

FAMILY GROUPS

OUR GROUPS ARE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, SO WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE KIDS?

At Center Pointe, we have many different types of groups; men's groups, women's groups, student groups, but we also want to have groups that welcome the entire family. We want our family groups to be a place where the entire family is welcome and not a barrier for some to be a part of biblical community.

Here are some **suggestions** for our family groups...

- Each family gets their own childcare.
- Use the homes of two members who live close to each other. Have your group meet at one home and then have childcare at the other home provided by a babysitter or rotating group members.
- Dedicate one room in the house for childcare and bring a babysitter to the meeting place. Each family can contribute money for childcare costs
- Rotate two or more members out of the small group on a weekly basis to provide childcare in another room of the house. In this way there will be no cost to the group. But never rotate out a married couple; instead send two women or two men so that relationships are built.
- Make your group a family group where children are allowed to play in the same room as where you gather. This works best when the children are small and not likely to catch on to much of what's said. Or older kids can participate with the group. The positive side is that families learn together; the negative is you need to limit adult talk or use of adult humor.
- High school students from the church could provide childcare as their ministry project. This is an excellent way to team up with the youth ministry and give teens a chance to serve.
- Trade childcare with other small groups. If your group meets on Tuesday, partner with a group that meets on Thursday to provide childcare for each other.

 **IF COMMUNITY MATTERS TO US,
NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM GATHERING.**