

OUR IDENTITY: BETTER TOGETHER

Don't you think that we are blessed to have our church family? God gives us an opportunity to make a difference. With all the hurricanes, flooding and predictions of the end of the world, people naturally get scared and turn to God or away from God. What an interesting time we live in! God chose us to assure those who are lost that God is in charge. We are called to let people know that they are better TOGETHER to get hope. We are called to tell people about the place where everyone is connected and it feels like a community. We're talking about small groups. People grow in faith in small groups faster. This is where they get spiritual guidance and have better accountability.



Small groups are key to our ministry's growth and health. Small groups are flexible and can meet at church but also in homes and/or at Taco Bell or Starbucks.

We had already started three new groups in addition to Serendipity: Room 7, Youth Group and Wednesday night group "Coping with Sudden Life Change." It is such a joy to see our youth and adults supporting and enjoying each other. It is obvious that people are **BETTER TOGETHER!** Francis Street First has a vision of becoming a church of small groups with your help. This is something that is worthy in the eyes of God to promote. Let's become the champions of Better Together small groups.

TOP 4 WAYS YOU CAN PROMOTE OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Here are a few things you can do to build momentum and excitement:

- **Share with 3 people** what it has meant to you to be a facilitator.
- **Invite one person** to join a church group
- **Invite your group** (if existing) to invite one person to join them.
- **Ask one person** from your group about their meaningful experience in a group. We will post stories on our website, FaceBook and in the newsletter.

When engagement is authentic, organic, and consistent, we create the space necessary for people to share their faith. It's not a program. It is an ethos that is deeply rooted in a congregation's understanding of intentional discipleship.
– Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Resources

Let's go! Remember, Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19).

–Pastor Lydia