

GROUP LIFE AT NCC

# WINTER SPRING

2026

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# Group Definitions

To provide clarity with respect to the purpose and expectations of the different kind of groups at NCC, each group in the catalog is defined as one of the following:

**Social Groups** - These gatherings are an opportunity to build and deepen relationships within our church community. The primary purpose is getting to know one another, while also engaging in a short discussion that focuses on application of the previous Sunday's sermon and time for prayer for one another.

**LABS** - LABS stands for "Life Application Bible Study." These groups focus on studying the scripture for the upcoming sermon. They utilize the discovery bible study method in order to unpack who God is, who we are, and most importantly, how we obey God's word in our every day lives. This is a great group for newcomers and long time members.

**Topical Groups** - These groups are designed to hone in one discussion topic and unpack it well. They utilize books and/or video to drive content and conversation. They are beneficial for those who are looking for a focused topic that may help them in their every day discipleship.

**Multiply Groups** - These groups are designed specifically with the intent to reproduce more leadership into the life of our church. The content may vary but the end game is for participants to learn how to lead, mentor, disciple, and reproduce other disciples. Discipleship is the call of every follower of Jesus and these groups focus on developing the tools necessary to meet that end.

**The mission of NCC is "to make disciples, who live and love like Jesus, who know Him, who grow up in Him, and who go out for Him."**

These words come to us straight from scripture. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives His disciples the command to go and make disciples of all nations. His vision was to reproduce and multiply Himself in the life of His followers. He is our model and we are meant to grow up into the life of Christ in order to live and love like Him everyday. Though we do not do this perfectly, this is still His desire for us.

This winter and spring, we will continue to study the Book of Matthew. Matthew writes to a Jewish audience in order to help them understand that Jesus is the one true King who desires for His Kingdom to come into this world. He teaches His followers the ways of the Kingdom. These ways are not reduced to the private sector but everywhere God sends us. Jesus teaches us to pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." His vision is that the presence of believers in this world would usher in God's Kingdom.

Jesus does not make this primarily an individual goal but rather the goal of the believing community. As we enter into our next semester of Group Life, you will have the opportunity to enter into a Christ center community where you will come alongside other believers to think through, pray through, and live through the ways we can bring God's Kingdom into our everyday lives. These opportunities include our social groups, LABS (Life Application Bible Study), topical studies, and multiply groups. All of these serve one purpose to make disciples who make disciples.



We invite you to step beyond the Sunday crowd and be part of Group Life. Discover the kind of community God intended for you to know Him, grow up in Him, and go out for Him. Take a few minutes to explore this semester's options.

**Joel Friend**  
**Pastor of Discipleship**

**Please register for all groups  
online at [www.nccinwexford.org](http://www.nccinwexford.org)**

# Children



Jen

## KID Wednesdays Jen Haas & Natalie Goodman



**Meets on Wednesdays, starting January 7th** repeats every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Group Type: Social



Natalie

KID (Kids In Discipleship) Wednesdays is a ministry for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will have dinner together followed by a large group lesson, game time, and small group application time. The vision for this program is spiritual & relational growth. Kids will be equipped to apply what they learn to their lives.

## KIDS' CLUB with Jen Haas

**Meets every Monday, January 5th-May 18th from 4:00-5:30pm**



### Group Type: Life Application Bible Study Study: Psalms

Bible teaching, Scripture memory work, crafts, music, games and other activities. We welcome your children to experience the love of Jesus through this program.

## UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS:



### Mom & Dad's Date Night

**FRIDAY 2/20  
5:00-7:00 pm**

# Students



Lee

## Middle School Boys' Bible Study (students entering 6th-8th grade)

*Meets on Sundays, starting 3/3 through 4/26 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at a local home*

## High School Boys' Bible Study (students entering 9th-12th grade)

*Meets on Sundays, starting 1/11 through 3/1 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at a local home*

### Group Type: Life Application Bible Study (LABS) Study: Daniel Led by: Lee Haney

The Book of Daniel contains several well-known verses and passages of scripture. Daniel details the events he experienced and visions he received during the period of 605 BC-536 BC. This book highlights God's sovereign control and His faithfulness in working all things for His glory. We will spend time learning to read the Bible on our own, apply what we are learning and gain confidence in teaching others.



Sophia

## Middle School Girls' Bible Study (students entering 6th-8th grade)

*Meets on Sundays, starting 1/11 through 3/29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at NCC*

## High School Girls' Bible Study (students entering 9th-12th grade)

*Meets on Sundays, starting 1/11 through 3/29 from 4:30-5:45 p.m. at NCC*

### Group Type: Life Application Bible Study (LABS) Study: John 1,2,3 Led by: Sophia Creighton

Girls, join us as we study 1, 2 and 3 John! We'll learn more about God, others and ourselves as we study His Word together.

## Students



### The Edge (6th-8th Grade)

**Begins January 15th**  
**Meets Thursdays 6:00-7:30 pm at NCC**

At the Edge, middle school students are taught what it means to live a life of faith that glorifies God. Students enjoy games, worship and biblical teaching in a large group, and then discuss the teaching in small groups. The evening ends with a shared cafe time with Revolution.



### Revolution (9th-12th Grade)

**Begins January 15th**  
**Meets Thursday 7:15-9:00 pm at NCC**

At Revolution, high school students are challenged to put their faith into action in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. The evening starts with awesome cafe time, and then continues with worship, large group teaching, and small group discussion.

### UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS:

#### MGO BUILD A BAG

Get ready for a night of fun as we serve one of our mission partners, More Grace Outreach!

**February 12th**  
**6:00-8:00 pm at NCC**

#### MYSTERY NIGHT

Join us to solve a mystery! Take on a character and help us decide who is guilty!

**March 12th**  
**6:30-8:30 pm at NCC**

## 55+ Socials



### Come & Connect!

Join the 55+ crew this winter/spring for social get togethers!  
**Register on our website.**

**Potluck Game Night**  
**at NCC**  
**Friday, February 6**  
**4:30-7:30 pm**

**Bowling at**  
**Perry Park Lanes**  
**Sunday, March 22**  
**12:45-2:45 pm**

**Meet Up at the Oven**  
**Thursday, May 7**  
**5:00-7:30pm**

## Young Adult Socials



Led by Emily Shubak

**Join the young adult ministry!** Looking for community and connection? Our young adult ministry is a place for ages 20-35 to build friendships, share life, and grow in faith together. Come connect with other young adult christians in a fun, welcoming, and relaxed environment!

### FUN FRIDAYS

Shooters- 1/9/26	7:00-9:00pm
Game Masters- 2/6/26	7:00-9:00 pm
Laser Tag- 3/20/26	7:00-9:00 pm

### SATURDAY HANGS AT NCC

Games, Snacks, Fun!  
1/31, 2/28, 3/21

**EDUCATION 'ADULTING' SERIES**  
Coming soon...

# Men



**Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Joel Friend, Brent Hoffbauer, Kevin Stewart**

Starts January 14th, meets at NCC

## Study: Ironmen

### Group Type: Life Application

This weekly men's Bible study, will help form men by the word of God and one another. It connects biblical teaching to practical living. We will start in the Book of James which challenges believers as they consider their daily life in Christ.

\*All men are welcome at any time in the semester



Joel



Brent



Kevin

## Men's Plate & Prayer

**Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Led by Joel Friend**

Last Wednesday of each month  
January-April at NCC

**RSVP will be required each month.**

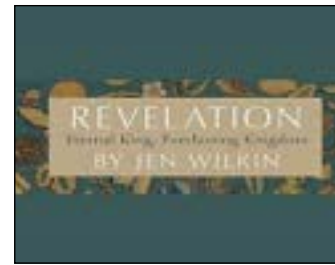


Come join the men of NCC in the commons on the last Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 pm for the NCC Men's Plate and Prayer Night. This time is designed for men to come enjoy a free meal, community, and spend time in prayer together. Our focus on prayer is designed to help men grow in their prayer life as they pray with each other, for each other, and for the needs of the world.

**UPCOMING  
MEN'S TRIP**  
September 2026



# Women



## Study: Revelation by Jen Wilkin

The Book of Revelation can seem intimidating to study, but through the teaching of Jen Wilkin, we will tackle this challenging book & be encouraged by its message! Join other women to study God's final word to His people.

**Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Led by: Maribel Ramirez & Laura Dougherty**

Meeting Dates: January 13th -April 7th  
at NCC



Maribel



Laura



Michelle



Maranda

**Fridays from 9:15-11:00 a.m.**

**Led by: Michelle Rice, Maranda Karenbauer, Isabelle Toomey & Tara Gunther**

Meeting Dates: January 16th - April 17th  
at NCC.

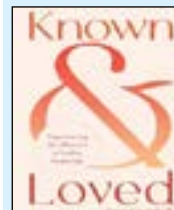


Isabelle



Tara

**\*Free Childcare available for this AM study**



## FOR YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

### Study: Known & Loved and Truly, Truly, I Say To You

Join us to study 2 Scripture-rich books, share real conversations, & grow in community. *Known and Loved* is a walk through Psalm 139 and *Truly, Truly, I Say to You* is a meditation on the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

**Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m.**

**Location: NCC**

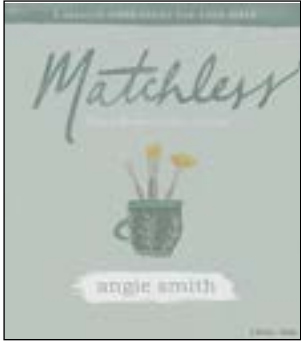
**Led by: Anne Marie Emswiler**

**Meeting Dates: Jan. 13th - April 14**



Anne Marie

## Women



### Study: Matchless by Angie Smith

Too often people create a view of Jesus based on popular beliefs & their own personal needs. But, what does the Bible say about Jesus? In this study, we will not only learn about Jesus, but will also learn what it looks like to have a relationship with Him. The material is fun & engaging whether you've walked with Jesus for many years or are getting to know Him for the first time.



Michelle



Diane

**Tuesdays from 9:15-11:00 a.m.**  
**Michelle Rice & Diane Gordon**

Meeting Dates: January 13 - April 28 at NCC

*\*Free Childcare available for this study*



**Join us for the**  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**March 7th-8th**  
Antiochian Village Conference  
Center in Ligonier

## Women



**First Wednesday of each month starting**  
**Feb. 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at NCC**

**Led by: Melanie Holcombe**



Moms Connect is a group for moms of young kids (birth-elementary) to walk through motherhood together. If you are looking for community in this season of life, join us for Moms Connect!

**Free childcare & dinner is provided!**



**Meets at various fun locations in**  
**Wexford and surrounding areas.**

**Led by: Sharon McMorran &**  
**Nancy McMorran**



Sharon



Nancy

For single women of all ages--be a part of the Single Womens group! Ladies meet monthly for dinner, fellowship, & fun.

## Women Serving Projects



**Serving @ Repurposed Thrift Store**

Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 & 28,

April 13, May 11

**10:00am-12:00pm**

**Spring Service Project @ NCC**

**TBA**

# Alpha



## Alpha

Led by: Ben & Savanna Whiteker

Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Meets once a week at NCC starting in April

**What is Alpha?** It is a series of conversations about things we all question in life. The purpose of the course is to create a safe space for non-Christians to engage with faith wherever they are.

NCC will host Alpha this spring for the **whole community**. Our church body will be encouraged to pass along invitations to neighbors, coworkers and friends.

*Interested in helping? Contact Savanna at [savannawhiteker@gmail.com](mailto:savannawhiteker@gmail.com).*

# Gather & Grow: Foster and Adoptive Ministry



## Gather & Grow

Led by: Jackie Kellogg & Dee Ann Symington

Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Meeting Dates: 3/14, 5/9, 6/27 at NCC

**What is Gather & Grow?** A time for prospective foster & adoptive families, foster families, adoptive families, kinship caretakers and adoptees to gather together to provide respite, resources and encouragement with one another. Join us for a time of rest, connection, discussion and sharing.

*Free childcare provided.*

# Creative Arts Groups

**Every other Tuesday evening Creative Arts Nights**  
Starting January 20th - March 17th at NCC  
Dinner provided, donations encouraged



**CREATIVE GROUP** (6th grade and up)

**6:00-8:00 pm led by Elaine Heitzer**

Join a welcoming circle of artists for a short devotion, hands-on practice and education in drawing or painting.



**WORSHIP CHOIR** (6th grade and up)

**6:00-7:30 pm led by Matt Mason**

Our multi-generational choir is more than music -it's a ministry. Come worship and grow vocally as a Christ-centered community that spans generations.



**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS** (9th grade and up)

**6:00-7:30 pm - Leader to be announced**

No experience? No problem. This class welcomes all skill levels-and you don't even need a fancy camera. Learn techniques that apply whether you're using an iPhone or a high-end DSLR.

## Small Groups

### **Small Groups Study: Matthew**

#### **Group Type: Life Application Bible Study**

These small groups will keep pace with the Sunday morning messages on the Book of Matthew, using the Discovery Bible Method together during small group times.



### **Bible Study for Couples & Families with Young Children**

Matt & Liz Dobish, Eric & Chrissy Hajduk

**Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Meets every other week at NCC starting January 27th.**

**\*Children can attend, free childcare provided.**



### **Bible Study for Couples & Families**

Andrew & Julie Stewart

**Fridays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Meets the third Friday of every month in Mars starting January 16th.**

**\*Children can attend, free childcare provided**

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### **Small Group Bible Study for 55+**

Mark & Marilyn Hall

**Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Meets every week in Hampton starting January 8.**



### **Small Group for Couples**

Sam & Katie Anderson

**Tuesdays from 6:00-8:15 p.m.**

**Meets every other week in Mars starting in March**

**\*Group shares a meal prior to Bible study.**



### **Small Group Bible Study for all ages**

Jim & Cindy Straub

**Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Meets the first and third Wednesday in Allison Park starting January 15th.**



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**REGISTER  
TODAY!**

