

Maturity Department

Bruce's Study

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Bruce Robertson, 208 8402; Ron Mackay 208 1964	
<i>Meets</i>	Wednesday 7.30pm usually @ 6 Romney Place (phone to check venue)	
<i>General Description</i>	A mixed-gender bible-based study group who also look after each other and engage in social events a couple of times a year.	

Our Purpose:

Friendship, Bible study and growth.

Our Values:

Our Vision:

Discipleship Department Team

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Dept Team
<i>Leadership</i>	Peter Cheyne, 208 9973	
<i>Meets</i>		
<i>General Description</i>	There is currently no Discipleship Department Team but we would like to form one.	

Our Purpose:

This department exists to:

- * Promote the value and importance of Spiritual Transformation at Calvin.
- * Provide meaningful contexts for community where transformation can occur e.g. large gatherings/small groups/one on one mentoring.
- * Identify and equip leaders for small groups, continuing to provide them with ongoing training and support.
- * Identify suitable people who can provide a mentoring role and match them with people desiring to grow.
- * Provide resources for all the above.

Our Values:

We believe strongly that:

- * God's ultimate goal for every believer is to conform them into the image of Christ. Rom.8:29, Gal:4:19, 2 Cor. 3:17-18.
- * Transformation can only occur through a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. John 15:.
- * The Holy Spirit desires to produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Gal.5:22-25.
- * Small Groups provide the optimum environment where believers can be spiritually transformed.
- * Small Groups are like cells which only retain their life as they remain integrated with the wider body of the church family.
- * Through the Bible, God instructs us in how we should live. 2 Tim 3:16.
- * Discipline, correctly understood, is a necessary part of following Jesus. "Come follow me....."

Our Vision:

We believe God wants to bring about:

- * Every member of Calvin knowing the joy of being transformed into the likeness of Jesus.
- * A church that is an uncomfortable place for members who have no desire or intention to grow.
- * A church culture where members naturally encourage each other on towards Christian maturity.
- * A church culture that is not satisfied with the status quo.
- * See the Five Year Plan.

Explore

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Paul & Michelle Loveday, 208 3449	
<i>Meets</i>	Wednesday nights, 7.00 - 8.30 pm	
<i>General Description</i>	A mixed-gender group of varied ages who meet to discuss life issues, and who enjoy each other's company. They also do fun things together beyond meeting on Wednesday nights.	

Our Purpose:

To provide a supportive caring group to nurture each member's faith journey

Our Values:

Our Vision:

Gillian's Study Group

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Gillian Watt, 205 8866	
<i>Meets</i>	Every 2nd Wednesday afternoon	
<i>General Description</i>	Women's Bible study and fellowship group.	

Our Purpose:

Book Club - Fellowship/Study

Our Values:

Our Vision:

Jennifer's Study Group

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Jennifer Longworth, 208 7222	
<i>Meets</i>	Every second Wednesday 7.30 pm	
<i>General Description</i>	A Bible study group made up of several married couples who meet to grow in their faith, to support each other and to pray together.	

Our Purpose:

Seek
Save
Grow
Bible study and friendship

Our Values:

Biblical teaching
Fellowship
Growth/maturing

Our Vision:

Continue to nurture seekers and new Christians while strengthening our own faith.

Melva's Daytime Study

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Melva Beer - 208 6894	
<i>Meets</i>	Wednesday Mornings at 139 Frank Street, GORE	
<i>General Description</i>	A women's group that studies the Bible and helps people in their Christian growth.	

Our Purpose:

Our group exists to learn the scriptures enabling us to tell others. Also to encourage each other and give support in times of trial and sickness.

We know we are doing what God wants because of inner peace.

Following God's prompting, each meeting we give a donation to further His work - at present to Bible in Schools.

Our Values:

- 1 Bible truths being revealed in each study.
- 2 Sharing, learning and understanding of Scriptures, Acts 17:10,11...and searched the scriptures daily.
- 3 These people at Berea are an example to us.
- 4 We pray God will see our love and hunger for Him.

Our Vision:

- 1) Hunger for Him to deepen and become a burning desire.
- 2) Suggest we watch a video occasionally as a change from book study.

Monday Afternoon Study

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Diane Cook, 208 4437	
<i>Meets</i>	Monday afternoon at 1.15pm	
<i>General Description</i>	A friendly group of ladies who meet together for fellowship and who grow through supporting and encouraging one another and studying the Bible together.	

Our Purpose:

To have fellowship and friendship, growing through encouraging and studying the Bible together.

Our Values:

1. Knowing Jesus as our Saviour and Lord.
2. Growing in our relationship with God and with one another and be givers of life.
3. That it be a safe place to share our needs where people can be heard and feel loved.

Our Vision:

1. To have confidence in talking about and sharing Jesus in our every day life.
2. By sharing in our home group confidently with one another about God and then taking it out into the community in everyday situations.

Monday Evening Study Group

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Ritchie & Dirkje Kelly 208 6977, Lois Clark 208 1008, Alan Brown 208 9	
<i>Meets</i>	Monday evenings at 19 Vera Street, Gore.	
<i>General Description</i>	A sympathetic and compassionate group, including those with special needs, who engage in topical Bible study, prayer and fellowship.	

Our Purpose:

To uphold the Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice.

To encourage others and be encouraged in our Christian walk.
To be part of the Holy Spirit's ministry in the Calvin community.
To be open and honest in sharing our faith, failures and needs.
To develop and exercise our faith as a basis for daily living.
To gain a better understanding of the scriptures.
To aim for total submission to God and His Word.

Our Values:

The place of the Bible in our lives
The importance of our relationship with God and with each other.
The opportunity to grow spiritually through study of the scriptures.
Being part of God's family in this community.
The opportunity to share our lives and experiences with other Christians.
The freedom of interaction in the group.
The friendship of other believers.
Being able to pray for others and have others pray for us.
Respecting people's confidentiality.
Value each person and his/her contribution.

Our Vision:

That our group would increase in numbers.
That more men would feel the need for Bible study and group prayer.
That our group would be a vital part of the Church Community.
That we would be accountable to each other for implementing the things we learn.
That through the involvement in the group we may become better citizens of our town and country.

Moody's Study

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Alex & June Moody 203 6167	
<i>Meets</i>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	
<i>General Description</i>	Mixed-gender, inter-denominational Bible study group with a focus on ministry training.	

Our Purpose:

Bible study and friendship.

Our Values:

Our Vision:

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<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Dulcie Paterson, 208 0700	
<i>Meets</i>	on the last day of every month.	
<i>General Description</i>	A mixed-gender group who meet for a meal, devotion, Bible study, discussion, prayer and fellowship. There is a strong emphasis on caring for each other.	

Our Purpose:

Fellowship and Bible Study.

Our Values:

Our Vision:

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<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	Win Roy, 208 4432	
<i>Meets</i>	Last Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2 p.m..	
<i>General Description</i>	A group of mature (elderly) women who meet together for fellowship and learning. The group likes to take advantage of resources such as 'Journeys' or 'Alpha' etc.	

Our Purpose:

Fellowship and learning.

Our Values:

Our Vision:

Small Group Coaches

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Ministry Team
<i>Leadership</i>	Peter Cheyne 208 9973	
<i>Meets</i>	Meet only as required	
<i>General Description</i>	A small team of experienced small group leaders who are now willing and able to help other small group leaders. Each coach relates to one or more leaders and refers back to the leader of the Discipleship Department.	

Our Purpose:

Small Group Coaches exist to mentor small group leaders i.e. to provide encouragement, resources, guidance and accountability.

Our Values:

Small Groups are the best context for making disciples.

Small Group leaders are enormously valuable people who contribute hugely to the life of the church and to the growth of individuals and they deserve support.

Our Vision:

To provide every small group leader with a coach.

For all of the leader/coach relationships to be appreciated by both parties.

Watts' Study Group

<i>Department</i>	Discipleship	Small Group
<i>Leadership</i>	James Watt 205 8866	
<i>Meets</i>	Waipahi in around homes Wednesday 7.30 pm.	
<i>General Description</i>		

Our Purpose:

Study, Fellowship

Our Values:

Our Vision:

Wednesday Morning Study Group

Department Discipleship Small Group
Leadership Frances Robertson, 208 8402; Mollie Nichol, 208 6683
Meets 10 am at the Church (but not the 2nd Wednesday of month.)
General Description A women's group who meet for a cuppa, chat, fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

Our Purpose:

To grow in friendship and understanding of the Bible so that each member feels more and more secure in the faith and her place in God's love.

Our Values:

Our Vision:

To provide a small group opportunity for women who have completed Alpha or who have not yet experienced the benefits of belonging to a small group with the focus on Bible study.