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Groups

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## **What are Small Groups?**

Small Groups are groups of people from The Jar that come together to form relationships and learn more about Jesus. Most small groups include around 8-16 people. During their meetings, they study the Bible, pray, worship, and find ways to serve the community. Each group has a leader that facilitates the group.

## **Why should I join a Small Group?**

Small Groups are a great place to connect with people from The Jar and make new friends. They provide an atmosphere where you can open up about the issues in your life and receive prayer, encouragement, and support. Small Groups also help you to dig deeper into the Bible and apply it to your life.

## **How can I join a Small Group?**

Contact Emily Skoglund, the Small Group Coordinator at The Jar, by phone (765.289.4527) or email ([emily@thejar.org](mailto:emily@thejar.org)) or sign up online at [thejar.org/small-groups](http://thejar.org/small-groups).

# John & Sis Bunch



**Day / Time** Sundays @ 9:30am

**Location** Muncie Civic Theatre

**Childcare** Yes (in JarKids)

## Contact Info

**John** johnbunch1937@gmail.com 765.243.9585

John is a retired pastor who spends much of his time volunteering at The Jar. He says that his free-floating style contrasts his wife Sis's more structured nature. Sis is witty, a hugger, and loves people and especially kids. John and Sis's group is a mixed group with people from all walks of life. The group focuses on the Bible and learning how to apply it to your life. The group has a relaxed atmosphere where people can share the experiences in their lives. Occasionally they go out for lunch after church just for fun.

What we're studying:

*Prominent Themes in the Bible*

# Sunday Night Small Group

## Ellie Schaffer & Rechelle Brown



**Day / Time** Sundays @ 6PM

**Location** Ellie & Rechelle's home

**Childcare** No

### Contact Info

**Ellie** [elnora.schaffer@gmail.com](mailto:elnora.schaffer@gmail.com) (765) 702-3841

Ellie and Rechelle are a mother and daughter who love Jesus. They are passionate about learning more about the Word and working, fellowshiping, and sharing their own experiences with others, as well as learning from others.

The Sunday Night Small Group is a mixed group with people of different ages, some single, some married.

What we're studying:

*The Book of Acts*

# GriefShare



**Day / Time** Mondays @ 6PM/ Tuesdays @ 3PM

**Location** The Jar Office, 920 West Main St.

**Childcare** No

## Contact Info

**Pam Koch**      [pamelaskoch@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaskoch@gmail.com)      (765) 686-1561

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

This 13-session group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

# Katie & Brent Close



**Day / Time** Tuesday @ 6:30pm

**Location** Katie & Brent's house

**Childcare** Yes

## Contact Info

Katie Close      close8604@yahoo.com      765-620-0232

Brent Close      baclose@gmail.com      317-417-5753

Katie is a stay-at-home mom, she enjoys spending time with her family and reading. Brent is a project manager for Comcast Spotlight, he enjoys attending concerts. Brent also serves as a Trustee at The Jar. Katie and Brent have been married since 1997. They have three children, Claire, Olivia, & Wiley, and 3 cats.

What we're studying:

*Psalm 23* by Matt Chandler

# Truesdale/Lemna Men's Group



**Day / Time** Wednesdays @ 6pm

**Location** The Jar Office (920 W Main St Muncie, IN 47305)

**Childcare** No

## Contact Info

**Tom** tomtruesdale@ymail.com 765.749.9263

**Jaime** jlemna@comcast.net 765.744.2968

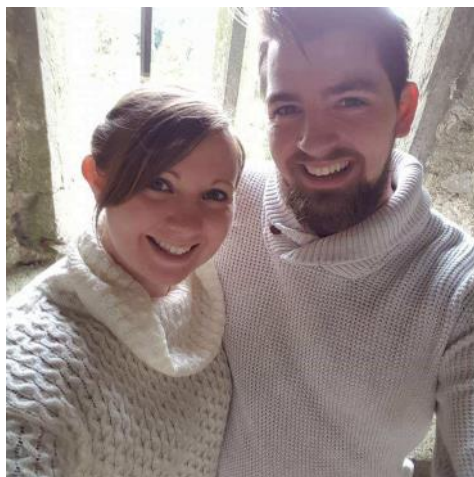
Tom is happily married to his wife Cindy and has two sons and two grandsons. He grew up in Muncie and enjoys riding his bike. Tom is an Elder at The Jar. Jaime has been practicing dentistry since 1985. He has a daughter, two sons, and two grandchildren. He has been married to his wife Holly for 15 years, and they have a dog, a cat, and 2 swans. He likes being outdoors and enjoys doing projects around the house. He serves on the Prayer Team, Dream Team, and Hospitality Team.

Tom and Jaime's group is for men only. This group likes to study biblical manhood and putting God first in all areas of life.

What we're studying:

*Maximizing Manhood*

# Killian & Bre O'Brien



**Day / Time** Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

**Location** Community Room at the Muncie Civic Theatre

**Childcare** Yes

## Contact Info

**Bre** bandkobrien@gmail.com (423) 314-2019

**Killian** bandkobrien@gmail.com (423) 314-2104

Killian and Bre met in Jr. HS but didn't actually start dating until they were both almost out of college. Once their paths met back up they knew that was it and got married in 2016. They had their first child in March of 2017 and their second just less than a year later. Now their family of four live in Anderson with their dog. Killian has his degree in computer programming and Breona works for the YOC as a group and crisis counselor. They are avid game players of all kinds, they have even been in a D&D campaign for over a year now. Most of their free time is spent with their kiddos or family playing games or being outside.

Killian and Bre's group is a new group this year!

What we're studying:

*What If...* by Alan Danielson



# Betsy Duckworth Women's Group



<b>Day / Time</b> Wednesdays @ 7pm		
<b>Location</b>	Betsy's home	
<b>Childcare</b>	No	
<b>Contact Info</b>		
<b>Betsy</b>	bad9281@gmail.com	(765) 744-9490

Betsy is a special education teacher for Muncie Community Schools, and is passionate about advocating for children with special needs. She enjoys spending time outside, and being on the water. She has two nephews who she spends as much time with as she can especially during her school breaks.

Betsy's group is a new group this year! Her group is for women only.

What we're studying:

*What If...* by Alan Danielson

# In-Betweeners' Group



**Day / Time** Thursdays @ 7pm

**Location** The Jar Office (920 W. Main St.)

**Childcare** No

## Contact Info

Cierra Burford burfordcierra@gmail.com 765.625.1728

Caleb Ferguson worship@thejar.org 765.639.1967

Caleb is 23 years old and is the Creative Arts Director at The Jar. He loves playing music, running, Netflix, and food. Caleb also loves Johnny Carinos and Moes. He is currently a student.

Cierra is studying Speech-Language Pathology at Ball State University. She loves music, dogs, and coffee.

The In-Betweeners' group is for young adults in that in-between stage of life after high school but before the 30-somethings.

What we're studying:

*Romans*

# Jason & Loryn Craig



**Day / Time** Fridays @ 6pm

**Location** Jason and Loryn's House

**Childcare** No

## Contact Info

**Jason** jadcraig43@gmail.com 765.744.9893

**Loryn** lakoop@yahoo.com 317.628.8967

Jason and Loryn are recently married and like to have fun, whether with friends playing games or random car trips just for dinner. They enjoy having others over to their house for small group or game nights. God brought Loryn and Jason to The Jar 2 weeks apart but it took a mutual friend to get them together a few years later. They have attended The Jar for several years now. They do their crazy hectic life together with God as a center point. Both are continuing their education while holding jobs. Jason is a Tool Crib Supervisor at NTK in Anderson. Jason is more of an introvert and Loryn is more of an extrovert.

Jason and Loryn's group is a mix of people of many age groups. It is a mixed media of group including video and group discussion. The group will occasionally have cookouts or bonfires outside of the normal group meetings.

What we're studying:

*The Book of Philippians* by Jo Saxton

# John & Betty Britt



**Day / Time** Saturdays @ 6pm

**Location** John and Betty's home

**Childcare** No

### **Contact Info**

**Betty** bbravenstarr@yahoo.com (765) 256-1503

John and Betty were married in January of 1981. They moved to Muncie in 2010. John works at magna powertrain, and Betty volunteers for action for animals. They both volunteer at the community basket and at the church. They have a rescue dog that was rescued in 2012. She is spoiled and is the light of both of their lives. They are both new with this journey into their faith and they would like others to accompany them on this journey. So all are welcome.

John and Betty's group is a new group this year!

What we're studying:

*What If...* by Alan Danielson

"I love the fact that I have a group of people that does not judge me for my past actions and loves me for who I am."

"Small group saved my marriage."

"Small group has made talking and opening up to people a lot easier. Walking across the room does not look scary anymore thanks to the confidence group has given me."

"I have been loved and cared for through some of the toughest times in my life, which is especially important since I don't have a family to lean on."

"My small group has provided me with support, accountability, love, opportunities to learn and teach, and the experience of being the church in the sense that Jesus really intended. It is an amazing thing to be part of true community."