



2026-2027

Small Groups



Calvary Baptist
Church of Denver

Open to all. Closed to none.

Small Groups

Growing in one's faith, being supported through life, and sharing wisdom among one another are core experiences fostered through out small groups.

The Groups

BOOK GROUP

Learning from one another with each book read and discussed.

CARITAS

This class has strong bonds between classmates, openness and honesty, great teachers, and explores justice topics & how we treat our neighbors.

CRAFT CLUB

Whatever your craft might be, this group is a chance to gather and work on your current project in the presence of others.

FACING RACISM

We started as a group that has undergone anti-racism training together, and is now open to anyone who wants accompaniment on their anti-racism journey.

FORTIES & FIFTIES

The 40s and 50s are a time of big change as we shift from the first half to the second half of life. We'll explore what really matters in the second half of life and how our faith can support this transition.

GAL PALS

Gal Pals coming together. You are never too young or too old to live, laugh, and learn. Every day is a reason to celebrate women.

KOINONIA

Teachers are trained educators. There is freedom to speak and agree or disagree, and teachers raise questions instead of supplying answers. It's a caring atmosphere, a place to grow and strengthen your faith, diverse perspectives, and fun social events.

LUNCH BUNCH

A monthly gathering of Calvaryites to share a meal, fellowship, and connection. Separate checks.

The Groups Cont.

MEN'S GROUP

Whether it be an all church event or men's only event, these monthly gatherings are a setting of learning, fun, and fellowship.

MONDAY NIGHT PUB

A weeknight group that has fellowship based gatherings that focus on current topics of group interest.

POP UP CLASSES

Provide a time of connection and learning with a minimum level of commitment, during a time when child care and other resources are available.

QUILTING

Individual projects or a collective one, this group is for anyone who enjoys quilting and community.

RIBBONS

Ribbons is made up of people who enjoy studying various contemporary books and topics that help us grow in the Christian faith as well as deepening our personal relationships in our group.

SOUTH SUDANESE FELLOWSHIP

For our congregants from South Sudan, this church school class is shared in the Nuer language and sacred space for one another.

STEDMAN READING

A group of readers from New Hope Baptist church and Calvary read to third graders at Stedman Elementary every other week.

NEW TUESDAY GROUP - NAME TBD

Tuesday Bible Study and Tuesday Prayer and Study have combined! We discuss faith based books, and pray together.

VOYAGERS

This class was originally named ETC for Every Thought Considered, and considers all perspectives. They often use book or video lectures and welcomes all people and personalities.

YOUNG ADULTS

A group of 20-30 somethings who share similar life joys and stresses; currently discussing podcast episodes.

Which Group to Join

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

- All groups/classes have a core value of fellowship and support
- Theology, ecclesiology, and missiology can be found in any of our church school or study classes, as well as Pub
- Justice in practice is an anchor for Facing Racism and Stedman Readers
- Hobby or interest groups allow for connection while engaging in topic or event based gatherings

Joining a Group

PROCEDURE

- **If you'd like help shopping for a church school class, talk to Pastor Alice!**
- Look for contact information in the coming pages
- Contact group leads to let them know you plan to attend
- Lunch Bunch & Men's Group have monthly sign-ups
- Stedman Readers can be joined at the beginning of the year but closed after September

Schedule for all Groups

THE CHURCH OFFICE ALWAYS KEEPS AN UP TO DATE SCHEDULE FOR ALL CLASSES

Below is the general schedule for the 2025-2026 program year

SUNDAY

- 9:00 A.M. Caritas
 Koinonia
 South Sudanese Fellowship
 Voyagers
 Forties & Fifties (for 5 sundays in the fall)
 Pop-Up Classes (2nd Sunday in the month)
- 11:45 A.M. Ribbons
 (1st Sunday of the month)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M. Quilting (Last Monday of the month)
5:30 P.M. Pub (2nd & 4th Mondays)
6:00 P.M. Book Group (1st Monday)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 A.M. New Tuesday Group - Name TBD!

THURSDAY

- 9:00 A.M. Stedman Readers (Every other Thursday)
12:00 P.M Lunch Bunch (4th Thursday)

FRIDAY

- 11:00 A.M. Men's Group (4th Friday)

SATURDAY

- 10:00 A.M. Craft Club (3rd Saturday)

Young Adults meet monthly, often on Thursday or Friday night.

Details for each group

LEARN ABOUT TOPIC, BOOKS, PROJECTS

As well as the points of contacts for each group

BOOK GROUP

Leads: Co-facilitation among members
When: 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7:00 P.M.
Where: Zoom
Studies: Will be decided by group and list made available at Welcome Kiosk

CARITAS

Leads: willow carter, Daniel Schweissing (co-teachers); Karen Pinkham (president); Ken Pinkham (treasurer)
When: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Where: Room 146
Studies: Genesis; Revelation (context, imagery, genre)

CRAFT CLUB

Leads: Debbie Rohrer & Deanna Geldens
When: 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:00 A.M.
Where: Youth Lounge
Focus: Bring your latest project and work on it while enjoying conversations with fellow crafters

FACING RACISM

Lead: Pastor Alice
When: 4th Sundays of the Month
Where: Youth lounge & Zoom
Focus: Books, field trips, and action to live out “open to all, closed to none” by addressing racism on a local, national, and global basis.

Details for each group cont.

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FORTIES & FIFTIES

Leads: Rev. Ian Cummins & Kevin Jonell
When: 9 a.m. on Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1
Where: TBD
Studies: what really matters in the second half of life
and how our faith can support this transition

GAL PALS

Leads: Leigh Bessey
When: October 17 (Soup for the Soul and Chocolate for
the Heart); February 6 Sweater Weather; April
TBD; June 5 Coffee & Conversation
Where: Sometimes at church, offsite occasionally

KOINONIA

Leads: Libby Johnson, John Kron
When: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Where: Room 119
Studies: Falling Upward by Richard Rohr
Between the Dreaming and the Coming True
by Robert Benson
Encounters with Jesus by Timothy Keller

LUNCH BUNCH

Leads: Nancy Dávila & Ken Pinkham
When: One Thursday a Month at 12:00 P.M.
Where: Local restaurants, announced in monthly
email
Focus: Connection with each other, conversation,
and fellowship

MEN'S GROUP

Leads: Gregg Blew, Jim Comstock, & Mick Davey
When: Last Friday of the Month
Where: Fellowship Hall
Focus: To form relationships among men at Calvary,
offer educational & activity gatherings, &
share spiritual care together

Details for each group cont.

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POP-UP CLASSES

<u>Leads:</u>	Deanna Geldens, Faith Formation Deacon
<u>When:</u>	2nd Sunday at 9 a.m.
<u>Where:</u>	Chapel
<u>Studies:</u>	Topics will vary each month covering Biblical teaching, self care, community resources, and other topics.

PUB

<u>Leads:</u>	Leigh Bessey
<u>When:</u>	2 nd & 4 th Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
<u>Where:</u>	Youth Lounge
<u>Studies:</u>	Various topics

QUILTING

<u>Leads:</u>	Robyn Warren
<u>When:</u>	Last Monday of the Month at 10:00 A.M.
<u>Where:</u>	Room 146
<u>Focus:</u>	Bringing quilting projects to work on in shared company, at times sharing projects together

RIBBONS

<u>Leads:</u>	Linda Fischer & Margie Jonell
<u>When:</u>	1 st Sunday at 11:45 A.M.
<u>Where:</u>	Room 134
<u>Studies:</u>	Work of the People video series - <i>Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks</i> by Diana Butler Bass

SOUTH SUDANESE FELLOWSHIP

<u>Leads:</u>	James Bile, Abraham Tuom, Steven Wang
<u>When:</u>	Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
<u>Where:</u>	Room 154 (next to chapel)
<u>Studies:</u>	Weekly scripture discussion

Details for each group cont.

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STEDMAN READING

<u>Leads:</u>	Lynda Pelton & Becky Whitaker
<u>When:</u>	Every other Thursday
<u>Where:</u>	Stedman Elementary
<u>Focus:</u>	Volunteers from New Hope Baptist & Calvary read to students & connect with each other as fellow volunteers

NEW TUESDAY GROUP - NAME TBD!

<u>Leads:</u>	Pastor Alice
<u>When:</u>	Tuesday at 9:00 A.M.
<u>Where:</u>	Youth Lounge & Zoom
<u>Studies:</u>	Jesus is the Question; Book of Acts Everyday Bible Commentary; Songs of the Heart

VOYAGERS

<u>Leads:</u>	Gordon Kieft & Tom Waymire
<u>When:</u>	Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
<u>Where:</u>	Room 138
<u>Studies:</u>	The Bible after the Gospels

YOUNG ADULTS

<u>Leads:</u>	Pastor Alice
<u>When:</u>	About once a month
<u>Where:</u>	Sometimes at church; offsite occasionally
<u>Topic:</u>	discusses different podcast episodes

*Leads' contact information is located
in the Church Directory*

Music & Student Groups

IN ADDITION TO OUR SMALL GROUPS WE HAVE OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS & THOSE INTERESTED IN MUSIC

Dr. David Farwig is the point of contact for music groups, and Min. Angela Matza is the point of contact for student groups.

MUSIC GROUPS

Calvary groups seek to provide music for worship services in a supportive, faith and community-centered environment of fellowship and mutual enjoyment.

All music is programmed to match or complement worship themes.

<u>The Calvary Choir</u>	Thurs. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Music Room
<u>JuBellation</u>	Sun. 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 146

STUDENT GROUPS

<u>Children's Ministry.</u>	9:00 a.m.	Nursery opens for 0-PreK
	10:30 a.m.	Attend worship, WFGC
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Church School
		+Ages 0-PreK: Toddler Room
		+K-5 th grade: EastWing

In all classrooms we focus on God is Love. We read stories and scriptures that follow sermons in worship. This is our connecting point from Children's Ministry to Adult Ministry that we can connect on different pieces of scripture. We play games, watch videos, sing songs, create crafts, and enjoy snacks.

Curriculum - Bible: *Growing in God's Love A Story Bible*; and Lesson plans built off of scriptures for that Sunday; includes video and discussion.

<u>Youth Ministry</u>	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Morning Sessions
	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Youth Group (occasionally offsite)

*These are not weekly activities; we follow our own schedule given through email and enews.

Implementing more time for Biblical lessons and diving deep into scriptures and people in the Bible all while playing games, enjoying Fellowship time together, trying new activities, and supporting Students Faith Journeys.

Curriculum - *Tell Me About the Bible: Extraordinary Leaders; and Coloring and Conversation: Psalms*

Follow the E-News for monthly meets or Order of Worship. Please email Min. Angela to be included in Youth Emails for more specific details.

Calvary is a Christ-like community that experiences
and shares God's love.

Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children
of God from every cultural and religious background,
sexual orientation, family composition, physical and
mental ability, economic means, race, age, and gender.

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