

The church does not exist in and for itself. It is the vehicle to lead and manage the people of God through Discipleship, Evangelism, Missions, Spiritual Growth, Boot Camp Spiritual Warfare Training, Life Skills and Programs. These all point to His Glory and Worship. We were created to worship God. The essential reason for the Church to exist is to worship God. Worship is not just to be done during the Worship Service on a Sunday morning, but is to be our lifestyle.

Small Home Cell Groups are not to replace the Church's Worship and teaching; rather, they are the participants and Conventioneers of the Church. We will consider the Church here at UTRM a Convention of Small Groups unified by prayer, worship, instruction, the proclamation of His Word, and synergistic ministry. We are called to make disciples----they are not born, but made.

The Importance of a Healthy Cell Home Group:

The Cell Group Home is not independent, but interdependent in Christ and then in one another. It is basically a more intimate structure that is a network of many cells to make a Church larger or for a larger Church to be more effective.

Acts 2:2-47 - Jesus Himself was in a small group of twelve. The Church got its start in Acts from small groups. This is how our Lord chose to model ministry personally and to launch His Church. The early church devoted themselves to Jesus's teaching and to one another.

Hebrews 10:25 - *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."*

With small groups, I believe we can effectively grow our Church, and effectively care for the people of our Church and Community. We will have depth, maturity, community impact for caring, prayers, and support of its people.



WHAT IS A CELL GROUP HOME OR CELL GROUP CHURCH?

It is the placing of the majority, all who will go into small groups with trained and equipped leaders who operate in the Fruit of the Spirit for Worship, Biblical Instruction, Fellowship, Prayer, Encouragement, and Ministry.

This can be a network of Cells interconnected where the Sunday Service is the Weekly Convention to praise and worship Christ the Lord and be further taught from the Word.

Small groups will be the primary structure, care, and teaching machines in a growing, healthy church, but only if it is focused on Christ, His Word, and not on faulty and ever changing trends.

The Positive Side of Cells

Small groups are essential, and every Christian should be involved in one! This is a great model for knowing and growing in Christ. We can uncover an abundance of revelation and information, and implement it for Christ's Glory.

Negative Side

We must not lose site of the main thing---- Christ! Some of the emerging paradigms on this focus on unbiblical philosophy, positive confession, wave, dealing with felt needs instead of to know and grow in Christ and make Him truly known by our transformed lives----we want to be a Fruitful Bride.

MAIN INGREDIENTS OF OUR CELL GROUP HOME

Ephesians 4:11-12

In the Word together. This will be Bible Centered. The Benefit is being able to grow beyond personal learning by asking questions to learn, hear from others, participate in the text, see God's Word being worked out in the lives of others. Interaction to take your knowledge into a deeper level, deepening our love for the Lord and one another, intensify your worship, handle life better, share your insights with others, and be challenged to grow and apply your faith to life.

RELATIONSHIP! Must have Fellowship.

We love to celebrate the good times, and forming life-long impacting friendships. Fellowship is the building of our bonds with one another. We do this by sharing openly and honestly, and being

vulnerable while keeping confidences. We want a safe environment. We want you to connect and share---build trust. You can be who you are without pretending, while you learn who you are in Christ. Colossians 2:2-4.

COMFORT AND COUNSEL! Support in the Bad Times.

We are called to help others through their crises and hurts by listening, and if appropriate, giving wise council. In the trials of life, we all need a place to rest and to heal, and to be encouraged, prayed over, and supported. Getting back to Kingdom Business to be effective in His Kingdom. Romans 12:1-2,10

ACCOUNTABILITY!

We are called to hold up one another; be responsible in Christ; and cover the parameters of care. Hebrews 10:24-25.

CELEBRATION! Encouraging and Honoring Others. Because we are in a supportive Christian community that really is, as the Word says, "like Christ". 2 Corinthians 2:14-15; 8:23-24.

LOVE THE LORD! Knowing Him.

The purpose is to encounter Jesus in a personal way. Mark 12:29-31. We are each to evangelize, whether they do or not.

GROWING! Growing up in our Faith with Jesus.

Discover His percepts, His ways and the awesome person He is and we are in Christ. To know Him, all will not have this all the time, as we all have our ups and downs in our Spiritual Pilgrimage. Philippians 3:1-14

BIBLE STUDY TIME! Studying the Word!

The Bible is the cradle to God's Word, what He has to say to us---we must put it into practice. The Bible is to provide us with the insights and applications for our Christian Living. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

PRAYER! Prayer is Communicating with God.

Getting directions and understanding, telling Him our needs and hearing Him concerning our needs, our plans and cares---we must point everything to God our Creator. Philippians 4:4-7



What to Expect

A. Bible Study Cell Groups

1. Go through a Book in the Bible
2. Explore topical subjects
3. Do Inductive Study
4. Discuss Sunday's Sermons
5. Watch a Christian Movie
6. Listen to a Christian Audio

B. Accountability Groups

1. Build relationships
2. Interact with others, and build trust in others.
3. Internalize what you have learned into daily life.
4. Mentoring, guidance and direction that is led by the Holy Spirit and God's Word

C. Life Group --- How to 'Deal with It'

1. How do I deal with life?
2. How do I learn to grow by His Word?
3. How do I allow others to help me encounter Christ and one another?

D. Ministry Groups.

1. Share the Lord and grow together
2. Have the atmosphere of care, be non-judgmental, and be a safe place to reflect on life situations.
3. One can ask to be removed out of one cell if they chose to another for a better fit.
4. We can ask an individual or several people to relocate to another Cell Group.

We must allow God's influence and outcome upon us. The Holy Spirit seeks us out and empowers us for the benefit of our spiritual growth.

Now the MAIN PRINCIPLES - Acts 2:42

We are networking and evangelizing together in harmony with the bonds of the Fruit of the Spirit, Commitment, and a common purpose. The purpose is to know and grow in Christ and make Him known to others. Thank you for helping us to build the Kingdom of God. We are His Church, and 'Upon this Rock' He said He will build His Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail, **WELCOME!**

Let us join together corporately in one convention to worship Him together and see His Power, experience His Presence, and be forever changed for His Glory.

Apostle/Sr. Pastor Joyce Carter

WHAT WE BELIEVE

--- We believe in the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three persons, yet one God. ~ {Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14}

--- We believe in the Holy Scriptures, including the Old and New Testament, to be the verbally inspired Word of God. ~ {2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 16:12-13}

--- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. ~ {John 10:11, 1 John 2:21}

--- We believe that Salvation is a gift from God given to man by God's grace and is received by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed at Calvary for man's sin. ~ {Ephesians 2:8-12, John 1:12}

--- We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

9am – "In The Word"

10am – Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

7pm Mid-Week Service

FRIDAY

7pm – Youth & Family

SATURDAY (once a month)

10am-2pm – Boot Camp Spiritual Warfare Training

UPON THE ROCK MINISTRY



"CELL GROUP HOMES" Bible Study

Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'"

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