

Next Step Group Life at CLC...

Where Relationships, Discipleship, and Life Happens!

At Christian Life Center we believe *discipleship* begins in *relationship* and ends in life application. Therefore, it is our desire that everyone have the opportunity to connect with one another, grow in their faith and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is a Next Step Group?

In a changing world, only a few things remain constant: God, His Word, family and life-long friends. Whether you are sailing along smoothly or are in the middle of a trial, you will live life better if there are people around you who truly care. Next Step Groups were designed to connect you with those people.

- **Next Step Groups** are for building lasting friendships and establishing a community of support. **(RELATE)**
- **Next Step Groups** are for help you reach your full potential in Christ. **(LEARN)**
- **Next Step Groups** are for helping you to serve others together and/or individually. **(SERVE)**

A Next Step group is a community of people (short term/long term – classroom/living room) who have committed to meet for a period of time with each other for the purposes of relationship-building, spiritual growth, prayer, support, and find a place of ministry and serve together. **(RELATE, LEARN, SERVE)**

We have Next Step Groups at CLC because...

We understand how great the need is for community and support. There will be times in your life when you will feel as though can't go on, times when you need some godly wisdom, or a friend. Next Step Groups can provide all of those things.

Most people want to belong to a community and most people are looking for friendships that go deeper than they can get on social networking sites. This summer we want to challenge you to get involved in a Next Step Group and invite someone you care about. Give them an opportunity to get involved and you might just get to witness something amazing happening in their life.

Don't wait any longer! Join a Next Step Group today!

You have a choice: Classroom or Living Room?

Living Room: Once you find an off campus Next Step Group (or 2 or 3) that you are interested in, you are free to contact the leader directly using the information listing with the group.

Classroom: Simply try out an on-campus group. They meet on generally on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. *To ensure classroom space, pre-signups are encouraged at the beginning of a new Wednesday night quarter (September-January-March); you can sign up online (www.clcdayton.com).*

How do I become a Next Step Group Leader?

To become a Next Step Group leader, you must fill out an application. See Pastor Skip for an application.

Following approval, all leaders are required to attend a training session to get them ready and equipped for the upcoming session.

Classroom Opportunities Sundays Mornings

Registration is not required for these Ongoing Next Step groups.

Sundays at 8:30 am

Married Life

This class for married and engaged couples is all about doing life together. Join us as we use videos and interactive discussion to learn more about different marriage and life issues.

Jim and Jill Heilman; Room 105-106

Truth Seekers

Be a part of this interactive class that "Seeks" to learn the "Truth" from God's Word and how to apply it in our everyday lives.

Bob Cupp; Room 110

Doorkeepers (Age 65 -90)

This group is for anyone who wishes to be part of a Bible study/prayer/discussion group between the ages of 65-90.

Neal Edgar and Earl Dohner; Room 111

Sundays at 10:00 am

More than Conquerors

Come discover the truth that is available through God's Word to help you become "more than a conqueror" in every area of life. This class features passionate teaching and discussion that are sure to motivate you on your spiritual journey.

Mark Stusek; Room 603 and 605

20/30 Vision (Young Marrieds)

Are you newly married? Would you like to connect with others like you? Then join us as we have interactive discussions on how the Bible helps us live according to His plan regardless of our circumstances. Topics include love and respect for one another, finances, communication, relationships, dealing with in-laws, and Christian growth.

Norm and Penny Perkins; Room 105-106

Sundays at 10:00 am

Laugh, Love, Learn

Learn with us as we see how God wants us to live, work, and have fun in our everyday lives. This "where you live" approach is an interactive class where we learn from each other's insight into the word, and we have a good time doing it.

Greg Frueh and Ron Jackson; Room 110-111

Single Adults Living in Triumph (Singles 45+)

This group is designed for singles coming together to explore who we are in Jesus Christ and to develop a closer walk with Him. We believe each one is complete in Jesus Christ.

Rhonda Miller; Room 509

Sundays at 11:45 am

Young Adults (for Twenty-Somethings)

A fast paced, interactive class that covers a variety of opportunities and challenges faced by this age group. Come check out this time of connection and coffee.

SUMMER YOUNG ADULT STUDY: *The Truth Project* - This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective.

Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

Pastor Shannon Zabroski; Room 110-111

S.A.L.T. & L.I.G.H.T. (Singles)

Join other singles, of all ages, from all "crossroads" of life! This class is designed to help you grow in your faith and your personal relationship with God through interactive discussion, Bible study, and prayer.

Beth Barnhart & Melissa Bowers; Room 105-106

SUMMER

Wednesday Night Classroom Opportunities

6:00 – 7:00pm = **Family Dinner in New Connection Center Cafe**

7:00 – 7:20pm = **Opening worship and prayer in the Sanctuary.**

7:25 – 8:25pm = **Next Step Groups in session.**

**Join us the first Wednesday of every month as we all come together
for a Prayer service in the Sanctuary.**

Registration is requested for the following Next Step groups.

You can register online at www.clcdayton.com or at any Information Center.

Featured Studies

JUNE

The Holy Spirit and You

Pastor Stan will be teaching a four-week class on the Holy Spirit in the Sanctuary. Who is the Holy Spirit? What is His role in your life...and in the life of the Church? What are the gifts of the Spirit? What are the fruits of the Spirit? This is a very informative class, will investigate questions like these, and also give you a personal time of prayer to search and apply what you learn.

Pastor Stan Tharp; Sanctuary; June 8-29

Full Flame: Igniting Your Passion for the Lost

Through this class you will discover how the lost can be saved, the sick healed, the oppressed set free and the Lord's people motivated and empowered to go out and 'do the work,' making it a mighty explosion of the power of God. Come join Pastor Rich for this exciting class.

Pastor Rich Clay; Room 603 and 605 (Connection Center); June 8 – August 24

Lord, Help Me Grow Spiritually Strong in 28 Days

Does life sometimes leave you feeling overwhelmed, confused, worn out, and empty? Do you desire a closer relationship with God? Are you looking for help to grow spiritually? God desires to give you a more abundant life. This class is designed to take you daily through the essentials for spiritual growth -- God's way! *Cost: 12 (book); Begins @ 7pm.

Lisa Wygant; Room 602 (Connection Center); June 8-29

CLC Career Young Adults – For young adults ages 24-34

Getting settled in your career, starting a family, or not sure what you want to do yet? Join us for a Bible study centered on your needs. We will get deeper into God's word to get a handle on what this life has to offer.

Penny Lloyd; Room 604 (Connection Center); June 8-29

JULY & AUGUST

Summer in the City— “Let’s Get Acquainted with our Partner Pastors”

Let's get acquainted with our Partner Pastors. Six of our CLC Partner Pastors (one each week) will be sharing his heart and ministry in a message. **This opportunity is associated with our “Summer in the City” ministry.** Come and support our Partner Pastors in the Sanctuary!

Six of our CLC Partner Pastors; Sanctuary July 13 – August 24

James: Living Out Our Faith

Join us for a thorough review of JAMES -- one of the hardest hitting books in the New Testament. We'll learn what the Lord put on James' heart about living with trials & temptation, making the most of each moment, how Christians should "live" out our faith and how we should treat one another.

Carlos Colon; Room 110; July 13 – August 24

Demons and Devils - C. S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters"

Join us as we read and discuss Lewis' short book of letters written by Screwtape, an upper-level bureaucrat in hell, to his nephew Wormwood, a novice tempter assigned to a young Christian man. Scathing, funny, and penetrating advice from a demon experienced in exploiting mankind's weaknesses.

Brian Cox; Room 602 (Connection Center); July 13 – August 24

Balancing Life's Demands

It's important to keep our personal lives in balance. Explore the importance of mental and physical fitness, learning how to exercise both mind and body. Look at the causes of emotional burnout and discover God's remedy for it. Learn the importance of friendships and how to build better ones.

Pastor Skip Lloyd; Room 111; July 13 – August 24

AUGUST ONLY

[RE:] Boot—Preparing Parents for Public school

Preparing parents for public school. Know your rights, know their stuff, be in the know!

Pastor Shannon Zabroski; & Andy White; Room 604 Connection Center); August 10 - 24

If you have any questions regarding a Sunday or Wednesday Next Step group, please contact us at

(937) 898-8811.

Then check out these great short-term and ongoing Next Step groups being offered! *For more information, go to www.clcdayton.com.*

Connection Center Class Opportunities this Summer!

At 10am - Classroom

Marriage for a Lifetime

Could your marriage use a little help? Would you like to be better equipped to help others? Will your marriage thrive? Survive? Or Dive? The 4 C's are absolutely essential, necessary, vital, fundamental, and indispensable. Get the picture? With all the marriage helps and helpers available today, why are so many marriages still struggling and breaking up at near record rates? What are the 4 C's? Well, you have to sign and attend the class to find out.

Led by Dick & Sandy Smith; 10am; Room 604 May1-???

Something **NEW** for THIS FALL!

After You Say "I Do" – For young couples married up to 5 years

An on-going Sunday morning Classroom Next Step Group designed for young couples married up to 5 years. ***"Building a firm foundation for a fulfilling, God honoring lifetime together."*** Covering topics like: Christ, communication, caring, commitment, in-law relationships, Godly living, finances, busyness, finding God's will, getting through the hard times.

Led by Roger & Roxie Bower, Jim & Shari Moore, Aaron & Erica Robinson Second Service -10am; Room 602

Living Room Next Step Group Opportunities

For more information, go to clcdayton.com.

Living Room (Off Campus) Next Step Groups at CLC are unique and offer a smaller, more intimate group environment where you can find a place to belong and find friends who will encourage, support and care for you as you go through the celebrations and trials of life. Off Campus Next Step Groups are communities of 6-15 people who meet for social connection and together learn how to apply God's Word to their daily lives. These groups typically meet in the neighborhoods surrounding Christian Life Center, and are comprised of all ages, all genders, families, couples, singles and coed groups.

NEW this summer...

Troy

The Coming Economic Armageddon

Today's economy continues to spiral downward and many have compared it to the great depression of the 1930's. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their homes and the unemployment rate is rising. Questions overwhelm our thoughts: How did we get to this place? Will America be able to recover? Is this a sign that the end of the world is near?

Contact: Jeff McDaniel (tccrunners@gmail.com); 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6 pm

Living Room

Ongoing Next Step Groups

To find a Living Room Next Step group in your area and/or get more information, check us out below:

Men

Meets On CLC Campus (CLC Men's Ministry group)

Men's Bible Study Group

Contact: Andy Kavcsak (akavcsak@clcdayton.org); Every Tuesday @ 6am; Room 409.

Vandalia (Max & Ermas (Miller Lane))

Men's Bible study/support group -

Contact: Jack Bliss (slloyd@clcdayton.org); Every Thursday @ 6pm.

Women

On CLC Campus

Women's Bible Study group (topical study, prayer study)

Contact: Glenda Planz (lzonka39@yahoo.com); Every other Friday @ 11:30am; CLC main office.

Clayton/Englewood

Precept Bible Study for ladies of all ages– Romans

Contact: Mary Thomas (marylizthomas@verizon.net); Every Thursday; 9:30-11:30am. Note: Book cost range from \$15-25; minimum 4-hour homework weekly.

Clayton

Bible Study/Support group for 30-65 year old ladies

Contact : Pam Ganka (pganka@att.net); Second and Fourth Thursdays @ 6pm.

Troy

Precept Bible Study for ladies of all ages. Study: Precept's Kings and Prophets Series.

Contact: Sarah Bamford (srbamford@yahoo.com); Every Thursday; 9:15-11:30am. Note: Bring your Bible. Precept workbook purchased required (\$20).

Married Groups

Piqua

Scripture study/Social for married couples (50-70s), no childcare

Contact: Tom Beattie (twbeattie@woh.rr.com); Thursdays (once a month), 7 pm

Huber Heights

Prayer & Praise/Social, no childcare. Our group "travels" – we meet from time to time in Huber Heights, Enon, Brookville, New Lebanon, and WPAFB.

Contact: Dick & Carol Cronk (rcronk@woh.rr.com) 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:30 pm

Singles

Springboro

Fellowship/Bible study for older singles (40-60s)

Contact: Linda Ryan (lryan@clcd Dayton.org); 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6 pm

Coed

Dayton

Bible Study for all ages & marital status, no childcare

Contact: Dori Waymire (wheelsforjesus05@clearwire.net); Sundays, 3:30-6 pm

Huber Heights

For all ages. Children welcome.

Contact: Terry Conley (a31ford@hotmail.com); Every other Sunday, 7pm.

Vandalia

Current study: "Life's Healing Choices".

Contact Dennis Faughn (dfaughn@woh.rr.com); 2nd & 4th Monday @ 7:15pm with dessert, chat, lesson, discussion, and prayer.

Troy

Various studies. Childcare can be arranged.

Contact: Jeff McDaniel (tccrunners@gmail.com); 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6 pm

Dayton & Huber Heights

We are a mixed group, married and singles; children are welcome, we really do not have day care. Study topics vary.

Contact: Gale Martin (gale1973@sbcglobal.net); 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00pm.

Huber Heights

Adults in their 20s, 30s, & 40s. Various Studies. Childcare available

Contact: Tim & Maria Claude (tmclaude@aol.com); Sundays, 5-7 pm

North Dayton

Various studies. No childcare

Contact: Ray & Dolly Tidd (dollytidd@aol.com); Thursdays, 7-8 pm

Brookville

Various Studies. Childcare available

Contact: Mike & Becky Dunn (mdunn10@woh.rr.com); Weekly/Sunday evenings.

Beavercreek

Various Studies. Childcare available.

Contact: Cecil Brown (cecilb211@ameritech.net); Fridays, 7-8:30pm

Young Adults

On CLC Campus/Young Adults (for Twenty-Somethings)

A fast paced, interactive class that covers a variety of opportunities and challenges faced by this age group. Come check out this time of connection and coffee.

SUMMER YOUNG ADULT STUDY: *The Truth Project*

Contact Pastor Shannon Zabroski (szabroski@clcd Dayton.org); Sundays @ 11:45am; Room 110-111

Young Adult Women's Group (*Englewood*)

We rotate houses and the hostess makes dinner for everyone. We ask the three questions and awesome conversations usually come out of it. We then pray for each other based on what we just heard.

Contact: Abbie Kuenzli (akuenzli2@gmail.com); Sundays, 5:30pm.

On CLC Campus (Career Young Adults 24 – 24 yrs old)

Getting settled in your career, starting a family, or not sure what you want to do yet? Join us for a Bible study centered on your needs. We will get deeper into God's word to get a handle on what this life has to offer.

Contact: Penny Lloyd (slloyd@clcd Dayton.org); Room 106; Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm

Family Life Opportunities

Discovery Town Children's Ministry

Midweek: *Metamorphosis* (gradeschoolers), an attitude check from proverbs- with a lot of summer fun with BUGS!

Weekends: *Flipped for Jesus*- How being a disciple of Jesus will TOTALLY change your life! This summer in Kids Church Powerhouse, learn how to be Flipped for Jesus through both small and large group sessions.

Also, do not miss Powerhouse's production of **sCARS musical** is September 9,10,11 here at CLC

For more information, contact Pastor Trish (898-8811 x 250)

Student Ministries @ CLC

Spring JR. HIGH Next Step Groups

In Jr. High, we believe that life-change happens best in a small group. Groups for Jr. High consist of 5-10 same gender, roughly the same grade students and one leader. They meet twice a month during Jr. High Midweek (7-8:30 Wednesdays in the SLC). Small Group time is spent discussing the topic we are currently studying as well as connecting about what is happening in each other's lives.



Our purpose for groups is that our leaders will:

- ⊙ **PRAY** – The leader will pray for his/her students by name on a daily basis.
- ⊙ **REACH** – The leader must each Wednesday have his/her Small Group Roster become a “HIT-LIST,” looking for each student, making sure to talk with each student, and taking note of who is missing.
- ⊙ **MISS** – This goes with the previous one, but this will lead to a student being specifically missed by a leader, rather than a computer telling us they haven't been here! The Leader, Assistant Leader, or a group member should contact students missing their second week in a row.
- ⊙ **CONNECT** – The leader must connect with his/her students outside of Jr. High Midweek at least once per month.
- ⊙ **HONOR** – Catch your students doing something good and honor them for it! Be creative!
- ⊙ **PLAY** – Each group will hold an outside fun activity once per school year.
- ⊙ **SERVE** – Each group will serve as a group in ministry at least once per school year.

Not ready to be a part of a Next Step Group? Not interested? That's OK. We've got a solution for you! Students not in a Next Step (small) Group meet **within** the Large Group in the Game Room during Small Group time. This group quickly reviews the topics talked about during the lesson time, then hangs out for fellowship in the Game Room.

Spring Sr. High Next Step Groups

The Sr. High Next Step class meets at 10am in the SLC game room for relevant teachings, and Biblical discussion. They are geared toward issues that are specific to high school students, and are a place for students to better connect with each other and build strong Christian friendships.



The first Sunday of each month focuses on prayer.

For more information contact Tara at 937-898-8811 ext. 248 or Tthurman@clcdayton.org.

CLC Fairfield Next Step Groups

A Brand New Living Room Next Step group Experience

Crazy Love - By Francis Chan

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

Fairfield Next Step Groups meet in homes around the Fairfield/Beavercreek area. For more information on CLC Fairfield Next Step Groups, contact Pastor Ryan at rday@clcdayton.org.

Living Room Next Step group Opportunities

Xenia

"Crazy Love"; Childcare available;

Contact: Chris & Danielle Schuette (echrisdaniell@gmail.com) - Sundays @ 5

Beavercreek/Fairborn

"Crazy Love";

Contact: Brittany Breisch (bbreisch@sbcglobal.net) - Wednesdays @ 7

Beavercreek/Fairborn

Contact: Brad Dearsman (bdearsm@gmail.com) - Thursdays @ 7

Ladies' Group

"To Live Is Christ" (Beth Moore); Contact: Jenny Johnson (jenje46@aol.com); Tuesday @ 6:30pm; \$10 for the notebook.

Moms

"Crazy Love";

Contact: Leslie Metze (lesliemetze@yahoo.com); various times throughout the month .

Students Grades 7-12

1st Sunday of the month - 10 a.m. @ the theater

CLC Piqua Next Step Groups

Piqua Next Step Groups meet in homes around the Piqua area. For more information on CLC Piqua Next Step Groups, contact Pastor James at joldham@clcd Dayton.org or call/text his cell at (937) 541-1063.

CLC Piqua Living Room Next Step group Opportunities

Troy/Young Families

Host Home: Sam & Katie Gascho and Anthony & Katie Crane. For more information, contact joldham@clcd Dayton.org.

Young Adults

Host Home: Pastor James & Miranda Oldham (joldham@clcd Dayton.org); NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

Covington Group

Host Home: Jerry & Judi Kemp (kempswift@windstream.net); Going through “Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God.”

Christian Life Center Discipleship Growth Plan

Vision

Building the CHURCH, changing our WORLD:
A GOD-SIZED VISION for Christian Life Center.

Discipleship Strategy

For every CLC'er to participate in a Next Step Group.

Next Step Group

“Relate” --- “Learn” --- “Serve”