

Comparing Small Churches and Small Groups

| | Small Churches | Small Groups |
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| Meeting Times | Weekly on Sundays or Wednesdays | Once a month |
| Purpose | Spiritual growth, care, other needs met | Fellowship Spiritual Growth |
| Leadership | Teacher and Small Church Shepherd | Group Coordinator/ Teacher |
| Location | Church | Homes or Church |
| Staff Overseer | Pastor Norm | Pastor Norm |
| Social Events | Limited | Many |
| Teachers | Yes | Yes |
| Teaching Material | Determined by group | Determined by group |

Fairview Missionary Church
 "Helping People Take Their Next Step
 Toward Jesus" together, with Small
 Churches and Small Groups

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What's the Difference?

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General information about Small Churches and Small Groups

What is the purpose of the small churches and small groups ministry?

FMC is a large church. It is impossible to know everyone. The purpose of small churches and small groups is to help people get to know a small number of people well (10-15) and to do life together. Small churches are spiritual growth first. Small groups are more fellowship oriented.

Who coordinates Small Churches and Small Groups?

Pastor Norm is the staff person who oversees this ministry. The Men's A-Team small groups are overseen by Pastor Jake. This brochure does not specifically cover that ministry.

Who selects the leaders for the various Small Churches and Small Groups?

Most often the leaders are selected by the churches and groups themselves. Sometimes Pastor Norm asks people to lead a group.

Small Churches

What is a Small Church?

Small churches are usually a Bible study of some type. They are called Sunday school or Bible study in other churches.

When do Small Churches meet?

Small churches meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, usually weekly at the church except for summer Wednesday nights. Fairview has Small Churches at 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30 on Sundays and at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays during the school year.

How do I get into a Small Church?

Small churches are open to everyone, just show up. A list of topics and classes are on our website: www.fairviewangola.com and at the Connection Center. Choose a topic and start attending.

Are some Small Churches closed to additional attenders?

Small churches that meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings are not closed; everyone is welcome.

Small Groups

What is a Small Groups?

Small groups are usually social gatherings with a devotional time.

When do Small Groups meet?

Small groups usually meet monthly at various locations, usually in the homes of people in the group.

How do I get into a Small Group?

Those wanting to get into a small group should contact Pastor Norm and he will connect you with people of like interest. He can be reached at the church at 665-8402 or by email - norm@fairviewangola.com.

Are some Small Groups closed to additional attenders?

Some small groups are limited and closed to additional people for several reasons:

- 1 - the small group is already large and adding more people makes it too large and harder to get to know each other well.
- 2 - every time new people enter into a group, the "old timers" pause their steps to getting closer to each other to incorporate the new people. If new people are constantly entering the group, the small group members never grow close to each other.
- 3 - some groups are made up of the same personality types and the presence of a different type personality can tend to upset the atmosphere of the group.