

Growth Groups are the heartbeat of ministry at SMBC, where we come together for fellowship and prayer, meeting each other's needs. Our Fall Growth Group session begins **Sunday, August 31**.

WHAT GROUPS ARE OFFERED?

This fall we are encouraging the SMBC family to take part (with other churches on Signal Mountain) in reading through the entire Bible in 90 days. If you have never read through the Bible, the added encouragement of reading alongside your brothers and sisters in our church family will be a real blessing. We will have clearly defined segments of Scripture for daily reading—if we read twelve pages a day (which takes about 45 minutes to an hour daily), we will all have read through the Bible before Thanksgiving. We hope you will participate; if so, register for the group below. Or if you prefer, you can also register for a “traditional” Growth Group.

1. **The Bible in 90 Days** – These groups will meet at the church on Sunday evenings at our regular Growth Group time for an overview of the Bible reading for the upcoming week, for mutual encouragement, sharing, and prayer. Due to the need to meet together for the weekly overview, these groups will meet at the church for this fall. (Note: after we read through the Bible, each of these groups will continue to meet as a “Traditional” Growth Group.)

WHEN? “Bible in 90 Days” Growth Groups are on-mountain, Sunday evenings only.

2. **Traditional** – These are our regular “sermon-based” Growth Groups that run through the year. They focus on discussion of Scripture that relates to the sermon, as well as on practical questions of application.

WHEN? These Growth Groups are both on-mountain and off-mountain, and are available for both Wednesday and Sunday evenings (although we may have groups meet other evenings).

Some Further Information

- All Sunday groups will begin at 6:00pm and finish by 7:30pm. All Wednesday (or other) groups will begin at 7:00pm and finish by 8:30pm.
- For Sunday evening GGroups, there is also a corresponding Children's Program at SMBC.
- For Sunday and Wednesday evening **on** mountain GGroups (including the “Bible in 90 Days”), babysitting is provided.
- **Crown Bible Study Groups** will begin again in the Spring
- Youth Groups meet Sundays at 6pm at SMBC.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Complete the information below and put it in the box on the table in the hallway.

Your Name(s): _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

Hosting is a ministry of hospitality to us all. THANK YOU to so many of you who have hosted in past years! This year we again need individuals to host Growth Groups, or possibly co-host (perhaps either alternate with the host, or be available as occasional backup).

Check here if you would be willing to *Host* _____ or *Co-host* _____.

YOUR GROWTH GROUP PREFERENCE (check one):

- Bible in 90 Days: 6pm Sundays **on** mountain (at church)
- Traditional:
 - 6pm Sundays **on** mountain (in homes)
 - 7pm Wednesdays **on** mountain
 - 7pm Wednesdays **off** mountain (no childcare)
 - 7pm on Tuesday _____ or Thursday _____ or Friday _____

Note 1: Signup (this sheet) is due by August 17; the sooner it gets to Gary, the better. You will be called by your GG Leader sometime shortly afterwards

Note 2: Some are interested in off-mountain Growth Groups in the East Brainerd and Soddy-Daisy areas. If you are interested in a traditional Growth Group in one of those two areas, please indicate below:

_____ Brainerd/East Brainerd _____ Soddy-Daisy

Questions? Call me (Gary) or email me at wgaryphillips@comcast.net