

Summer of Small Groups

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We have joked that if last summer was the Summer of Sabbath, this summer is the Summer of the Anti-Sabbath! Just take a look at the “center-fold” of this month’s issue – it’s a display of all the small groups we are offering this summer. There is something there for a wide range of interests and ages - everything from the Mid-High Group hitting the road, to learning a little Hebrew, to singing for the fun of it. There are about a dozen, mostly new, opportunities being launched this summer.

We are offering all of this because we’ve learned that what people are looking for from their Community of Faith is just that – community. We are not part of a Committee of Faith, but a Community. We’ve asked you to sit on far too many work groups without offering you enough chances to deepen your relationship with God and each other. So this is the Summer of the Small Group.

Note that: Small Group. Not Everybody-Does-Everything-Every-Time-the-church-Doors-are-Opened. (As a matter of fact, most groups will meet off site – out in the world somewhere). We don’t expect you to do them all. Please don’t! But pick one thing out that beckons to your soul, and go.

We hope that over the course of the summer, you will see in that small circle of faces you smile at regularly – over a hammer, a lunch bag, a good book – you will see the face of God, and feel restored because of it.