

# Ministering God's Love



## Cultivating Faith

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## Foyer Groups

By: David Biggs

Foyer Groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons – to enjoy one another's company, to strengthen bonds of community, to meet new members and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in Christ the King, but with whom we might not otherwise interact. They provide a means to develop new friendships and deepen old ones.

There is no agenda or plan – just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. Groups are made up of singles, couples, young people, retired folks, etc., in other words a cross section of the parish. Out of the meetings, friendships develop among people who might not have any other opportunity to meet and get to know each other. Newcomers are especially invited to join one of the groups at any time.

Each small group of eight to twelve people meet once every four to six weeks during the church year, beginning in October and continuing through May, in the home of one of the members of the group. Generally, the host provides the main course while the other members fill in the rest of the meal such as appetizer, bread, salad, veggies, dessert, etc. Some groups have enjoyed gathering for a picnic lunch during good weather or even meeting at a local restaurant. Some groups have elected to study and discuss certain books, or incorporate an evening devotional into the gathering, while others gather for a purely social experience. The choice of available options is limited only by the collective imagination of the group, but the main idea is for the gatherings to simply focus on Christian fellowship, a refreshing meal and relaxed conversation.

New groups form each fall, and new members are always welcome. The groups are put together randomly in order to add an element of spontaneity, such that each of us might have the opportunity to get to know others in the parish who may be outside our normal circle of acquaintance. In other words, this is a great way to meet and get to know those you might not have a chance to visit with otherwise.

Sound interesting to you? Want to learn more about Foyer Groups? If so, keep your eyes open for the sign-up list on September 6. Our goal is to identify the group membership by September 21, and hold our first Foyer Groups in October.

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## Foyer Group Q&A

**Q. How will Foyer Groups be set up?**

**A.** Once you sign up, you'll be randomly grouped with three or four other singles and/or couples, potentially from different circles of the parish community and in varying phases of life. We will take into consideration your preferences regarding smoking, alcohol, and pets in the home. Each group will have a leader identified, and they will be provided with contact information for your group, as well as a short training class on how to get started.

**Q. I'm not much of a cook. Do I really have to be able to prepare a full meal for eight or ten people in order to join a Foyer Group?**

**A.** Foyer Group gatherings are intended to be shared meals, and that includes the preparation. Typically, the host might provide the main dish and beverages, with other members contributing the appetizer, salad, side dish, bread, and/or dessert. Many grocery stores and restaurants offer tasty, freshly prepared take-out dishes that you can serve. Those with the inspiration and capability to prepare a full meal on their own are, of course, welcome to do so, but that's not the expectation.

**Q. I'm afraid my home isn't grand enough to host other parishioners. Will my standard of living be judged if I join a Foyer Group?**

**A.** Here's what Foyer Groups are not: they're not a House Beautiful tour, they're not a Martha Stewart showcase, and they're not an Iron Chef cooking competition. They are casual gatherings where the focus is on fellowship and friendship, conversation and conviviality. We meet each other where we live, and accept our surroundings as they are just as God does.

**Q. My home/condo/apartment isn't large enough to hold eight to ten people for a sit-down dinner. Can I still join a Foyer Group?**

**A.** Who says the meal must be a sit-down dinner? There are several alternatives. You could plan a menu of finger- and fork-food that can be eaten from plates held on laps while sitting on sofas, chairs, or the floor. Or, when it's your turn to host, arrange for the group to meet at a local buffet-style restaurant, or reserve the picnic area at a county park and host a cookout.

**Q. I have food allergies. How can I be sure that other group members' meal contributions will be suitable for me?**

**A.** If you have food allergies, dietary restrictions, or strong taste preferences, please simply inform your group of your concerns at the beginning so that everyone understands what they must consider when planning their menus. All participants should make their best effort to accommodate the needs of their fellow group members.

**Q. Are Foyer Groups for adults only, or are children welcome to participate?**

**A.** Whether your group's gatherings are for grown-ups only or include kids too, is largely up to the membership and will depend on the ages of the children in the group's families. Hosting a meal for just the adults allows for undistracted conversations, while including children unquestionably livens up the evening. The group should attempt to strike a comfortable balance that accommodates the needs and concerns of all members.

**Q. Is there some "program" or entertainment we should offer when we gather?**

**A.** The primary goal of Foyer Groups is to extend and deepen ties within the parish by giving people a chance to get to know one another better, and that is most easily accomplished through conversation. There is no requirement for structured debate or religious experience (well, it would be nice if you say grace before eating!). However, if the group is so inclined, you could play a party game after dinner, or you could arrange to attend a movie together and then discuss it afterward over the meal. For some people who struggle to make small talk with those they don't know well yet, having something in particular to do or to discuss helps facilitate the process of becoming acquainted. Each family is encouraged to personalize their hosting turn according to their interests. Just chatting and nibbling is fine too!

For more information, please contact David Biggs [813-316-6998].

## WHY DO CLERGY WEAR A COLLAR ?

By Bob Dinnerville

The question is sometimes asked, "Why do priests and deacons wear the white collar?"

First, here is a brief history of how the collar came to be what we know today. In the 1840s, priests in the Church of England began to dress distinctively from the laity. The clergy began to wear black coats with two white ties hanging from their tall collars. By the 1880s, the tall collar was flipped down which made the collar look more like we know today. A decade or so later a pastor in the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) created the detachable collar. Voila! Clergy do not dress to please themselves, or anyone else for that matter; their manner of dress facilitates their purpose or service. It makes their function obvious to strangers. It makes their responsibilities and duties inescapable, and it defines their personal conduct, because they can't disappear into the crowd when they are wearing clericals. The purpose of a clerical collar is to identify a priest or deacon in public. This is, theoretically, helpful for the same reason other uniforms are helpful. If you see a lady walking up to your house with a box, it helps to know that she's from UPS. If you are having a heart attack, you may want to grab the person who's wearing scrubs. If there's been an automobile accident you want the person wearing a uniform with a badge. The clerical collar says "Hey, if you need a pastor or someone to talk to, there's one right here." It also says "I'm allowed to be here because I'm a priest or a deacon."

An ordained man or woman was not ordained for their own benefit. They were given gifts by God to share with other people. Clergy should be marked, so that if those gifts are required, they can be found easily. The same is true for priests and for deacons. Imagine you are in the library, and someone is really interested in knowing more about Jesus or the Church. Clergy know this happens all the time, because those people feel safe coming up to ask questions, the collar has marked them as a cleric. Would we really want our priests and deacons to keep the gifts given at their ordination to themselves? Do we not want to be open to help those who need the consolation that only the Church can give?

Most clergy choose to wear their collar every workday and wherever that work takes them. Below are the reasons why.

We are priests/deacons and need to be reminded of that. We are painfully human. We do not have everything together and sometimes we do, think, and say things that we ought not to say. The collar reminds us, especially because the full collar is a bit uncomfortable, that we need to strive to live a holy life. We need to do our best to live up to the calling that God has placed on us. We need to be compassionate and understanding to everyone we meet. By dressing different and sticking out like a sore thumb, we are reminded that we are here to serve humanity in all its forms.

We want others to see us. We live in a world that follows the latest trends, the hottest superstar, and is often very selfish. Every ad is about bettering our look, our lifestyle, or our relationships. It's always about us. But to see a person in a collar says something completely different. Men and women wearing their clergy uniforms stand out as a real alternative lifestyle. We have dedicated our lives to something much greater than ourselves, and our distinctive dress is a way of silently witnessing to that fact. It is a form of rebellion to wear a collar, for we are saying that we do not accept the status quo. We represent a God whose radical agenda is peace, harmony, and love, not war, consumerism, and greed. We also want people to see us because we want them to feel like there is someone to talk with; that there is someone out there who wants to hear their story and cares enough to listen.

We want to unashamedly be connected to Christ. We want to live our lives in such a way that we are glad to be identified with Jesus. We want to stand for Him, to praise Him, and to serve Him. We don't want to hide our light under a bushel, but proclaim to the world that we have thrown our lot in with Jesus and have full faith that He will carry us through. We want people to know that even though the Church has messed some things up royally, we still stand with her because she is the 'Ship of Faith' and with Jesus leading us she will take us to safe harbors. We want people to know that we stand for Jesus so that they will be invited to speak to us and tell us about what God is doing in their lives, or ask us questions about Him, or even just to vent and unload their problems.

We wear the collar for we are yoked to Christ and we hope, by His mercy and strength, we can be good and loyal servants.

**Godly Parenting (From a Learn-as-you-go Mom)**

By Dorene Royal

Unfortunately children are not born with a user guide. That thought occurred to me when my daughter was two years old. I had told her that she could not go outside because it was time for supper and she promptly bit me. The shock outweighed the pain and I stood there thinking, “What do I do now?” My college classes on pedagogy, child development and counseling did not prepare me for this moment, and we did not have Google in those days (or I would have searched ‘help, my 2 year old just bit me’!). I also remember admitting to my eleven year old daughter (who was experiencing the moods of puberty), “I’ve never been a parent before, I’m learning on you!”

There are some great Christian resources available to parents, I will be listing them throughout this article as I humbly offer you a few of my “in a nutshell” parenting tips (from a learn-as-you-go mom). I am fortunate to say that I navigated the teen and early adult years smoothly and my daughter is my best friend; I believe it is because I followed these principles during her formative years.

***Build bridges and boundaries.***

**Bridges** are a link to your child’s heart. A good place to start is to read the “*5 Love Languages of Children*” by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. The book description is: “Does your child speak a different language? Sometimes they waver for your attention, and other times they ignore you completely. Sometimes they are filled with gratitude and affection, and other times they seem totally indifferent. Attitude. Behavior. Development. Everything depends on the love relationship between you and your child. When children feel loved, they do their best. But how can you make sure your child feels loved?” The five languages are: physical touch (hugs, reading a story with the child on your lap, pats on the back), words of affirmation (praise, encouragement, positive guidance), quality time (focused attention), gifts (giving is an extension of love to this child), and acts of service (doing special things for the child). There is a web site ([www.5lovelanguages.com](http://www.5lovelanguages.com)) where children ages 9-12 can take the test to discover what their ‘language’ is.

**Boundaries** help your child feel secure (even though they will push at them and complain about them.) Boundaries need to be consistent and clearly communicated. I often asked my daughter to repeat back to me what she just heard so I was sure she ‘got it.’ Children devise many strategies to get around your boundaries (like holding you hostage in a grocery store with a temper tantrum that would not be allowed at home – this is the voice of experience!). You have to keep in mind the big picture. The mantra that I repeated to myself often was this: “I have 18 years to teach my daughter to be a woman of God, one who has strong work ethics, one that is loving, loyal, honest, respectful of others and a value to society.” Those boundaries (house rules, church behavior rules, public places rules) that I drew at age 3, 5, 10 were all needed to guide her to that final outcome. All of their adult life our children will experience boundaries (marriage, workplace, church) and if they cannot live within simple boundaries at age 3, 5, 10, they will not have the self-control and tools to function as an adult in society. Setting boundaries does not make you a villain. It makes you a hero; they will understand that when they become adults and parents themselves!

***The 3 D’s of Discipline.*** There are basically three reasons to discipline your children; most everything fits into these 3 categories: ***Dishonesty, disrespect and disobedience.*** Don’t discipline your child for stealing a cookie out of the cookie jar... discipline them for disobeying you when you said that they couldn’t have a cookie because it would spoil their supper. Don’t withhold a privilege because your 7 year old talked out loud and ran around the church sanctuary during communion, withhold the privilege because they were disrespectful of God’s house and did not follow the boundaries you set (disobedience) for church behavior. It is really important to have your child identify why they are being disciplined – guide them to admitting they were wrong (I disobeyed, I was disrespectful, I was dishonest) and saying I am sorry. Focus on the Family has a great website that deals with “Approaches to Discipline”. Emphasizing respect and honoring people are biblical concepts. Believers are told to respect the law (Proverbs 13:13), honor parents (Deuteronomy 5:16) and live lives worthy of respect (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12). With respect, obedience and honesty woven throughout Scripture, it’s no wonder that it makes for a strong foundation for family and offers meaningful reward!

***Never discipline in anger.*** Stop and think through what you are going to say and how you are going to approach the situation. I remember learning, as a young parent, that my child would continue her unacceptable behavior until I drew the line (boundary) and held firm. Sometimes she would push me until I was frustrated and flustered. I spoke with a church counselor about this and was advised to draw the line at the first offense, rather than let her continue until I was upset and irritated. Wow, that really helped! No more angry mommy, just a calm and determined mommy teaching a child to rule their emotions and exhibit self-control. Unfortunately, we often discipline the way our parents did, and if there was not a positive role model, then it is a battle to reform. Focus on the Family also has a great article on their web site, “Five Characteristics of Biblical Discipline.”

***Pick and choose your battles wisely*** (mostly in the teenage years). I would ask myself, “Will it matter in 10 years,” and if the answer was ‘no’ then I let it go. An example would be this: During the 90’s it was popular for kids to dress in baggy clothes – usually belonging to dad. Did I like seeing my pretty little girl dressed like that? No. But would it matter in 10 years. Not likely – I let it go. However, if my pretty little girl came out with something immodest, then I believed that would matter in 10 years, perhaps taking her down a path that would bring her heartache; I addressed it and set boundaries.

***Pray for your children.*** Ask God to surround them with friends and adults who will point them towards Him. Pray for their future mate (one of my greatest joys was toasting my future son-in-law at the wedding rehearsal dinner and telling him that I had prayed for him every day since the day my daughter was born, and he was a gift of God to our family). Pray that God gives you wisdom and patience and grace. Let your children see you praying over them. We don’t have all the answers, but He does! Andy Stanley said it all with this quote: “Your greatest contribution to the Kingdom of God may not be something you do, but someone you raise!”

I want to encourage those who are of the ‘empty nest’ to ***keep the parents of Christ the King in your prayers daily***, asking God to give them wisdom in fulfilling this special mission from God. It is our responsibility to encourage them and uplift them. Parenting is a huge challenge, but with God’s help (He’s got your back!) you can persevere and succeed!





## LADIES NIGHT OUT

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!**

**NO church talk, just good food, fellowship and lots of fun.**

**September 28 we will meet at the church at 5:30 pm to carpool to the restaurant (TBD)\* Don't miss out. Sign up today!** \*(Please make suggestions to Mother Carolyn)

### Financials for July 2015

07/05/15	\$4,,283.61
07/12/15	\$3,185.50
07/19/15	\$2,403.50
07/26/15	\$1,417.50
TOTAL	\$11,290.11

## Children's Chapel

Beginning September 6, instead of having Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., we will have a Children's Chapel service during the 10:00 a.m. church service. The readings and homilies will be based on the same Revised Common Lectionary that we use in the church. Pam Sharrow and Andrea Borden will be the teachers with a parent helper.

After the processional hymn the children will come forward to be blessed. Then they will follow an Acolyte carrying the small cross to the Children's Chapel at the end of the hall on the right (formerly the Children's Sunday school room).

The children will share their prayer request with the teachers and then pray together. On a rotating basis, one of our Deacons or Dorene Royal (a Pastor for many years) will then give a 3-5 minute homily (sermon) and interact with the children. After the homily the Teachers will provide activities (crafts, games, puzzles, stories, music etc.) for the children until it is time for them to return to the Sanctuary at the beginning of the Peace.

We will be contacting the parents of our children to assist the teachers with the activities. They will be asked to serve about once every 6 weeks. Please ask Pam or Andrea how you can help.



### What are we going to do about the kitchen?

**People keep asking me "What are we going to do about the kitchen?"**

**We all love having "Coffee Hour" but, we need to have a little organization so that we don't overwork our wonderful volunteers.**

**We are in need of a few (2-3) good women (or men) to co-chair a kitchen committee.**

**The responsibilities would be:**

**To work together so that no one person is fully responsible.**

**To ask for help when needed!!!**

**To organize a volunteer schedule.**

**To oversee set up and clean up of the coffee hour on a rotating basis.**

**We are also in need of volunteers to help with coffee hour and to bring treats, please talk to Mother Carolyn if you feel called to assist with any of the above.**

# M I N I S T R Y      S C H E D U L E

Ministry area	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
Celebrant	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn
Deacon	Bob Dinnerville Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville Ed Tatlian
LEM2	Paige Sharrow	Bob Springthorpe	Isabel Detringo	Don Williams
Acolyte - Server	Elizabeth Hospedales	Liam Borden	Sydney Sharrow	Elvon Hospedales
Acolyte - Cross/bells	Jacob Heist	Clive Borden	Mitchell Parrish	Clive Borden
Acolyte-Collection	Nathanial Heist	Joey Beck	Alexander Parrish	Joey Beck
Acolyte -Gospel		John Beck	John Beck	John Beck
Old Testament	David Biggs	Ed Tatlian	Mike Green	Wadde Griggs
New Testament	Veda Dwyer	Stacey May	Paige Sharrow	Andrea Borden
Prayers of the people	Bob Dinnerville	Bob Dinnerville	Bob Dinnerville	Bob Dinnerville
Greeters./ushers	Betty & Claire	Wade & David Biggs	Terry & Cheryl	Jack & Debbie
Pre k (paid)	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie	Colleen
Elementary SS				
Prayer Team	Wade & Lisa	Meghan & Isabel	Cathy & Marilyn	Isabel & Lisa
Altar Guild	Diane & Carolyn	Lisa & Christina	Lisa & Christina	Claire & Cathy
Vestry Counters	Mark & Jack	Mark & Jack	Mark & Jack	Mark & Jack

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Women of the Bible~ Bible study With service to follow. 7pm		B – Mark Schrader B—Sharon Rogers	B – Deacon Ed Tatlian
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Church 10am	B – Jim Lee	Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Women of the Bible~ Bible study With service to follow. 7pm B – Jessie Hall		B – Carolyn Lowery	BOB's ORDINATION
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Church 10am  Ultreya @ St. Stephens		Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Women of the Bible~ Bible study With service to follow. 7pm	B – Bob Din- nerville		B – Charisse Coney
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Church 10am B – Terry Wise	Ladies Night Out Meet at the church at 5:30  B – Joy Parker	Women's Bible Study 10:00am	Women of the Bible~ Bible study With service to follow. 7pm			