

Abundant Life Assembly of God

Groups InCommon Directory *Fall* 2011



Pastor Greg Wendschlag



InCommon... community... common unity... communion... common union... those are words and phrases that I really like. I think most people do. It's because God designed us to do life together—not just accomplish tasks and check things off of our life's to do lists but to DO LIFE with one another. That's what our Groups InCommon are all about.

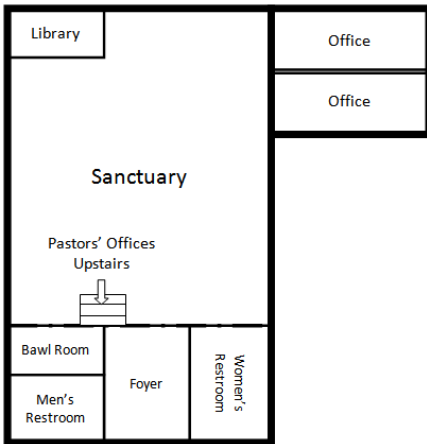
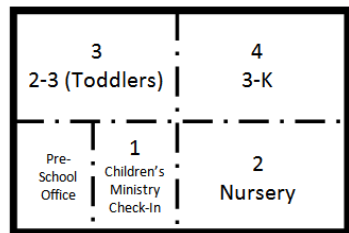
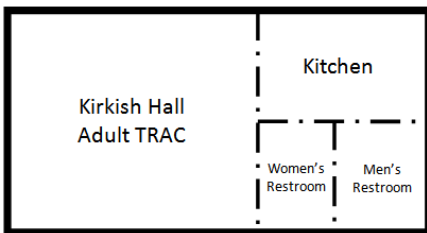
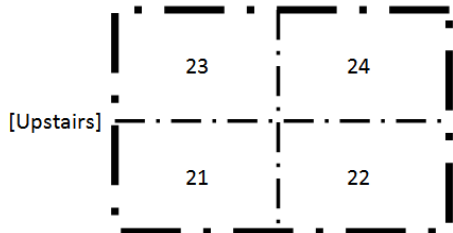
Whether it is a hobby, exercise, Bible study or prayer, it is life to us, and sharing it is what makes it so fulfilling. InCommon groups provide a way for you to enjoy life with others. These groups are for you to enjoy but also to invite others to enjoy with you. Why not bring a friend to your InCommon group? As you do life together, you'll find that everything in life is better.

Check out the groups in this booklet and make some friends to enjoy life with.

In His grip,

Pastor Greg

Church Site Map



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Trimester Schedule

Fall 2011

Sun, Sep 4 – Sat, Dec 4

Rally Sunday:

Sunday August 28, 9:00 – 1:00pm

New Leader Orientation

November 13, 1-4PM

InCommon

Just add friendship

- Just add friendship to the things you share in common. It's that simple.
- This is not a complicated religious formula for converting people.
- True relationship results from true friendship.
- You don't need to be a Bible scholar, a super Christian, or have done this before... just share your friendship... and watch things happen.

Share *life InCommon. Just add friendship.*

Do you have a **passion** you would like to share with others? Sign up for the next New Leader Orientation!

Sunday, November 13th, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Please contact Bill Moll at (650) 851-5117 for more information.

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Big Groups – Adult Ministries

The Celebration Service

Come join us for our Sunday morning Celebration Service! If you are a visitor, please be sure to stop by our Care Ministries table (look for the big 'START HERE' banner).

Time: *Sundays, 9AM and 10:30AM*

Location: *Sanctuary*

Midpointe

Join us for a life-changing, in-depth look at what it means to be a REAL Christian! We'll look at the topics of what makes a true disciple and what is the cost of discipleship. We'll look at the Christian and his money, his time, his work, and his ministry, plus much more. Come on out and be a part of Pastor Greg's teaching. You'll sure to know and grow more!

Time: *Wednesdays, 7-8:30PM*

Location: *Sanctuary*



Big Groups – Young Adults

\\found"ry Pastor Ben & Hana Skinner
KG & Jeanette Yama
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\\found"ry (408) 252-2668

\\found"ry **\\found"ry** The act, process, or art of casting metals. We are a ministry to young adults following Christ and to others investigating Him. Our focus is to understand Bible truth and apply it to our everyday relationships with others. The result is building a genuine community of friendship and support for service to one another and to the world around us. **\\found"ry** supports three core behaviors:

- (1) RESPECTING ONE ANOTHER
- (2) REACHING OUT TO OTHERS FIRST
- (3) TRUSTING ONE ANOTHER

Group Type: Young Adults

Childcare: No

Please email Pastor Ben for meeting dates or to be added to the reminder text/email list.

Big Groups – Youth



Pastor Ben Skinner – ben@alagonline.com (408) 252-2668

Momentum Youth Ministries exists to provide a place for our High School students to hang out, worship, learn from the Bible, and be equipped to go and make disciples, with special events like Snow Retreat and Youth Convention throughout the whole year.

Group Type: Youth, 9th-12th grade

Childcare: Yes

Wednesday, 7-8:30PM @ ALAG (Kirkish Hall)

Big Groups – Middle School

What do you GRAPPLE with?

Middle Schoolers have inquisitive minds and an overwhelming desire for REAL relationships. Here we give them a place to find that, a place that speaks THEIR language and makes them feel safe.

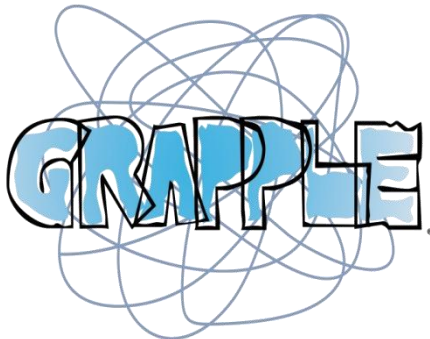
Our Goals:

- TACKLE the tough questions your Middle Schoolers are asking about their own relationships with God, others, and themselves.
- CAPTIVATE their attention by digging into real-life issues they are dealing with every day.
- ENGAGE their participation through attention-grabbing lessons, thought-provoking videos, crazy games, and deep, life changing Bible lessons.
- INSPIRE them to connect with each other on their own online community.
- ENCOURAGE faith practice with weekly challenges that dare middle schoolers to live what they've learned in simple yet effective ways.

6th-8th Grades (5th optional)

Wednesday Nights @ 7PM – Room 21

Pastor James Logan – james@alagonline.com; (408) 252-2668



Big Groups – Children’s Ministries

Start your Engines! – Sundays - 9:00am

During this time our kids learn the life- applicable portion of their Sunday lessons in a small group setting with their peers.

- Jr. Sprouts: Newborn – Walkers, Room 18
- Sprouts: Toddlers – 3tt (tt = toilet trained), Room 19
- Young Explorers: 3tt – Kindergarten, Room 20
- K’Motion Kids: 1st – 5th grade, Room 21

Let’s Get Busy! – Sundays - 10:30am

Kids break out into their own zones where they gain a deeper understanding of what they learned in the early hour with tools and resources that speak to this generation.

- Jr. Sprouts: Newborn – Walkers, Room 18
- Sprouts: Toddlers – 3tt (tt = toilet trained), Room 19
- Young Explorers: 3tt – Kindergarten, Room 20
- K’Motion Kids: 1st – 5th grade, Room 21

Half-Time! – Wednesdays - 7:00pm

Half-Time @ The SPOT is all about being “hands-on.” Kids get to be interactive with God’s Word – they are not just reading and hearing Bible stories, they are a part of them! The SPOT is for kids in 1st-5th grade and meets in room 24.

Bible/Prayer Groups

Experiencing God Together

Whether you are a brand new Christian, have been a Christian for many years, or are still searching for the truth, join us as we journey into a deeper knowledge and experience of God and how He relates to His children. You will experience God in sweet fellowship with friends and learn how He speaks through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the Church. He actively pursues a love relationship with you and speaks to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways!

Group Type: Adults

Childcare: No

Requirements: the book *Experiencing God* by Henry and Richard Blackaby

Cupertino Group Leader: Andy Brown - (408) 391-9961

Thursdays, 12-1PM; Location TBD

San Jose Group Leader: Julius & Amy Agbonbhave (408) 642-9023

Tuesdays, 7-8:30PM; South San Jose (call for address)

Cupertino Group Leader: Steve Cox - (408) 690-4461

Sundays, 9-10AM @ ALAG (Kirkish Hall)

Campbell Men's Group Leader: Steve Cox - (408) 690-4461

Fridays, 7-8AM @ La Boulangerie

The Pruneyard, Campbell

Bible/Prayer Groups

The Lord's Ladies

Cheryl Zappetta – czappetta@hotmail.com (408)-369-8545

We are a group of women (ages 20-?) who get together to enjoy a meal, fellowship and study the Bible or some other book related to growing in Christ.

Group Type: Women Childcare: No

3rd Saturday of the month, 5:30PM @ Local Restaurant

Cost: Meal and sometimes cost of book

Men's Weekly Bible Study

Don Huffman – huffmandon@aol.com (408) 744-0235

This is weekly early morning men's group for Bible study, prayer, and sharing. Get up early and start your day with the Word of God, its application, and the intercessory prayer and fellowship of other men of God.

Group Type: Men

Childcare: No

Thursdays, 6:30AM @ ALAG (Library)

Requirements: Bring Bible

Bible/Prayer Groups

Morning Prayer

Pastor Greg Wendschlag – gregw@alagonline.com (408) 252-2668

There is no better way to start the day than in prayer. There is nothing you can do for others that is more powerful than praying for them! Join us each morning Monday through Friday for our morning prayer time. We start our day in worship, reading God's Word, and intercessory prayer. If you're looking for a good way to jump start your prayer life, need accountability or just like to start your day with others in prayer, this is a great way to do it!

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: No

Weekdays, 7-8AM @ ALAG (Sanctuary)

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Ann Browman – abrowman@sbcglobal.net (408) 859-5652

We use warm, cuddly fleece material that will be edged with knotted fringe and given to those in need. Each knot represents a prayer offered by this ministry. It's not about the blanket; it's about the prayers! No special talent required. 'No sew' prayer blanket ministry. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the opportunity to serve the body of Christ.

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: No

3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30AM-11AM @ ALAG (Kirkish Hall)

Cost: None, although donations are welcome to purchase fabric or you can purchase fabric for the group to use.

Bible/Prayer Groups

Willow Ranch Bible Study

Don Huffman – huffmandon@aol.com (408) 744-0235

We go through each book of the Bible, with each person reading (if they desire) and then discussing the passages - including applications in our daily lives. We also pray for each other, the nation, and other prayer requests presented.

Group Type: Seniors

Childcare: No

Wednesdays, 10:30AM

Willow Ranch Senior Mobile Home Community
Recreation Center
1111 Morse Ave, Sunnyvale

Requirements: Bring a Bible (if you don't have one, we'll supply!)

Women's Prayer and Share Group

Sherry Cox – sher1cox@aol.com (408) 737-9550

A prayer and share small group of encouragement. Woven in this small group of ladies is a deep sense of love and connection - a place where we can be real and accepted.

Group Type: Women

Childcare: No

Wednesday, 1-2PM @ ALAG (Sanctuary)

Fellowship Groups

Food Network Junkies

Sandra Wendschlag – sandra85w@gmail.com (408) 209-2044

This group is for anyone who: loves to cook, talk “food/technique” or wants to learn how to cook. Each meeting will have a different “flavor”: special guests, special topics (grilling, salad dressings, kitchen gadgets, sauces...), but we'll always end with a great meal and fellowship. Perfect to invite a friend! So grab your apron and notebook and join us twice a month for 2-3 hours “in the kitchen”. Move over Rachael Ray...the Food Network Junkies are here!

Group Type: Adults, Young Adults

Childcare: No

Saturdays, 1-4PM; specific dates TBD

Various Members' homes/Sandra's home

Cost: Approx. \$5-10 each week. Guests FREE!

Movies and Books

Pam Brown – brownpam@sbcglobal.net (408) 391-1380

Some people would rather see the movie. Some people prefer to read the book. Others like to do both and compare. What's important is the story. What's even more important is having fun talking about it.

Group Type: Adults, Young Adults

Childcare: No

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30PM @ Pizza Hut on Stevens Creek Blvd.

Cost: Minimal, especially if we can borrow or share

Fellowship Groups

Retired Men's Group

John Abels – jnkabels@pacbell.net (408) 931-0005

We meet every Wednesday morning and discuss various Christian topics.

Group Type: Retired Men

Childcare: No

Wednesdays, 9-10AM @ Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza

Cost: Pay for your own coffee and/or eats

Senior's Ministry

Steve & Ricci Mason – smason@act-gc.com (408) 590-9364

Presumably you don't think you are a "Senior", but would you agree you are a mature adult? Is your natural hair color a drastically different color than when you were born? Instead of jumping off a 3-foot ledge, do you sit down first? Do you pay attention to words like: Avodart, Flomax, Rogaine, Viagra & Cialis? If you answered yes to any of these, come join us for a little food, a little music, a little laughter, a little sharing – it's all about the fellowship!

Group Type: Senior Adults (55+)

Childcare: No

Cost: Free

Contact Steve and Ricci for event times.

Fellowship Groups

The Kids Ministry Network

Pastor James Logan – james@alagonline.com; (408) 252-2668

Do you know what your children are doing? We do—at least when they are at church. If you are a teacher, volunteer or parent in children’s ministries, you won’t want to miss these times to learn, strategize, play and fellowship.

Group Type: Adults, Young Adults

Childcare: No

Last Saturday of each month

Time/Location varies

Requirements: Involvement in children’s ministries

Finance Groups

Master Your Money Before It Masters You

Daniel Skarbek – dskarbek@stanfordalumni.org (408) 691-8450

Brian Skarbek – brianskarbek@gmail.com (408) 340-3111

The group focuses on helping people establish a budget and be wise managers of their money, as well as providing support and encouragement to help people stay consistent and meet their financial goals. Join us at our getting started meeting to get started with your budget, or contact us for an individual session anytime!

Group Type: Adults, Young Adults

Childcare: Inquire

Getting Started Meeting on Thursday, September 1st, 7:00PM

Brian & Erin's house: 3202 Neal Ave, San Jose

Individual Sessions by Appointment

Missions/Outreach Groups

ALAG Media – TV & Video

Julius Agbonbhase – agbonbhase@yahoo.com (408) 642-9023

To publish the gospel on TV, the internet and other media outlets. We are currently working on the following two programs: (1) 'Living Life on Purpose with Pastor Greg' and (2) 'Everyday Miracles'. We will also film other ministry programs as we see fit.

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: Yes

Sundays, 10:15AM-12:00PM @ ALAG (Sanctuary)

Requirements: Interest in video filming and/or editing and passionate about broadcasting the gospel

The Creative Team

Kimi Kuruma – kryama@gmail.com (408) 910-2497

The purpose of the group is to provide other members of the body an opportunity to serve Christ through creative methods and media. The current goal is to create interactive, hands-on experiences to enhance sermons so that others can experience the message of Christ in a powerful way. Do you need to have artistic talent to join the team? No! We are not only looking for members with a "design eye", but also those in the body willing to execute the creative ideas and set-up before services. We look forward to you joining us.

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: No

Call Kimi for day and time @ ALAG

Requirements: A creative spark and passion to serve God!

Missions/Outreach Groups

Local Level

Pastor Shane Hammond – shaneh@alagonline.com (408) 234-9892

We are a group of people that brainstorm and design new ways for Abundant Life to reach the community. Some of the things that you can expect are: growing together as a small group, reading and learning about living life as a serious follower of Christ, and planning and then potentially leading a compassion outreach to Cupertino and its surrounding areas. Please join us as we take this exciting journey.

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: No

Last Sunday of the month @ 1PM. Email Pastor Shane for location.

Praise & Worship Groups

Living Worship

Pastor Shawn Bender – shawn@alagonline.com (408) 410-1396

The core function of this group is to practice for Sunday's service. In addition, however, it is a time for encouragement, snacks, and discussion; a time for all on the Worship Team to grow in their gifts.

Group Type: Worship team

Childcare: No

Thursdays, 6:30-9:15PM @ ALAG (Sanctuary)

Requirements: Meeting with Pastor Shawn and 6 months of prior involvement with another ALAG ministry.

Recovery Groups

Abundant Life Ladies Al-Anon Recovery

Robin Zonic – robinz@mac.com

Are you affected by a friend or loved one who struggles with alcoholism or another addiction? There is hope! We welcome you to come and learn about a new way of life that can lead to serenity. God offers a set of tools and a way to practice them to those who have suffered the effects of alcoholism. These tools have led thousands to a new and more productive way of living. The only qualifier is that you have a relative who lives/lived with a drinking or other addiction problem.

Group Type: Women, Young Women (adults) Childcare: No
Mondays, 7:00-8PM @ ALAG (Sanctuary)

Joy Of The Lord

Will Pollard – JOTL@sbcglobal.com (408) 499-3742

Do you or a loved one struggle with alcohol, drugs, overeating, or any other compulsive behavior? This lends to a miserable existence and keeps us out of touch with what God *intends us* to be. Come join us, and see how Jesus can work in your recovery. JOTL Ministries has been around since 1991 pointing people to a practical, life changing experience via the grace of our Lord Jesus and the living principles we have found in the 12 steps of recovery.

Group Type: Adults, Young Adults Childcare: No
Mondays, 7:30-9PM @ ALAG (Kirkish Hall)

Recreational Groups

Craft, Chat, and Chew

Phyllis Reutzel – phyllisreutzel@yahoo.com (408) 732-6712

Bring a Craft you'd like to do, or come and join in a craft. We have plenty of ideas. Make cards, paint, do beadwork, dress a candle, bring a quilt to work on, needle work, etc.... There are so many things to do. If you don't have a project, come and learn something new. If you have a craft you want to share, please bring it, we'd love to see it. Come Chat and share your day with us. We'll try to keep the Chew to a minimum. ;-)

Group Type: Women

Childcare: No

Mondays, 6-8PM

555 E Taylor Ave #3, Sunnyvale

Holy Hoopers!

Erik Wendschlag – bugleboy92491@yahoo.com (408) 209-6991

Kevin Kuruma – kmkuruma@gmail.com (408) 313-6857

Terrence Hui – goldkmb@gmail.com (408) 887-0078

Got hang time? Great – cuz' we don't either! Open to youth and adults of all skill levels – whether you've been ballin' for 30 years or 30 minutes, we want you! Join us for a slammin' time!

Group Type: Young Adults/Adults

Childcare: No

Sundays, 3PM @ Kennedy Middle School, Cupertino, CA

Requirements: Comfortable athletic clothing, water

Recreational Groups

Write a Book for FUN and PROFIT!

Al Scott – alwscott@pacbell.net (650) 965-1657

This course will teach you to write a book on a subject of your choice, get it published so your readers will benefit, and financially profit from your efforts!

Group Type: Anyone

Childcare: No

Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30PM @ ALAG (Room 21)

Requirements: Enthusiasm for writing your book!

XBOX LIVE

Pastor Shawn Bender – shawn@alagonline.com (408) 410-1396

If you have an Xbox 360 Live account and can handle getting beaten by 10 year olds, then this group is for you! We are a group of adults who don't have time to play much, but when we do we have a great time! Let's hang out online and encourage each other. Invite friends!

Group Type: Adults (18+)

Childcare: No

Sundays, 9-11PM

Requirements: Xbox 360 console, Live service

Cost: Possible cost for game(s)

Spiritual Growth Groups

College Group

Pastor Ben Skinner – ben@alagonline.com (408) 210-6810

This group is for those that are "college aged" (ages 18-22) to have a place to continue to go deeper with Jesus and each other. We will focus on what it is to be a follower of Jesus in a college atmosphere and culture. We will learn how to be "besties" and love one another, especially "the one that never gets invited out." Join our little group on Tuesday nights at 7pm and let's do life together.

Group Type: Young Adults (18-22)

Childcare: No

Tuesdays, 7PM

Skinner Home: Email Pastor Ben for address.

Cost: Your Life

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