

New Name, Sharper Intent

The second Monday night of each month has proven to be a vital time in the life of our church. On those nights we gather for dinner together, focus our attention on the direction and health of our church's ministry, and finally break-up into our ministry teams for specific planning and prayer.



For years that meeting has been called "Leadership Community", but now, starting August 10th, it will be called "**Ministry Community**". Why the name change? The elders and pastors believe the former name hindered many people, who didn't see themselves as a leader, from attending. Yet our desire is for everyone in the church, who desires to see our ministry thrive and prosper, to be part of the dinner together and the larger group time at 6:30pm.

So beginning in August, not only will there be a name change, but there will be a slightly different agenda. Check out the details:

5:45pm –Dinner Together in the Gym

We have been given feedback that many people would enjoy a longer time to get to know others and enjoy conversation over the dinner. So this year we will start serving at 5:45pm and continue until 6:15pm. You don't have to come earlier, but the option is there. Just know you can still get dinner up to 6:15pm if you're running late.

6:30pm –Ministry Focus

This large group time while we're still around the tables will be used to accomplish a number of important items. First, different ministries will give updates on matters that affect us all. Second, our pastoral staff will keep us informed of the development of our strategic initiatives (discipleship and assimilation) as well as any information we need to have from the search team. Finally, Pastor Rick Foster will regularly use this time to prepare the church for the transition to a new permanent senior pastor. As always, childcare will be offered starting at 6:25pm.

6:55pm –Ministry Teams

Then, as usual, we will break into our separate ministry teams. If you would like to be involved and specifically contribute to one of our ministries, please contact the staff person who gives leadership in that area to learn about the responsibilities and commitment necessary.

8:15pm –Elder and Deacon meetings

Everyone else is free to head on home as those who serve the church in these significant roles finish out the evening.

We want to make it clear that the first part of Ministry Community (5:45pm to 7:00pm) is open to anyone who cares about the ministry of CBC, and wants to stay informed. If you don't serve on a specific Ministry team then after the Ministry Focus (6:55pm), you can head home. Our desire is for these second Monday nights each month be a gathering of the larger slice of CBC that is invested in what the Lord is doing in our midst.

So plan on coming together for our first Ministry Community of the new school year Monday, August 10th at 5:45pm in the CBC gym!