

Family Night

Grace Church's new Sunday Night Gathering
Beginning September 13th @ 6PM



Friends,

On Sunday, June 28th, we held a Members Meeting when, among other things, the pastors presented the new plan for care groups beginning in September. For members unable to attend, and those still getting acquainted with Grace Church, this document is intended to summarize what was presented at that meeting in order to encourage you to participate.

Family Night is the new plan to consolidate the small group ministry of the church (formerly meeting in homes) into one corporate gathering. We plan to meet two times per month (6-7:45PM) on Sunday nights at Glenkirk. The first 40 minutes of Family Night will include singing, testimonies, and a brief time of teaching. A short break, and then 45 minutes of small group application will constitute the remainder of our time together.

The change from decentralized care groups to the corporate Family Night seeks three things:

- Enable the entire body to grow and fellowship together: This corporate meeting will promote the unity of the whole church as we fellowship with many that we know well and love, but who have not been in our particular care group.
- Create a profitable structure for the children: How to care well for the children during our care group meetings, has always been one of our most pressing problems. Through Family Night, we feel like we are addressing this need in a profitable and exciting way. See below for more information.
- Maintain the benefits of small group ministry: Because Family Night includes a significant small group element, we are still achieving goals suitable only in the context of a small number of adults.

Above, and in, all of this adjustment is one primary thing: a plea that God will fill His church with the Holy Spirit, and that together we will be built up in love into mature manhood. Will join us in praying that God uses Family Night in this way? Would you structure your calendar, even now, in order to prioritize Family Night?

Anticipated Dates for Family Night Gatherings:

September 13th and 27th
October 11th and 25th
November 8th and 22nd
December 6th and 20th
January 10th and 24th

February 7th and 21st
March 7th and 21st
April 11th and 25th
May 2nd and 23rd
June 6th