

# Community at DaySpring

Spring, 2012

Interested in finding community at DaySpring and deepening your spiritual formation?

For those looking to take some steps in these directions, we've put together a brief description of some opportunities at DaySpring this fall to practice community, spiritual formation, and mission with other DaySpringers. This isn't an exhaustive list. A lot of what happens around here isn't programmed . . . often friendships and gatherings just happen organically. But here are some opportunities you might want to consider.

For more information or to express interest for any group or activity, please contact the church office at [dayspring@ourdayspring.org](mailto:dayspring@ourdayspring.org). If you just leave your name and your interest, we'll put the right person in touch with you.

## Weekly -- Sundays

**Spiritual Formation Classes (Sunday, 9:45 a.m.)** Two adult formation classes meet on Sunday mornings. One class meets in the Chapel and will be studying two Christian practices: Prayer and Hospitality. The other class meets in the Sanctuary and is studying a book in the New Testament. It is just fine to come to a class even if you have missed prior Sundays. These are good places to learn and meet new people.

Emphasis: Formation

Childcare: Yes

Contact: Eric Howell, [Eric@ourdayspring.org](mailto:Eric@ourdayspring.org)

**Life Together Groups (Sunday, 9:45 a.m. + various times during the week)** Groups of 8-12 people meet to grow in relationship, pray together, study scripture and practice spiritual disciplines. Most of these groups will meet on Sunday mornings and some may meet during the week. If you are interested in exploring being a part of a LTG, please meet on Sunday, January 15 at 9:45 a.m. in the narthex with Eric Howell for an information session, and decide if this is an experience for you.

Emphasis: Formation, Community, Prayer

Childcare: Sundays & Wednesdays

Contact: Eric Howell, [Eric@ourdayspring.org](mailto:Eric@ourdayspring.org)

**Undergraduates (Sundays, 9:45 a.m.)** Meet on Sunday mornings in the Commons Room, next to the Chapel. This is like a Life Together Group for College Students. Undergraduates also meet regularly on campus for lunch and other activities. Check the newsletter and worship guide for updated information.

Emphasis: Formation, Community, Prayer

Childcare: Sunday morning

Contact: Alisha Barker, [alishambarker@gmail.com](mailto:alishambarker@gmail.com)

### Weekly

**Contemplative Prayers (Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.)** Contemplative prayers are held in the chapel. These lightly-guided times of silence, meditation, and prayer generally last about 25-30 minutes.

Emphasis: Prayer

Childcare: Most Wednesdays

Contact: Lamona Martin, [dayspring@ourdayspring.org](mailto:dayspring@ourdayspring.org)

**Adult Formation (Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.)** We meet for 30 minutes of good reflection and discussion on the lectionary texts through which we have prayed during contemplative prayer. We also share our lives with one another. Open to everyone.

Emphasis: Formation, Community

Childcare: Most Wednesdays

Contact: Eric Howell, [Eric@ourdayspring.org](mailto:Eric@ourdayspring.org)

**Choir (Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.)** The adult choir meets for an hour of rehearsal. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join. The choir members enjoy getting to know one another and often describe the rehearsal time as a worshipful experience.

Emphasis: Worship

Childcare: No

Contact: Susan Thrift, [sthrift@hotmail.com](mailto:sthrift@hotmail.com)

**Lectionary Breakfast (Friday, 8:00 a.m., Café Cappuccino, Downtown)** Share breakfast and discuss the scripture texts that will be prominent in Sunday's worship. Usually the group is 6-12 people. All ages.

Emphasis: Formation

Childcare: No

Contact: Steve Orr, [stephen.c.orr@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.c.orr@gmail.com)

## Monthly

**Supper Clubs (Various)** A Supper Club is a group of about 8 people who meet for a meal approximately once a month over the course of a year. At the dinners, you are encouraged to share your story with the group and listen to the stories of others who are there. It's a good opportunity to make friends with a variety of age groups and life experiences. One person/family volunteers to host the dinners in their home while the other members of the group bring a food item. Supper Clubs kick-off in September, but if you are interested please contact Ivy.

Emphasis: Community

Childcare: Usually children are welcome.

Contact: Ivy Hamerly, [ihamerly@gmail.com](mailto:ihamerly@gmail.com)

**Age-Group Fellowship (Various)** About once a month, you are invited to join others in your age group at DS for a time of fellowship. The different groups meet at different times for different activities, so please watch the newsletter and worship guide for information on your age group's next gathering.

Emphasis: Community

Childcare: Not usually

Contact: Lamona Martin, [dayspring@ourdayspring.org](mailto:dayspring@ourdayspring.org)

**Women's Brunch Bunch (Third Tuesdays, Café Cappuccino, Downtown)** A group of women who meet monthly to eat, share concerns, pray, tell stories, and laugh. The group is usually 8-12 women of varying ages. All women are welcome and invited to join in.

Emphasis: Community

Childcare: No

Contact: Karen Speer, [kspeer@grandecom.net](mailto:kspeer@grandecom.net)

## Occasional

**Mission Clusters (Various)** Four DaySpring Mission clusters meet often but irregularly as we continue to explore what it means to be a church on mission in the areas of:

[Extend]/ the ministry of DaySpring beyond Waco

[Share]/ the ministry of DaySpring in intentional community

[Serve]/ the ministry of DaySpring with the most vulnerable

[Renew]/ the ministry of DaySpring through our church campus

Please watch the newsletter and back of the worship guide for information on the next gatherings. Anyone is welcome.

Emphasis: Mission, Community

Childcare: Not usually

Contact: Eric Howell, [Eric@ourdayspring.org](mailto:Eric@ourdayspring.org)

**Retreats (TBA)** Women's Retreat, Men's Retreat, Silent Retreat -- Watch the newsletter for information on these events this spring.

Emphasis: Community, Formation, Prayer

Childcare: Not usually

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**New Moms' Group (Two Tuesdays a month after bedtime)** Not just for new moms, and not just for moms. It's a chance to visit with pregnant moms and new moms about the joys and challenges of parenthood, and to make friends.

Emphasis: Community

Childcare: No

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**The Chart** In September, we ask for commitments to the various ministries and needs in and around DaySpring. Most of the various responsibilities are done with other people, so you serve the church and you get to know others along the way. Mid-year additions are most welcome. Please see the Chart section on the website to sign up or ask questions.

Emphasis: Mission, Community

Childcare: Children are welcome

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