

summer 2018 grow groups we grow better together.

JOSHUA: THE POWER OF GOD'S PROMISES

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

The Old Testament book of Joshua reads like an exciting novel—from the miraculous crossing of the Jordan to the crashing of the walls of Jericho, and the sun stopping in the sky. Through the twists and turns, we see God's power and faithfulness, encouraging us to persevere in our own daily battles and arming us with the most powerful weapons we'll ever need—God's promises.

GRANT/AUBREE WIEDE, RYAN/LESLIE ACOSTA
30-somethings

PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ VRBC

Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. This group, based on the teachings of Andy Stanley, is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future.

DAN/KELLIE RODRIGUEZ, KEN/HEATHER BASS
40-somethings

THE CAREGIVING SEASON

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ VRBC

Caring for aging parents is challenging. It's a season of life that requires grace and strength that can only come from God. In this group, we'll explore the book, "The Caregiving Season," for practical advice to help you honor your aging parents well and deepen your personal relationship with Christ along the journey.

MIKE/KAREN MCCORD, TONY/HELEN HOWARD
Adults, many with kids in college/20s

THIRD CALLING: WHAT ARE YOU DOING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ VRBC

In this group, we'll read and discuss "Third Calling," a powerful book about finding purpose, passion, and spiritual significance in a new season of life . . . after the kids are gone or a career ends. Discover the great things God has in store during this new phase of life!

MIKE STRUFFOLINO, JERRY SIMS
Adults, many with kids in HS/college/20s

THE GRACE OF GOD

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ CAFÉ SIENA

We find in the pages of Scripture that the stories found there often mirror our own stories, and that we too need the very thing we do not deserve: the grace of God. In this group, we'll talk about the beauty of grace and learn that it plays a bigger role than we imagined.

JOHN/JUDY SUAREZ, DALE/LINDA CLARK
Adults, many with adult children

UNA VIDA CON PROPÓSITO

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

En este grupo, encontrarás las respuestas a tres de las preguntas más importantes de la vida: ¿Por qué estoy vivo? ¿Importa mi vida? ¿Para qué estoy aquí en la tierra?

DORA/ARNOLDO ROCHA, ALEXYS SOTO
Spanish

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR A HEALTHY SOUL

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

This study will explore the biblical and theological foundations for healthy spiritual growth. Alongside these key principles, we will explore effective spiritual habits that can create space for God to transform us, as well as empower us to live in his Kingdom here and now. Wherever you are on the spiritual journey, this group can help you go deeper in your life with God.

DEIRDRE LANOUE
Adults of all ages

LOVE DOES

SUNDAY LUNCH, VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

Join us as we visit a different restaurant every Sunday this summer! Along the way, we'll study "Love Does," a book that shows you a new way to live, a way that's drenched with the whimsy of God's love and the spontaneity of following where he leads when he says, "Go!"

CLIFFORD/KAREN SIMMANG, BECKY PILGRIM
Lunch group (Adults of all ages)

PARENTING TEENAGERS

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM, IN COPPELL

Parenting teenagers is not for the faint of heart! In this group, we'll explore some of the most challenging issues parents of teens face, and encourage and pray for each other as we walk through this important part of our parenting journey.

JOHN HEWLETT, PETE/MICHELE GARCIA
MS/HS parents

WORLD RELIGIONS: BUILDING RELATIONAL BRIDGES TO PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT FAITHS

SUNDAY, 5:00 PM @ VRBC

In this group, we'll explore the history and tenets of several major religions practiced by many of our neighbors in Valley Ranch and Coppell from a biblical perspective, with an eye toward how we can build relational bridges to those in our spheres of influence.

JORDAN/TONIA SCHUMACHER, CLAUDIA ADAME
Adults of all ages

BIBLE CHARACTERS

TUESDAY, 7:00 PM @ 1701 E BELT LINE

This summer, this group will explore a series of characters from the pages of Scripture, discussing what we can learn from each example as we passionately follow Jesus together.

ERIC ELLIS, MATT GRAHAM
Young adults

Children's ministry is available **Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 am.**

Student ministry is available **Sundays at 9:30 am.**

Childcare is available for all **Sunday/Wednesday groups meeting at VRBC.**

EXPERIENCING THE CROSS

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ VRBC

Jesus Christ died not so that you would recognize a historical fact, or memorize a particular doctrine, or continue with life as is. No, Christ's death was God's decisive deed in your life, conquering sin once and for all. The cross beckons you every day, with power to transform every detail of your existence as you begin to see Calvary from God's perspective.

HARROL/ANN KELLY, JESSICA VAUPOTIC
Senior adults

ALL THE PLACES TO GO . . . HOW WILL YOU KNOW?

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM @ VRBC

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become. In fact, to fail to embrace the opportunity is to miss the work God has made for us to do.

JOHN GOSSER, DAVID RECK, JEAN AINSWORTH, CRAIG LOVELL
Adults, many with kids in college/20s

COUNTERFEIT GODS

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

Success, true love, and the life you've always wanted—many of us placed our faith in these things, believing they held the key to happiness, but with a sneaking suspicion they might not deliver. No wonder we feel lost, alone, disenchanted, and resentful. There is only one God who can wholly satisfy our cravings—and now is the perfect time to meet him again, or for the first time.

GREG ENGLISH, PHIL WRAY
Adults, many with kids in HS/college/20s

JAMES

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

We all want a faith that won't let us down in times of trouble or loss, uncertainty, or fear. A faith that can pull us through the worst—and best—times in our lives. This is the kind of faith that James writes about. It is a faith that we must practice day by day.

GARY/PHYLLIS JONES, REG/MARTHA ALLEN
Adults, many with grandchildren

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MESS

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM @ VRBC

How do you turn your struggles into strengths? In this group, we'll learn how the daily spiritual practices of confession, meditation on God's Word, and prayer result in fresh freedom in Christ, even in the middle of the "mess" we find ourselves in.

DEBBIE VAN DYKE
Women

THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

TUESDAY, 7:00 PM, COPPELL

Is your faith more like an "insurance" policy than a vital part of your everyday life? If it is, you're missing out on the best part of Christianity: God's life-changing power! In this group, we'll explore how prayer, meditation, fasting, servanthood, confession, and other spiritual disciplines can lead to the joyous, fulfilling life that you truly desire.

BUZZ/SHERRY LUPTON, TOBY/ASHLEY CUPSTID
Adults, many with college-age/adult children

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JOE/LESLIE KILGO, JEFF/PHYLLIS FINK, LARRY/JALETIA PARSLEY
Adults of all ages

STARTING POINT

WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM @ VRBC

Whether you're new to faith, curious about God, or coming back to church after some time away, Starting Point is a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits. Come join us in a conversation about the idea of faith in a safe and welcoming setting!

ARTHUR/PRISCILA MENDES, JOHN ELLIOTT
Adults of all ages

FORGOTTEN GOD

WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM @ VRBC

In the name of the Father, the Son, and . . . the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it.

AMY WILKINS, JASON/SARA THOMAS
Young adults, many with young kids

LEGACY JOURNEY

WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM @ VRBC

What does the Bible really say about money? About wealth? How much does God expect you to give to others? How does wealth affect your friendships, marriage, and children? How much is "enough"? Join us as we discuss how to leverage your money to leave a lasting legacy.

CARL KOENEN
Adults of all ages

ABUNDANT MARRIAGE: COME AND "C"

WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM @ VRBC

Marriage is a team sport with Christ as its captain. Come join us as we discuss how to best address some of the "Cs" of marriage: Christ, Commitment, Communication, Cash, and Children.

STEVE/ANN LACEY, CLAY/DONNA BLANKENSHIP
Married couples