

SPRING 2017

# *Groups & Classes*



**LOWCOUNTRY**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

*The Bible is clear about our responsibility as leaders to equip you to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).*

*The best way to equip you is to teach you the way Jesus lived and what he did while he lived on the earth. He tells us to make disciples of ALL nations (Matthew 28:16-20). We make disciples of Jesus through our one-on-one relationships with people and through our large gatherings, events, and worship. The primary way we make disciples is through smaller groups/classes and Bible Studies which are heavily based upon personal relationships.*

*At LCC, we define a disciple as someone who follows Jesus, who is willing to be changed by Jesus, and who is committed to Jesus' mission of reaching other people (Matthew 4:19).*

*Join us on the exciting journey of following Jesus!*

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# TRAINING & EVENTS

It's our passion to create relevant and fun-filled environments to make it easy for you to experience authentic community and learn how to become the disciple-maker God designed all of us to be. Our training and events are a great starting point for deeper relationships with others. Come experience life together!

## Group Leadership Training

**When:** Monday, January 16th, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Sunday, March 5th, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Monday, May 15th, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Who:** Anyone interested in learning more about leading a life group, current life group leaders, coaches, and LCC University teachers

Join Pastor Carl for leadership lessons and breakout sessions as we learn how to lead like Jesus. Childcare will be provided with advance registration. If you're interested in being a leader, please submit the form to be considered at [lowcountrycc.org/adults](http://lowcountrycc.org/adults).

## GroupLink Connection Event

**When:** Sunday, January 22nd following the 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30am services

Join us for our group connection event on the deck following each service to meet group leaders, LCC University teachers, and sign up to be part of a group. All groups and classes will begin meeting for the spring semester in February.

# GROUPS

We believe that engaging in healthy relationships with like-minded believers is essential to spiritual growth. These groups meet regularly and are designed around life stages and shared and common topics or interests. Each group fosters a relational and supportive environment with biblical teaching and topical education. Groups will meet from February through May 2017 for the spring semester. Visit [lowcountrycc.org/adults](http://lowcountrycc.org/adults) or [lowcountrycc.org/events](http://lowcountrycc.org/events) to learn more.

## Life Groups

Life groups are home-based relational environments that meet regularly for the purpose of biblical discipleship. We currently have 47 groups and are growing. Learn more at [lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups](http://lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups).

## Women's Groups

Womens groups are part of our LCC Adult ministries and reach out to women in the Bluffton / Hilton Head Area.

### Women's Group

**When:** Mondays, 6:30pm

**Leader(s):** Cathleen Decourcy

### Ladies Book Club

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:30am

**Leader(s):** Benedette McGuire, Lisa Lewellen, & Erin Pickering

### LCC Moms

**When:** Select Fridays, 9:00am

**Leader(s):** Libby Patterson & Toni Taylor

## Men's Groups

Our Man-to-Man accountability groups are designed to focus upon sharing life together in honest open communication around biblical truth to support, encourage, and hold each other accountable. These groups meet on various days/times throughout the week.

Contact Bill at [william.kingsbury@gmail.com](mailto:william.kingsbury@gmail.com) for more information on joining or leading a group.

**Leader(s):** Tom Millan

**When:** Mondays, 8:30 am

**Leader(s):** Bill Kingsbury

**When:** Wednesdays at 7:30am

**Leader(s):** Michael Lee

**When:** Tuesdays at 7:30am

**Leader(s):** Samuel Robinowich

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:30am

**Leader(s):** Vinnie Emery

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:15am

**Leader(s):** Mike McDaniel

**When:** Thursdays at 7:30am

## Singles Groups

### Flying Solo for Singles

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30pm

**Leader(s):** Brian Gouty & Linda Papa

Join our LCC community of single men and women who are actively pursuing a walk with God through small groups.

### College (at USCB)

**When:** Tuesdays, 7:00pm

**Leader(s):** Rob Jacobs

Our prayer is that students exalt and elevate the name and renown of Jesus on their campus, on the field, at their job, or wherever life takes them each and every day.

## Support Groups

### Divorce Care

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:00pm

**Leader(s):** Matt Smith & Rhonda Smith

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone but instead join us to find help and healing for the hurt.

### Life Recovery

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30pm

**Leader(s):** Keith Osborn

This support group helps you deal step-by-step through the recovery process. These steps

toward recovery are concrete and specific. The people who surround you are filled with grace and kindness, yet are guiding you by walking with you through this journey of recovery.

### Health & Wellness

**When:** Mondays, 6:30pm

**Leader(s):** Jan McKim & Mary Ann Bryan

Our passion is to be our best selves in serving the Lord. We will be exploring the 5 "Fs": Food, Faith, Fitness, Focus, and Friends using Rick Warren's study *The Daniel Plan*.

### Grief & Bereavement

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30pm

**Leader(s):** John Christophel

The purpose and goal of this group is to help people learn the basics of grieving and its impact on their lives.

### Adoption / Foster Care

**When:** First Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

**Leader(s):** Marsha Hunter

The purpose and goal of this group is to provide ongoing support, encouragement, and prayer to current and future adoption and foster care families.

# CLASSES

All LCC University classes begin the week of February 12th and start at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted, with check-in prior to that time. Childcare is available if requested in advance during class registration for \$5 per family per night. Registration will be open online at [lowcountrycc.org/events](http://lowcountrycc.org/events) from December 23rd through February 2nd.

## CORE

### Core Classes

**When:** Sunday, January 29th,  
4:00 - 6:45 pm

Following the model of Jesus, we build relationships with people in three ways: one-on-one, one-on-some, and one-on-many. Through a series of specific classes aligned with our five values called core classes, we teach the basics of following Jesus (i.e. how to pray, how to study the bible, how to serve, reach people, and worship). We take great joy in seeing you equipped, empowered, and engaged to live a life of purpose and influence.

**Connect** is a basic introduction to our church family, and is designed to clearly explain who and what our church is. This class is a prerequisite class for membership.

**Grow** will help you develop the spiritual habits you need to jump start your spiritual growth.

**Serve** will teach you how God can use your spiritual gifts, abilities, personality, and experiences to serve and minister to the needs of others.

**Reach** will teach you how to reach everyone with the gospel of Jesus—from your neighbors to every corner of the world!

**Worship** will teach you the biblical principles of worship and why worshipping Jesus individually and as a group is important.

## BIBLICAL STUDIES

### Bible Institute of the LowCountry

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
**Teacher(s):** Pastors Jeff Cranston and Carl Martin, Erin Pickering  
**Note:** *Begins January 30th*

The Bible Institute of the LowCountry contains three modules: Old Testament, New Testament, and Systematic Theology. Each module is made up of three courses. This is a 15-

week course of online work and weekly classroom gatherings to discuss that week's work further and explore more.

The courses are college level with the majority of work being done online at home. Learn more at [lowcountrycc.org/grow/bible-institute-of-the-lowcountry](http://lowcountrycc.org/grow/bible-institute-of-the-lowcountry). Email Mark at [mhoward@lowcountrycc.org](mailto:mhoward@lowcountrycc.org) if you have any questions.

#### BIBLICAL STUDIES

### How to Study the Bible

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Stacy Rist

Whether you are new to reading God's Word, or have been reading the Bible for years, join us for this 7-week course and transform your reading time into a deeper, more personal study of God and His Word.

#### BIBLICAL STUDIES

### The Book of John

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Pastor Carl Martin & Dennis Gambon

A comprehensive review of John's message to the world about Jesus, this will be a seven week in-depth study of the first seven chapters of the gospel of John.

#### FAMILY

### Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick-Fix World

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Pastor Vinnie Emery & Christina Burroughs

Every parent has dreams for their children. And we all start out with the best intentions. At some point we move from dreams to duct tape and hope that each day everything will stick together. To be a better parent, you need to be an intentional parent, and it's never too late for that. You are the greatest influence in the life of your child, no matter the age, so let's get together and walk this important journey – together.

#### FAMILY

### The Marriage You've Always Wanted

**When:** Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Dennis & Cindy Gambon

Gary Chapman, the well-known "5 Love Languages" teacher and counselor has put together a course that focuses on the essentials needed for a solid marriage. This five-week session includes several segments of video content alongside discussion questions to help couples engage and apply it to their marriage.



GROWING IN FAITH

## **War Room: Battle Plan For Prayer**

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Ken Aerni

This 8-week study is designed to help equip believers to develop their own specific prayer strategy. This will help you to become more devoted to God and to faithfully and effectively wield the weapon of prayer in the battles and seasons of life.

GROWING IN FAITH

## **Spiritual Gifts: Finding Your S.H.A.P.E.**

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Lisa Lewellen

Have you discovered the unique purpose God has for your life? This study is designed specifically to take you to that next level of purpose—to reveal how God has designed you, and help see how that fits the intention for which you were created.

GROWING IN FAITH

## **Starting Point – Help Me to Understand God**

**When:** Sundays, 8:30 & 10:00am

**Teacher(s):** Duncan Wilkes

**Note:** *Begins February 5th*

Everything has a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career. Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. This course is an 8-session small group conversation about faith. Whether you're new to faith, curious about God, or coming back to church after some time away, it's a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits.

GROWING IN FAITH

## **Financial Peace University**

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Teacher(s):** Brad Tholen

We all need a plan for our money, and FPU is that plan! In this class, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! This information will change the way you deal with finances as well as help you deal with this modern, worldly issue in a way that is pleasing in God's eyes.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## Lead Well New Leader Training

**When:** Choose from a class on January 16th, March 5th, or May 15th

**Teacher(s):** Pastor Carl Martin

This class will teach you how to be an effective leader. The members of your life group depend upon you to lead them well. These classes are a requirement for all group leaders to attend. Anyone who would like to become a group leader is also invited.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## Lead the Change

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30am

**Teacher(s):** Pastor Carl Martin & Dennis Gambon

Jesus has a very clear mission for us as Christians. Our mission is to make disciples of all nations. At LCC, we make disciples through our personal relationships on three levels: one-on-one (individual friendships), one-on-some (groups), and one-on-many (larger venues such as weekend worship services).

Our disciple-making classes teach you how to build relationships the way Jesus did. This is a class for current LCC leaders looking to further develop their leadership skills.

## FAQS

### *How do I find a group or class at LCC?*

We have open enrollment for groups twice a year in January and August. Attend our GroupLink Connection event on Sunday, January 22nd on the deck after all three services to meet group leaders and find the group that's right for you. You can also request to be placed in a group by filling out our life group form at [lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups](http://lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups). To sign up for classes, register online at [lowcountrycc.org/events](http://lowcountrycc.org/events).

### *What types of groups and classes are available at LCC?*

Life groups meet in homes and are the primary way we build community. We also offer women's groups, men's groups, support groups, and more, which are built around common interests, gender, or life stage. LCC University is made up of classes and bible studies that we offer each spring and fall semester at LCC on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

### *Can I be in a life group and participate in other groups and classes?*

Yes! For example, you may be in a life group, but also take one of the classes being featured in our fall semester. Or you might be part of a life group and an additional group based on your interests. It's all about experiencing life together and becoming the disciple-maker God designed all of us to be.

### *Where do I find other resources to grow in my Christian life?*

Visit [lowcountrycc.org/additional-resources](http://lowcountrycc.org/additional-resources) for RightNow Media, a free online resource with curriculum and videos for personal and group study for kids, youth, parents, married couples, and more. These videos can be viewed from any mobile device (phone or tablet), computer, or on your TV. Access your own free account through LCC.

### *What do I need to do if I'm interested in starting a life group at LCC?*

Please fill out the form at [lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups](http://lowcountrycc.org/adults/life-groups) to start the conversation about leading.



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