

Winter Small Groups

Coldwater Group

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Scott Carpenter
517.617.5438

East Gilead Group

Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Greg Maertin
419.345.4022

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Tijuana Fellowship Group

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Contact: Paul Alger
517.677.0444

Bronson Group

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Contact: Jim Wickey
517.369.6229

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Bronson Group

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Contact: Jim Wickey
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Effective Parenting Group

Sundays 6:30 p.m. (at the church)

Contact: Brandon Carpenter
989-277-5988

Bethel Group

Time and location TBA

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517.756.8000

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- II. So far, our 2020 vision compels each member of our church to “Live the Life” and to “Be the Church”. Today, let’s consider the third commitment -- to “Extend the Kingdom”. Read [Mark 1:14-15](#). What did Jesus mean by “The kingdom of God is near”? How near? How is this message “good news” (the gospel) and why are faith and repentance an important part of the kingdom? Read [Matthew 6:9-10](#). Explain this phrase of the Lord’s Prayer. How will we know when his kingdom comes? Comes where? How does God’s will relate to his kingdom? Now read [Matthew 6:31-39](#). What’s the connection between worrying and the kingdom? What does God promise to do for us when we do this?
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