location: Bethel Church

About Andy: Andy and his wife Katie live in West Fargo, ND and have been married for seven years. They have a two-year-old daughter, Claire. Andy works in sales at Discovery Benefits. He enjoys golfing, grilling, reading, sports and time with friends. Katie is a stay-at-home mom, who loves to read, cook, work out and shop. They moved back to West Fargo in the summer of 2008 after spending five years of marriage in Fort Worth, Texas.



Leader: Paul Lenzmeier

Meets on: Friday at 6:15 am

Focus: Men's Fraternity

Location: Bethel Church

About Paul: Paul and his wife Susann live in West Fargo. He is a prayer warrior and prays consistently for family, friends, Bethel, as well as anything else that comes to his mind. Paul is an avid motorcycle rider. He and his wife go for rides often. Paul is the leader of the Bethel Riders motorcycle club. Paul is always striving to know and understand who God is and what His plan is in their lives. He and Susann also enjoy being with others who share their passion of the Word.

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Paul Bond

Meets on: Wednesday at 6:30 am

Focus: Bible Doctrine Study

Location: Bethel Room 112

About Paul: I love meeting new people, cooking, bar-b-qing, hiking, spending days at the beach and I especially like mentoring and discipling men in God's Amazing Word. There is nothing better to me than digging deep into God's Word and exploring what the Master of the universe desires for me to know. I count it a sincere privilege and great joy to invest time into men to help them grow spiritually to become the men, fathers and husbands that God intends us men to be.



Leader: Randy Johnson

Meets on: Tuesday morning

Focus: Bible Study

Location: Caribou Coffee

About Randy: Randy and the guys that he meets with faithfully on Tuesday mornings, have been meeting together weekly since 1998. This group currently has eight attendees and is full at this time. This group of godly men study and discuss the sermon.

Men's Growth Groups continued

Leader: Carson McIntyre

Meets on: Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Focus: Bible study

Location: South Fargo

About Carson: This is a group of men that meet for a study of God's Word. They also meet for accountability and to build and continue relationships with other men. Doug Burchill is the co-leader of this group with Carson.





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