



## Fellowship In Sharing Homes

FISH Groups is a small-group ministry of the Center Point Road Church of Christ. FISH stands for: Fellowship In Sharing Homes. When Jesus died on the cross to bear our sins it was for the purpose of bringing sinful man back into a peaceful relationship with God. As a result of that it also brings those who accept God's grace into an intimate relationship with each other. FISH Groups serve as an organized way of fostering and building the relationships between the children of God.

From the start of the church we read that Christians were, "...continually devoting themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..." (Acts 2:42). The idea that this is confined to the Lord's Day or first day of the week worship is foreign to the Bible. In fact the same passage of scriptures states, "...day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart..." (Acts 2:46).

The church was in the habit of being together and FISH Groups seek to maintain that habit of fellowship, devotion to the apostle's teaching, and prayer. FISH Groups consist of three or four families that meet on a monthly basis for three months. When the three months are completed the groups are rearranged to allow small-group fellowship with a larger portion of the congregation to be accomplished over the course of time. There is not a set schedule for when groups meet. Each group decides the location, time, and activities for their own small-group fellowship.

The following goals are purposed through FISH Groups:

- Stimulate fellow Christians to love and good deeds
- Opportunity to learn from God's word to build faith
- Spiritual growth of individuals and whole congregation
- Safeguard from backsliding through the company of like-minded members of the Lord's church
- Strengthen the bond of unity among God's people
- Glorify God!