



# Leadership Team

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Fellowship within church life can be expressed in these four different dynamics. Each are important and help in our spiritual growth. Members are encouraged to engage at each level.

Discipling relationships are normally one to one. The prayer triplet is often a good discipling relationship as participants grow in prayer for each other. Congregation is what we experience each Sunday and is a vital part of our church life. Celebration is what we experience when more than one congregation comes together and we at Belvedere Baptist experience that when we have our three church events. Home groups then are part of our church life, not just a meeting but a unit of fellowship, where you get rooted into the whole.

**This leaflet is one of the “What is Church” series of leaflets. They are designed to help:**

1. ...our friends who are exploring the Christian faith to understand a little bit more about this church
2. ...Christians who are looking for a spiritual home to have information about this church.
3. ...current members to remind themselves who we are and why we exist.

**OTHER TITLES:**

- What is Church?
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- Pastoral care and discipleship
- The church and money

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# Home Groups



# Introduction:

What do these three people have in common?

Archippus – Priscilla – Nympha

They are all people Paul knows and he mentions them in his letters.

Some churches have Home Groups as an optional extra or for special seasons such as lent. Other churches feel they are important and see them as an integral part of church life. We at Belvedere Baptist Church come in the second group seeing our groups as part of our pastoral care system. We also see them as helpful in the discipleship life of the church a place of trust where we can grow in prayer and encouragement. Home groups are a good way of getting involved giving a sense of belonging.



Here at Belvedere Baptist Church we are in the process of establishing a number of new groups. The simple aim of these groups is to strengthen our relationships with God and with others.

**For information on groups ask at reception**

# Home Groups

Our regular Home Group will usually enjoy a time of Bible Study, sharing, prayer, laughter, fellowship, encouragement, and support. Food can be part of home group life as well as sharing in bread and wine together in communion.

The home group is a safe place where you can grow in the use of ministry gifts praying for each other using the gifts of the spirits for encouragement. There will be opportunities for small steps of faith as we pray for healing and guidance. Practical care



has a place in the home group as sometimes there is need for material support or odd jobs needing to be done in each other's homes. Teaching gifts can be discovered as you help to lead a bible study. We try to have three main activities in each group.



**Welcome:** arrive get comfortable, get connected, and get focused

maybe there is a need to offload a problem of the day.

**Worship:** Jesus is the centre of all groups and worship of various kinds will always be part of group life.

**Word:** God's word as revealed to us in the bible which carries authority for us and we seek to line our lives up to its teaching.

# Focused Groups

Focused groups, are for a set duration with a clear focus. Normally you need to sign up for them and they require an agreed level of commitment.

## Discipleship training

- single sex groups with high level of commitment and a structure of accountability. These can be focused on character of ministry growth.

## Celebrate recovery

- based on the bible and the twelve step recovery path this is for people with life dominating problems looking for a way into the freedom only a relationship with Jesus can bring.

## Alpha

- The well known course designed to help people in an informal atmosphere explore the Christian faith.

## Introductory group

- This is a "getting to know you" group designed to give an overview of our church looking at our values, vision, beliefs and distinctive. It is led by Frank our senior pastor and his wife Sylvia. Other ministry leaders will share in the presentation of this group.

By the way the three people at all had churches in their homes. Philemon 2, Rom 16:3-5 & Col 4:15