

testimonies

Widows Table Group

I came to Richmond in May last year, following my husband's death in February and started attending WEAG. I soon realized that I needed to get connected with other people; so I signed up for a Table Group. I was invited to join a widows group. I wasn't quite sure how I felt about a group made up of all widows, but it has turned out to be a wonderful blessing for all of us. We have become dear friends, and the group has been a fulfillment of II Corinthians 1:3-4. More than anything else, it has given each of us permission to grieve in our own way, at our own pace. We all have a different story and we have listened to each other and loved each other in the telling and retelling of those stories. We are a grief support group for each other with the added benefit of much food and fellowship. This table group has been a significant factor in getting me connected at WEAG and I am very grateful.

– Cecil

Young Adult Life Group

Over the years I have participated in various life group Bible studies. I have never stuck with any of them, but for some reason this group is different. I don't know if it's because we have dinner every time we meet, or if it's the unique individuals that are in the group, or if it's the way the group is led or if it's where I am at this point in my life. I imagine it's a combination of all of them. This group has been the anchor that has helped me to find acceptance and belonging.

– Chris

Young Adult Life Group

I have met a group of guys who not only accept me as one of their own, but also have become constant spiritual encouragers and great friends. These friendships continue to be forged not only through Bible study but also through weekly activities and just hanging out together. I enjoy the close friendships; and the Bible studies have been pertinent to my journey and my relationship with Christ.

– Kevin

Service Life Group

I decided to join a life group after I had been asked several times. I didn't want to be a part of a group where I felt like I didn't belong or wasn't "holy" enough. The Service Group appealed to me because their focus was on acts of service such as separating food at the Food Bank and packing safety kits for children with AIDS in Africa. They were reaching out to people. I would definitely recommend life groups to anyone who is looking for a more personal and intimate way of sharing Christ.

– Brandi

Life Group

It has been a great experience coming together with God's wonderful people, people who love the Lord with all their heart, mind and soul and who love us, their neighbors, as themselves. It is a blessed time of praise and worship, a time of sharing. We are fed physically and spiritually. We can come with a heavy heart and leave lifted up. Here we experience not only the joy of receiving from God, but a greater pleasure in giving as God has blessed us.

– Mary and Shirley



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life groups



At West End Assembly of God, we believe that every person matters to God. We also believe that every person needs a place to belong. Life groups can be that place. Our life groups are little communities of people who love one another, care for one another, and grow in faith together. In life groups we have opportunities to share honest conversations, pray over issues of concern, and walk life's complex pathway supported by friends who really care. Our groups are small in size, meet on a regular basis, and are led by an appointed leader whose goal is to guide the group in spiritual growth.

This brochure will guide you in how to find a life group. It will describe the kinds of groups we offer, where to find a complete list of groups available, and who to contact for one-on-one help in finding a group that is a good relational fit. We have all kinds of groups from which you can choose. Some are relational, some are service oriented, and some have a Bible study focus. Try a group that interests you and keep searching until you find one that fits best.

It doesn't matter to which group you belong—just commit to belonging! As you join with others through life groups you will grow in your faith and experience the many blessings that come from belonging to a warm and welcoming community of believers.

Marlyn DeFoggi

Group Ministries Pastor



frequently asked questions

Q: How do I join a group?

A: Joining a group is easy.

1. Visit the "Life Groups" page on our website, www.weag.org to see a complete listing of all our groups that have openings.

2. Find a group that meets the needs of you and your family.

3. Contact the leader and schedule a visit. There are many groups available, so feel free to visit several groups until you find one that is a good relational fit.

If you do not have access to our website, you may fill out the attached form and drop it in the offering or at a Welcome Center. It will be routed to a Group Ministries representative who will contact you.

If you prefer, you may call Ginger Parson or Pastor Marlyn DeFoggi at 740-7042, and they will be happy to help connect you with groups that meet your needs.

Q: How do I find a group that fits my needs best?

A: Visit our "Life Groups" page on our website, www.weag.org to view group descriptions. We have a variety of groups that meet at different times and on various days of the week. Some groups are for women, some for men, some are for couples, and others are for families with children. The listing on the website will describe all the details.

When you have found a couple groups that look interesting to you, give them a try. Don't feel like you have to begin attending the first group you visit. Visit several groups until you find one that is a good relational fit.



Q: Can I join more than one group?

A: Yes. Some people enjoy attending a Table Group fellowship meal gathering as well as a life group, which engages in a Bible study. However, we recommend that you commit to attending one group faithfully rather than attend several sporadically. For you to get the most benefit from a group, regular attendance is necessary. This assures that you will meet regularly with a group of people, get to know them over a period of time, and can begin opening your life to them in discipleship relationships. It will benefit you as well as the others in the group.

Q: How long do groups meet?

A: Groups usually meet from September through May. Most groups welcome newcomers throughout the year. Talk to the group leader for more information.

Q: Who do I contact for more information?

A: You may call Ginger Parson in the church office at 740-7042 or e-mail her at gparson@weag.org. You may also contact Pastor Marlyn DeFoggi by calling 740-7042 (church office) or e-mail her at marlyn@weag.org. They will be happy to answer your questions and help guide you to find a group.

types of groups we offer

Life Groups

A regular gathering of people for the purpose of:

- Bible Study and application
- Conversation and prayer
- Discipleship and relationships
- Service to one another
- Leadership development

We offer many types of groups. Those for couples, singles, young adults, seniors, widows and more. Check out the many groups available by visiting the "Life Groups" page at www.weag.org.

Table Groups

A Table Group is a small group of people who meet regularly to share a meal together, and to focus on relationships and building community. They are designed with simplicity in mind and are easy to commit to and clear in focus.

For more info, go to www.weag.org.



Tell us what you are looking for in a group.

name _____

address _____

phone number _____

e-mail _____

group preferences _____

type of group preferred (check all that apply):

- Life Group
- Table Group
- Young Adult Group
- Child-friendly Group
- Other Comments _____

“We’ll help you find a seat in a Life Group.”



Drop this card in the offering or at a Welcome Center.