

Small Group Culture

Resources to Connect & Equip Small Group Leaders at Worship Center

Big Changes With Small Groups Staff

Welcome Anita Hoffer as Small Groups Administrative Assistant

The time is approaching quickly for Joe and JoEllen Castronova to launch out and plant their church with a team of people in the Hempfield area. We've known that this time was coming and will greatly miss Joe and his family at Worship Center! With Joe's transition to plant a church Ashlee Swartz will be stepping up to be Director of Small Groups. Another change occurring within our small groups staff is as of June 1st Courtney Kerchner will no longer be the administrative assistant for small groups because she will be transitioning to help Alpha in the area of the administrative assistant. We are thankful for all the life that Courtney has poured into small groups here at Worship Center. We'll miss her greatly, but excited for what the Lord has for her in her new role. With this said, I'd like to introduce you to Anita Hoffer who will be the new administrative assistant for small groups! Below is a bit on Anita. When you see her please welcome her to the team!!



Prior to joining the Worship Center staff seven years ago I worked at an area hospital in Human Resources as a staff recruiter and volunteer manager. I'm currently Don Neff's assistant, which involves varied duties. I've been married to Ken 37 years, we have three adult children, two children-in-laws, and 5 grandchildren.

I will continue as Don's assistant, in addition to helping Ashlee as she continues her great work at WC. I enjoy working with people and embrace new opportunities, so I look forward to this next season at WC!

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Small Group Leadership Team

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Anita Hoffer
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Dawn Koser
John Koser
Don Neff
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Ashlee Swartz

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

Small Group Leaders Family Picnic

June 9, 2012 Saturday Noon- 3 p.m.
East Lampeter Community Park

LifeFlow

Sept. 21, 2012 Friday 6-8:30 p.m.

NEW Small Group DVD Series

Starts October 13/14, 2012
7-week series on Proverbs

Workshops

Small group leaders are encouraged to attend at least two workshops each year. Listed below are dates and topics for 2012, so mark your calendar for those you want to attend. Yes, you may attend them all if you'd like!

May 10, 2012 (Thursday 6:30 p.m.) Lancaster Room
(6:30 p.m. – children's ministry and dinner provided)

The Buck Stops Here

Topic: Becoming a Small Group of Influence
Led by Gordon & Gwen Schuit and Steph Shunk

October 14, 2012 (Sunday 9-11:30 a.m.) Fireside Room
Topic To Be Determined

Small Group Resource Lending Library

Go to www.worshipcenter.org/lendinglibrary
for a complete list of topics
available to borrow for your
next small group study!

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Small Groups at WC now has a facebook page!! If you have facebook, search for "small groups at Worship Center" and "like" our page! Feel free to invite your friends and other small group leaders at WC to join this page.



Badger's Group

Barry and Gini Badger

We are a diverse group of growing Christians with most of us having attended Alpha. Our meetings open with a shared meal. We then have teaching, share the challenges of life and end with prayer. Recently we have studied Revelation, John Bevere's teaching titled "Extraordinary" and the Only God series. We meet every other Wednesday evening near East Towne Mall. We welcome new members.



Meet the Coaches • Paul & Linda Wolford

Our heart for small groups is: We want to help people grow in the Lord and put the Word in their hearts. We enjoy getting together with other brothers and sisters in the Lord. We love the Worship Center. Since coming to the Worship Center we have grown in the Lord and are still growing.

We live in Lebanon, Linda and I have servant hearts. It is easier for us to serve than to be served. We have two show cars and belong to several car clubs. I enjoy working in the yard and garden; Linda enjoys taking care of our home.



Why a Coach?

By Ashlee Swartz

Many of you know that at Worship Center we have a valuable team of coaches that have a heart to work closely with small group leaders. Many small group leaders are already connected with one of these coaches and have found the value in being connected with the bigger picture of discipleship. Coaches are here to support, connect and empower. "With support, encouragement, and accountability from someone who believes in us, we can do far more than we'd ever accomplish alone. A coach helps you stay on track, overcome obstacles, and convert your "want-to's" into concrete steps that are put into your schedule. Coaches don't give solutions; they help you solve your own problems. Coaching is helping you learn instead of telling you what to do. By leveraging every situation to build capacity as a leader and a person, coaching prepares you to conquer much bigger challenges in the future." [1] If you have questions about our coaching team or more about our heart behind "why a coach" please call me in the office.

[1] *Lifforming Leadership Coaching*; www.lifformingcoach.com