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MPC Classes & Groups Catalog

Welcome to the 2019/2020 catalog! Inside are a variety of classes and groups that will provide opportunities for you to connect with other people at MPC. As we grow as a church, and in our faith, we want to provide ways to get to know each other beyond Sunday worship. We are strengthened when we come together as the body of Christ! We want to focus on Christ's invitation to join with others to study and to learn how to "love others to love Christ," and these opportunities are an essential element of living into our community in Christ.

We hope that you will find a place here with us at MPC that includes a group or class, as well as Sunday morning worship! To register, please go online to mandarinpres.com/catalog, or contact the group leader listed for the class.

We are so glad that you are here at MPC!

Rev. Jessica Konker

Director of Small Group Ministry

Group Link



To Grow Spiritually **You need to be Connected Relationally**

At Group Link you will have a chance to meet other folks in your similar lifestage on a Sunday and learn about our small group ministry at MPC and about joining a small group. We have groups for women, men and married couples. You will meet others in your similar lifestage, discuss when you could be free to meet. For more information on our next Group Link Meet and Greet e-mail Jessica at jkonker@mandarinpres.com. Next Group Link will be September 29th at 3:30 pm.

Groups- Sunday Morning

The Minglers

SSG 1

Sundays, 9:00 am

Room 7, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Craig Henderson (craighenderson@gmail.com)

This is a group for couples & singles, ranging from 40's to 70's. The class is a mixture of fellowship and prayer, teaching, discussion and Bible Study. The first portion of class is spent sharing prayer concerns and praying. The second portion is the bible study.

Singles 30s/40s Group

SSG2

Sundays, 9:00 am, September 15th— November 24th

Room 6, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Kathryn Leech (kat4533@hotmail.com)

Are you single and in your 30's or 40's? We are a group of men and women who meet together for a topical Bible study and also for fellowship events. We would love for you to join us!

Sunday Bible study Group (50's-60's)

SSG 3

Sundays, 9:00 am biweekly

Room 136, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Ernie Jennings (jollybeggar@gmail.com)

This group meets for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We would love for you to join us to grow in the Lord. Group members are empty nest, working and retired.

Thesauros Class

SSG4

Sundays, 9:00 am, September 8th — December 22nd

Room 8, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Chris Konker (ckonker@mandarinpres.com)

The Greek word ‘thesauros’ means ‘treasure.’ To borrow the term from Jesus’ parable, the whole Bible is a field, and Jesus is the treasure inside it. In the Thesauros group, we’ll meet on Sunday mornings for teaching, prayer, and conversation on the Bible. The teaching will uncover treasure in four ways: finding treasure in the words of Scripture, finding the treasure of Christ in the words, drawing out treasure for our lives, and seeing the treasure of God’s new creation. After teaching, we’ll pray a passage from our text, and we’ll spend the last half hour in conversation.

Parenting Through the Phases

SSG5

Sundays, 9:00 am, September 8th —October 13th

Quad 1, Loretto Road Campus

Facilitator: Jenn Arnold

Contact: Jenn Arnold (jennarnold@mandarinpres.com)

You have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until he or she moves on to what’s next. It goes by fast and kids change and grow quickly! In this 6 week small group we will look at the 6 things your kids need most and 4 conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase of growing up! Whether you have 936 or 36 weeks left—join other parents for this small group experience and conversation!

Upper Room (working and retired)

SSG 6

Sundays, 10:30 am

Choir Room, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Trudi Yarbrough (trudiyarbrough@yahoo.com)

Upper Room is a caring class of couples and singles, working and retired, who enjoy peer-led discussions every week of book and DVD series, of both topical studies and Bible studies. We love fellowship and praying for one another. Please join us. Everyone welcome.

Pathfinders Class (55's+)

SSG 7

Sundays, 10:30 am

Room 8, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Randy and Margie Dalton (rodalton@bellsouth.net)

This class is a wonderful place to connect to others. You will spend time going deeper into GOD's word and have a chance to meet and pray for each other. The sharing of life experiences and how they relate to our Christian Faith is a key part of the class. Sharing these experiences and discussing how they have impacted our faith is the bond that brings us together as a group.

Explorers (30's -40's)

SSG 8

Sundays, 10:30 am

Quad 2, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Matt Balanky (mattbalanky@hotmail.com)

We enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and sharing prayer requests. All are welcome! Members have kids (birth-elementary).

Active Duty Military Fellowship & Bible Study SSG9

Sundays, 10:30 am

Location: TBD

Contact: George Currie (ghcurrie@aol.com) or
(904) 716-2286

Active duty military couples and singles meet weekly for fellowship, Bible study and mutual support. Gatherings for men and women also take place at various times and locations in Jacksonville and Fleming Island during the week. Contact the MPC Ministry to Military Coordinator (George Currie) for more information.

Seekers Class (50+) SSG 10

Sundays, 10:30 am

Room 9, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: David Middleton (davidmidd@comcast.net)

If you are looking for a great place to connect to others, share prayer, and dig into Scripture, the Seekers Class is the adult Bible study class for you. Each Sunday's topic is a self-contained lesson related to the theme for that quarter. If you miss a Sunday you are not "lost" in the cycle. We have several ministries we support as a class as well. To further promote our small group unity we all go out to Sunday lunch every two or three months.

Groups- Married Couples

Couples with Kids (birth- elementary) SGM11

1st Sunday of the month, 4:00pm
Room 136, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Ted Pratchios (Theodore.pratchios@gmail.com)

Discussion, study, fellowship and share prayer requests for parents with kids ages preschool -elementary age.

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Young Adult Couples Small Group SGM 12

Sundays, 4:00 pm biweekly starting August 18th

Room 137/138, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

Come join us as we enjoy fellowship and a study together that will strengthen our faith in Christ. We would love for you to join us! With or without kids (birth-4).

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Home School Families Group SGM13

1st and 3rd Friday evenings in homes

Contact: Al Watson (alwatsonjax@gmail.com)

This is a small group for parents of families who all home-school their kids. The group meets for bible study, fellowship and prayer. Members have children elementary to college.

Couples Small Group 55+

SGM14

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 pm starting September 10th

Quad 2, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: David Stull (glfngnts@gmail.com)

This Couples group meets Thursday evenings biweekly for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. All are welcome to join! Most members are retired.

Women's Groups

Monday Morning Women's Book Group **SG15**

Mondays, 9:00 am starting September 9th

Room 138, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Toby Richmond (toby.richmond@gmail.com)

This is a group for women 55+ who will be doing a Bible study and sharing prayer and having fellowship together. Please join us; all are welcome!

Monday Evening Women's Group (55's-70's) **SG 16**

Mondays, 7:00 pm, starting September 9th

Room 8, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Sandy Smith (sanjoe1213@bellsouth.net)

Ladies are you looking for a place to connect, to meet together and share life? Join us for Bible study, prayer, fellowship. We will be doing a women's study and seeing God's activity in our lives, followed by a study on Jesus' parables. All are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study **SG17** **(60's & 70's)**

Tuesdays, 10:00 am, starting September 10th

Quad 4, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

This is a brand new group just starting. We welcome all women in the 60's and 70's to join us. We will spend time sharing our lives, studying God's word, and praying for each other. We will also gather for fellowship and service. Please join us. All are welcome.

Women in the Word (late 20's- early 40's) **SG 18**

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Room 8, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Kim Morse (blim419@comcast.net)

Do you want to learn more about Scripture, connect with other young women, and serve God in the world? This is a great place to build friendships, support one another and grow in your faith!

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Release my Grip: **SG19**

Hope for a Parent's Heart as Kids Leave the Nest and Learn to Fly

Tuesday evenings starting September 17th, 7-8:30 pm Or

Thursday mornings, September 19th, 10-11:30 am

Room 9, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Joann Wiley 904-253-0937 (joannwiley@ymail.com)

12 week group (short lessons/ if you miss a week it is okay!) on the book "Release my Grip." Saying goodbye to a child as they leave the nest and learn to fly ushers parents into an emotional time of grief, joy and nostalgia. In this keepsake book, you'll discover how this time can be fertile ground for deepening your relationship with Jesus. You'll also gain the practical tools you need to help you pause, reflect, and capture the words on your heart during your own unique journey as a parent of a young adult fledgling—from high school graduation through the years that follow.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study **SG20**
(50s & 60's)

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, starting September 3rd

Room 8, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

This is a brand new group just starting. We welcome all women 50's—60's to join us. We will spend time sharing our lives, studying God's word, praying for each other. We will also gather for fellowship and service. Please join us. All are welcome.

Tuesday Evening Young Women's **SG21**
(College age/20's)

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, starting September 3rd

Quad 4, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

This is a new group for college age and young women in their 20's. We will be doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and sharing life together.

Wednesday Morning Mom's Group **SG 22**

Wednesdays, 9:30 am, starting September 4th

BOB 1, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

We have a variety of ages from young moms with babies to moms with adult children. We spend time doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and fellowship. Hope you can join us.

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Wednesday Women's Group (55+)

SG23

Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Room 137/138, Mandarin Road Campus
Contact: Sharon Masters (s.mastersfl@gmail.com)

This is a group for women age 55+. We meet for bible study prayer and fellowship. We will be doing two studies: one will be "All the Places to Go How will you Know" by John Ortberg about discerning God's direction. And the second will be "When Changing Nothing Changes Everything: seeing God's perspective on your Life."

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Wednesday Evening Women's Group

SG 24

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm starting September 11th
Quad 1, Loretto Road Campus
Contact: Diana Hoelle (dshoelle@yahoo.com)

This is a group for women with kids preschool to young adult. We will spend time doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and fellowship. Hope you can join us.

Wednesday Evening Women's Group (50+)

SG25

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm starting September 4th
Room 6, Loretto Road Campus
Contact: Ruth Burrell (osprey3811@bellsouth.net)
Annie Jenkins (jackson.1stson@yahoo.com)

Ladies, are you looking for a place to connect, to meet together and share life? Join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

Group members range in age from 50-70's.

Proverbs

SG26

Forming a Foundation for Christian Discipleship

Thursdays, 9:30 am, starting September 12

Room 137/138, Mandarin Road Campus

Facilitator: Priscilla Case (pbcase1972@juno.com)

The Book of Proverbs is more than just a series of short sayings—found on notecards, bumper stickers, online postings. It is a foundation for our walk with Christ. In this ten-week study we will look at how Proverbs reveals the path we are to follow. Join us on this journey to see where it takes you.

Third Thursday Circle

SG 27

Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm

Room 137/138, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Sandy Messer (sandy9965@comcast.net) or 904-923-7986

This group enjoys studying the Bible together and using God's words to shape our own lives. We support and serve others with our monthly mission projects and encourage each other in our prayers and testimony, all in a casual, fun and social setting.

Thursday Women's Group (50's-60's)

SG28

7:00 pm, 1st and 3rd Thursdays,

Conference room, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Connie Long (connierlong99@gmail.com)

We are a group of ladies in our 50's and 60's active and working. Join us as we enjoy fellowship and a study together that will strengthen our faith in Christ.

Men's Groups

Men's Discipleship Group

SG 29

Our world moves so fast and often we don't prioritize our relationship with God and others. An MPC Discipleship group seeks to provide community and encouragement in your walk with God. Through working through studies that will help develop a mature disciple. Groups will be equipped to "love people to love Jesus" by connecting, equipping, serving and inviting. Our hope for groups is that this will be a rich experience of sharing life together while pursuing intentional spiritual growth in Christ. Groups will begin to form in fall and will pick what time works best for them to meet. They will meet September- May. Let us know if you are interested in joining a group.

Contact: Chris Konker (ckonker@mandarinpres.com)

Men's Fellowship Lunch

SG 30

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12:00 pm

Golden Corral—San Jose Blvd

Contact: Randy Hester, 904- 230-4939

(rhester@mandarinpres.com)

We meet for fellowship and prayer and to discuss and go deeper with the sermon message from Sunday.

Men's All Pro Challenge

SG31

Winning with The Word in The Workplace

Tuesdays, 6:00 -7:30 am, September 17 - October 29

Contact: Bob Graumann (rjgraumann@gmail.com)

A 7 week series for men of all ages on how to be God's All Pro in the business world. Each week local business men, entrepreneurs and business coaches will share personal experiences on business ethics and doing business "by The Book." Included will be lessons from local Wise Counsel Director John Beehner and from John Maxwell's book "The Power of One."

CLASSES

The Christian Year

CLASS 1

Thursdays, 10:45 am, October 3rd —June 25th

Quad 2, Loretto Road Campus

Facilitator: Chris Konker (ckonker@mandarinpres.com)

Poverty, race, sports, love, science, humor, politics, consumerism, technology...what a world! The Christian Year is a group of 11-12 folks who read, teach, and learn from one another through the year. We will engage the dynamics of our world from a foundation in Christ and the seasons of the Christian year. This group is for all ages, high school seniors and older. Please contact Chris with questions.

Grief Share

CLASS2

Thursdays, 5:00—6:30 pm, August 29th—November 21

Quad 1, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Ann Pace Sutton 705-5055, Vic Halbach 631-6415

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Financial Peace University

CLASS3

Sundays, 5:00—6:30 pm, starting September 15th

Room 9, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Barb Trawick (tennis7@comcast.net)

Cost: \$109

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.

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SHAPE: Finding and Fulfilling your Unique Purpose

CLASS4

Contact: Greg Cruice, (gregcruice@att.net)

Time/Date: TBD

God made you marvelously unique for a reason. Tap into that reason and into the secrets of your own deeply personal makeup—the remarkable ensemble of passions, talents, experiences, temperament, and spiritual gifts that work together to make you who you are—and you'll discover the path to a life of unimagined purpose, impact, and fulfillment. In this eye-opening, empowering, and liberating book, Rees shows you how to uncover God's most powerful and effective means of advancing his kingdom on earth: your own irreplaceable, richly detailed personal design.

Contact Greg Cruice if interested.

Soul Talk Class: Follow up to Larry Crabb Conference
CLASS5

Friday, 7-9 pm, Saturday 9am—3pm, September 20 & 21
Quad 2, Loretto Road Campus
Contact: Paul Niager (niager@comcast.net)

The purpose of this course is to help people learn to relate differently through both video and small group discussion. What does it look like to join each other's journey rather than try to fix each other's problems? SoulTalk, aka spiritual friendship, seeks to come alongside others with a heart to move through the messiness of life and to help one another discover that what we really and ultimately want is God.

Activity Groups

Salvation Army

ACT 1

1st or 3rd Sunday of each month, 5:00 –7:00 pm
Salvation Army Downtown, 900 W. Adams Street
Contact: Patty Heard (patty.heard84@gmail.com)

We help to serve meals in the dining room at the Salvation Army between 5 & 7 pm. We also clean off tables and sweep the floor and help in the kitchen with clean up if needed.

Sanctuary Choir

ACT 2

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm & Sundays, 8:40 am
Choir Room, Loretto Road Campus
Contact: Bill Vasko (bvasko@mandarinpres.com)

Looking for people that enjoy singing and a willingness to commit to rehearsals as they can. ***NO AUDITION*** to sing in the choir. All levels of musical skill are welcome to join.

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MUGS (Men Under God's Service) Group

ACT 3

Contact: Randy Hester, home, 230-4939, cell, 859-4996,
(plsalesco@aol.com)

Work with other Christians to help with minor household repairs for seniors, single moms and others in need. We also have a separate team made up of MUGS team members for a Hurricane Response Team designed to check on the seniors and single moms in our congregation for safety in case of a major storm and to help with emergency repairs if needed.

Stitchers: Needle Work Group

ACT 4

1st and 3rd Sundays, 1:30 pm

Narthex/lobby, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Shirley Carpenter (scarpenter5552@gmail.com),
828-702-8444

If you like to sew, knit, crochet or do any type of needle crafts, the Stitchers group would love to have you join them! It's a good time for fellowship, while working on your own projects or items for community service. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Exercise Group: Yoga

ACT 5

Tuesdays, 9:30 am; Thursdays, 6:00 pm

The Loft, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Suelynn Bacon, 571-0730
(suelynnb2018@gmail.com)

A low impact Yoga class open to both men and women. This class is offered at two different days and times.

Exercise Group: Pilates

ACT 6

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:45 pm

Fridays, 5:15 pm

The Loft, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Billie Jean Fryer (heidifryer@comcast.net)

Pilates exercise is based on strengthening one's abdominal core, improving overall flexibility and increasing mental focus. You are strongly encouraged to work at your own level and pace. Caution, fellowship-building and lasting friendships may also result.

Usher Team

ACT 7

Sunday mornings

Contact: Pat Sullivan (lpully@bellsouth.net)

Join the Usher team! You can help pass out bulletins and be a welcoming face on Sunday morning. We need you! You can help usher with your family or do it by yourself. Contact Pat to learn more.

Greeter Team

ACT 8

Sunday mornings

Contact: Alisa Knox (alisa102189@yahoo.com)

Welcome folks at the door of the church. This is one of the ways we make MPC a friendly place that visitors and members want to call their church. Contact Alisa for more information.

Information Center Team

ACT 9

Sunday mornings

Contact: Rosa Heard (rheard@mandarinpres.com)

Work at the lobby Information Center before and after one service on a Sunday. Help people with directions to classes, sign up questions or any general information; you will be sent current information each time you are scheduled to work. Volunteers serve once about every 5 months.

Sunday mornings

Contact: Rosa Heard (rheard@mandarinpres.com)

Observe what goes on outside of the sanctuary during a Sunday morning worship service; greet those arriving late, be a presence in the lobby during worship and walk the perimeter of the property. Two volunteers serve each time, so one can be inside and one outside. You will be provided with a neon vest and a nametag. Join us and serve as the face of the church on Sunday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

JOY Group

FL 1

2nd Thursday of the month
Fellowship Hall, Mandarin Road Campus
Contact: Brenda Haye (bhaye@mandarinpres.com)

JOY is for all senior adults who meet for a time of fellowship once a month, usually on the second Thursday. The group sometimes meets at the church for lunch and a program (cost \$7) or they often attend events around the city and in the local

College Age Group

FL2

Contact: Dan Dodge (2samuel14.14@gmail.com)

Are you college age and looking for a place to connect? We have several intervarsity groups that meet at local college campuses for fellowship, bible study and prayer. Would love for you to join us.

SOCRATIC Group

FL 3

Time and Date to be determined
Contact: Chris Konker (ckonker@mandarinpres.com)

Do you experience doubt and questions about the Christian faith? At a certain point, I came to feel that doubts and questions weren't necessarily obstacles to faith. Instead, I found them to be stepping stones. My faith grew as I wrestled with them instead of avoiding them. This group will be a good fit for folks who experience ambiguity with regard to the Christian faith—who just aren't sure about a whole lot, and have a lot of questions. This group will also be a good fit for folks who experience alienation with regard to the Christian faith—they feel pushed away, and like outsiders for one reason or another. Socrates was a Greek thinker who was curious and asked good questions. He didn't avoid careful thinking out of concerns for what was perceived to be taboo or sacrilegious. This group will aspire to be that sort of place, where all sorts of conversation about religion can take place.

MARRIED PEOPLE

At MPC we want to help you strengthen your marriage because we believe God wants us to love him and love others and that starts with the people in our family and our spouse. So we are providing some opportunities to do that this year. There are four values: Have serious fun, Love God First, Practice your Promise, Love and Respect.

DATE NIGHT

MAR1

Saturdays, September 14, February 8, and June 6

Stop by the Mandarin Road Campus between 4:30—6:00 pm to pick up your Serious FUN date night kit and drop off kids (if you have them) for childcare 4:30—8:30pm. Date kit includes FUN ideas and questions to strengthen your marriage. If you can't make it on the date night you can reserve a bag on-line and go on your date night together at another time or do it together at home.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

MAR2

8:30 am—1:00 pm, Saturday, October 12th
Fellowship Hall, Mandarin Road Campus
Contact: Craig Myers (craigmyers@yahoo.com)

This is a workshop for married couples about effective communication. Communication is at its best when we truly connect with our spouse. We learn various healthy and unhealthy patterns of how to do this throughout our marriages. This workshop provides tools to help married couples improve. However long you've been married, any time is a good time to better learn how to communicate with one another so that we are actually connecting. We hope you will join us.

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