

pastor's lunch^o

Welcome to the Church 212° Family

We all arrive here from many churched and un-churched backgrounds so we want to clearly explain to you who we are and what we believe. The **pastor's lunch^o** is the first of three steps that we call **Start^o**.



We will discover the answers to these common questions:

- Why is the church called Church 212°?
- What is the history of Church 212°?
- What does Church 212° consider it's primary purpose?
- What is the mission and what are the strategies of Church 212°?



The goals of the pastor's lunch^o:

- We get to know each other better.
- That you understand the purposes, passions and strategies of Church 212°.
- That you understand the mission of Church 212° and our individual responsibility to be witnesses for Jesus.

- That you would commit to continuing through the **start**[°] track by attending the **essentials**[°] and **discovery**[°] workshop classes.

Church 212[°]

You may be wondering why our church name is actually a number. More specifically, 212° is a temperature. At 211 degrees, water is very hot - but at 212 degrees, water boils. At 212 degrees, steam is created and harnessed into energy to perform work.

Church 212° is about going the extra degree in our faith, going the extra degree in our relationships and going the extra degree as a church to bring the Good News of Jesus to a world who desperately needs Him.

Our History

- Lead Pastor, Stephanie Harrison. She served along beside her husband and they answered the call to ministry in 1974.
- They married in 1975.
- Mike & Stephanie helped start a church in 1977 where they served as youth pastors 3 years.
- In 1982 they planted their first church as lead pastors in Cullman Alabama and was there for 19 years.
- In 2001 They planted a church in Birmingham, Alabama and was there until 2006.
- August 3, 2008 Church 212° began:
 - 35 people met 12 weeks to determine the DNA of the church
 - We wrote the purpose, values, and strategy for our church (this and more are shared in this class).
- Dr. Mike Harrison passed away March 6th 2023.

Purpose, Mission and Strategy

Our Purpose

“Church 212° exists to **restore people** with the love of God, to **ignite passion** by authentic worship, and to **reveal God’s purpose** to our generation through the ministry of reconciliation.”

We have developed a mission and a strategy to shape our church culture in agreement with our statement of purpose.

Our Mission

There are 3 points of passion in our mission:

Acts 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses **in Jerusalem**, and **in all Judea and Samaria**, and **to the ends of the earth.**”*

- “in Jerusalem” – Our **City**.
 - Our local church ministry
 - Partnerships in the valley thru LOV Movement
 - Synergy School of Ministry
- “In all Judea and Samaria” – Our **Nation**.
 - Synergy & church planting
 - Partnership with Mission America Coalition
- “To the ends of the earth” – Our **World**.
 - Agape International: ministry school and church planting efforts worldwide.
 - Short-term mission trip opportunities and long-term placement of missionaries.

Our Strategies

The starting point for almost everyone at Church 212 is a visit to our **weekend services**. Salvation is the ultimate focus and priority – so, as a part of our strategy we have a way to implement this priority on the weekends:

Our weekend services have four parts:

- a. Celebration
John 4:23, 24
- b. Inspiration
1 Corinthians 14:24, 25
- c. Preparation
Ephesians 4:11, 12
- d. Salvation
Romans 10:13, 14

How YOU can win people to Christ:

- Accept the personal responsibility
- Build a personal relationship
- Share your personal story
- Give a personal invitation

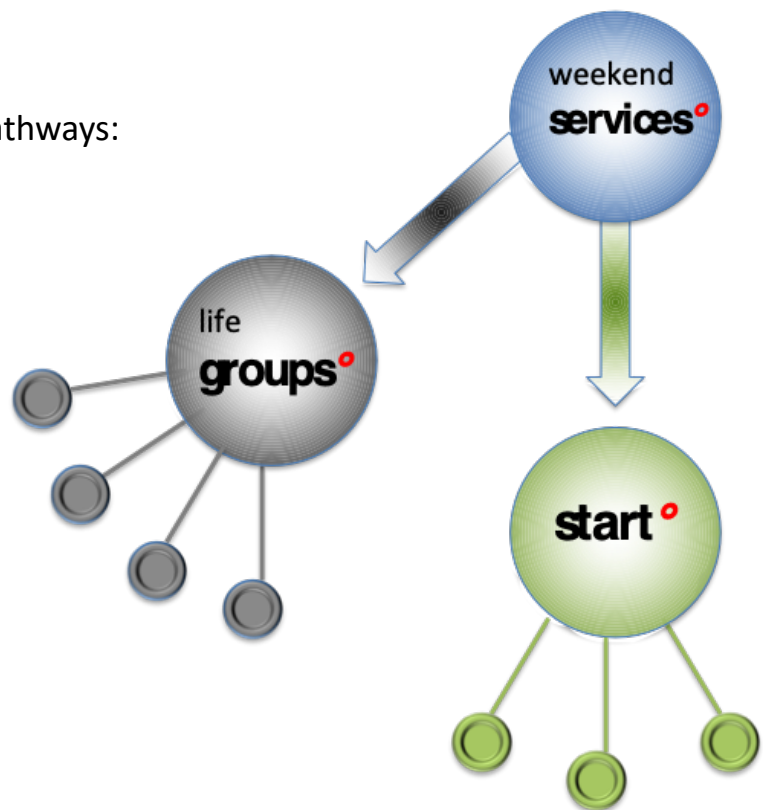
See how “personal” our church can become

Whenever a new person connects with Church 212°, we want to be faithful to disciple them and give pathways to help grow in maturity.

Restoring People, Igniting Passion and **Revealing God’s Purpose** is practically worked out through discipleship.

Connections° consist of two pathways:

- start°
- life groups°



Discipleship Pathways

① start°

- pastor's lunch^o explains the church's vision, mission, strategy, and how to get involved – membership.
- essentials^o is a class to help the believer grow into a strong fully developed Christian. This helps Christians move to becoming true followers of Christ - discipleship. "Essentials 201" is held the second Sunday of each month.
- discovery^o This class will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life, and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry. The discovery^o session also introduces you to our dream team^o where you can learn more about serving in the ministries of Church 212^o.

dream team^o Ephesians 2:8 – 10; 4:11 – 16.

- We believe every member is a minister.
- We believe every task is important.
- We believe every member is gifted and is a "10" in some area.

② life groups^o

Main Scriptures:

Acts 2:42–47

*42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the **temple courts**. They broke bread **in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 20:20

*You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you **publicly** and from **house to house**.*

Life Groups provide three things:

- A place to Connect. “Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him”. (1 Corinthians 8:22 LB)
- A place to Protect. “give up our life for our Christian brothers and sisters” (1 John 3:16 NLT)
- A place to Grow. “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17)

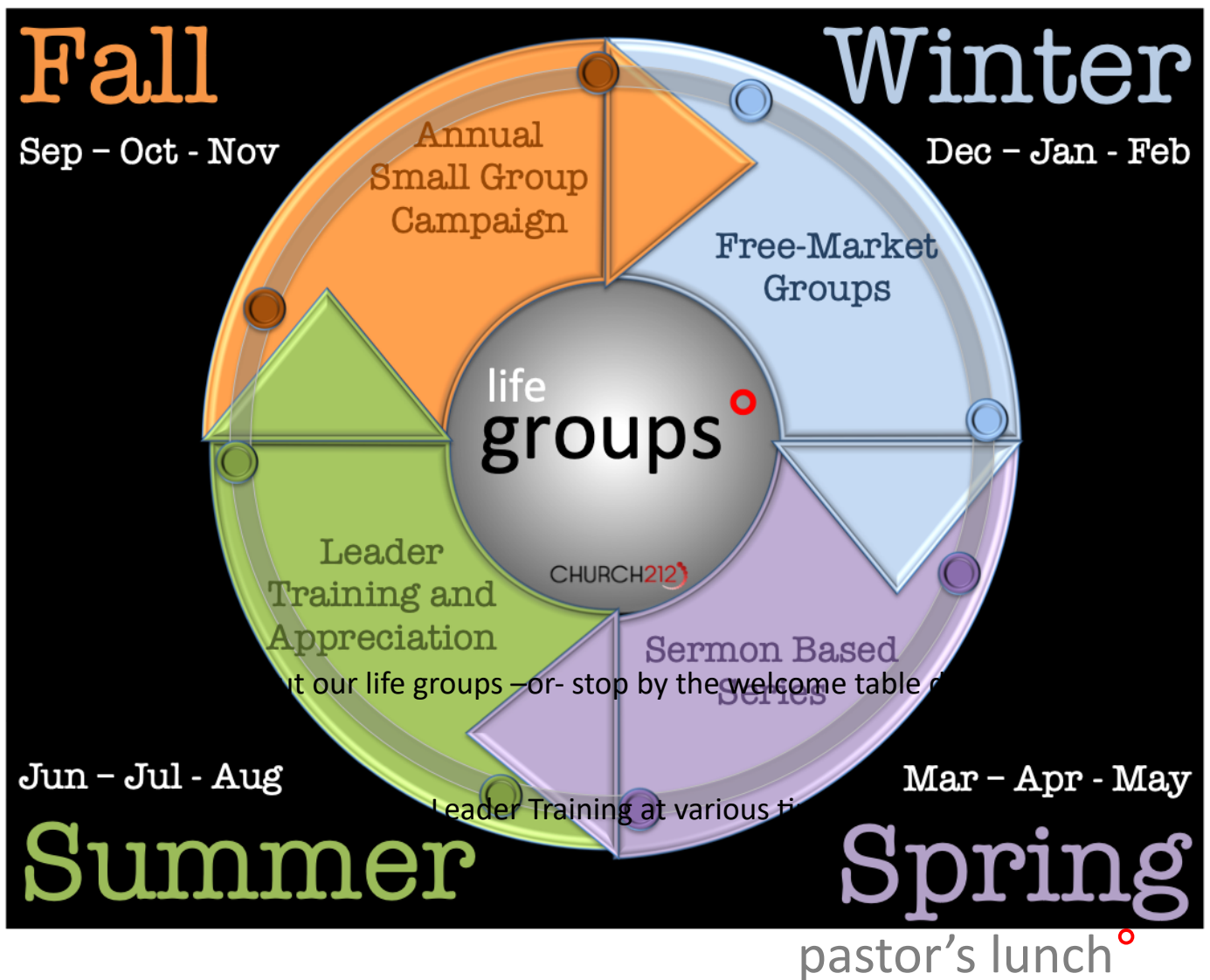
Church 212° life groups are for everyone. They are where we pray for one another, care for one another, share our challenges with one another and grow.

The best way we can care for you is through life groups. These are three things you need to know:

1. Our life groups are “free market” to meet the individual needs of the groups.
2. Our life groups have four seasons: fall, winter, spring and summer. Each season has new opportunities to register for groups and starting new groups.

② life groups^o *continued*

3. You can H.O.S.T. a life group: have a
 - **H**eat for people
 - **O**pen your home or office
 - **S**erve a simple snack
 - **T**urn on the technology!



Next Steps

Our hope for you is that you would continue in this part of the journey to learn more about Church 212° and to develop your faith.

1. **Complete** the start° track.

- **essentials**° explores the fundamental beliefs and practices of the Christian faith. We look more closely at Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship and Living a Spirit-Filled Life.
- **discovery**° helps us to understand how we have been uniquely created by God to serve others. This session will help us understand how God uses our

gifting, personality and life experiences to equip us to serve others in the church.

2. **Join** a Life Group.

- Look for needs.
- Based on your S.H.A.P.E. - Find out where you can thrive.
- Just do it. Get connected and get going.

3. **Invest** and develop your gifts.

- Study the Bible (individually and with others).
- Research other material on spiritual gifts.
- Get to know people who are actively using their gifts.
- Share with others the gifts you have.

You may ask, “What can I do?”
to support Church 212°

- Pray Matthew 9:37, 38
- Go Isaiah 6:8, 9;
Matthew 28:18 – 20
- Give Matthew 6:19 – 21, 33;

4. Become a **Member** of Church 212° (complete information sheet)

Welcome home and we are so glad to have you a part of the Church 212° family!

Please pray for wisdom and guidance in your decision. We hope that you will ultimately find the place where God wants you to be, whether it is Church 212° or another church in the valley.

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Church 212°

Our Structure:

1. A registered 501c3 with the State of California and the Federal government.
2. We have a corporate board that act as trustees of the corporation.
3. We have a Finance Committee who reviews financial reports.
4. The budget process: proposed by our Pastoral staff, which is vision-driven, organized and presented by our CFO to the Finance Committee (FT); FT makes recommendations to the board for final approval.

5. Annual business meeting to report on the progress of our ministry goals; to give a financial account of finances received and spent; to present future goals and budget for the new year.

Church 212°

Membership Covenant:

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in the Church 101 class, I now feel led by the holy Spirit to unite with the Church 212° family. In doing so I commit myself to God and the other members to do the following:

- 1. I will protect the UNITY of my church:**
 - a. By acting in love toward other members
 - b. By refusing to gossip
 - c. By following the leaders
- 2. I will share the responsibility of my church:**
 - a. By praying for its growth
 - b. By inviting the un-churched to attend
 - c. By warmly welcoming those who visit
- 3. I will serve in the ministry of my church:**
 - a. By discovering my gifts and talents
 - b. By being equipped to serve by my pastors
 - c. By developing a servant's heart