

SUPPER CLUBS at SECOND BAPTIST

- **What is a ‘Supper Club’?**

A *Supper Club* is a gathering of a **small group** of people (about **8 people**) that meets about **once a month** over a **meal for about four to five months**. It’s a simple, fun and friendly way of getting to know people in the church you may not have met before, or know only in passing. It would also be a good way for people from the two services to meet each other.

- **When would Supper Clubs meet?**

That depends on the group of people in each *Supper Club*! Between the group of you, you decide what day / time is best to fit the schedule of the members in that *Supper Club*. Hopefully, enough common time can be found once a month for each *Supper Club* to meet. It does not have to be the same time/day every month (but it may help in planning if it is).

- **Where do Supper Clubs meet?**

Each *Supper Club* determines where each occurrence will be held. Some may elect to have it at the same house throughout the duration of the *Supper Club*, but most opt for a rotation, which allows for each person to experience being the host/ess. If a couple or other participant doesn’t want to or can’t host – that’s fine. It also means no-one feels pressurized.

- **How is the cooking apportioned?**

For each meeting, a couple or two people are responsible for each course; so, two people would bring an appetizer, two the main course and two the dessert. Another could bring beverages. The host/ess would normally prepare the main course. Thus, food preparation doesn’t become a headache or a chore for everyone, and is equally shared throughout the time.

- **What else happens?**

It’s up to your group! Some may want to have a Bible Study (or similar), some would want to play a game, and another may simply want to talk. ***The key is that the main point of Supper Clubs is to meet new people, and develop new friendships, so anything that encourages that is good.*** Remember *Heb 10:25*, quoted at the foot of this page!

- **Who can sign up?**

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to a *Supper Club*:

- Young or old
- Married or single
- 1st Service or 2nd Service

Whatever! If you have children, you would arrange for a sitter or family member to baby-sit. The reason for this is so that adult friendships can be developed, without the distractions (good & bad) that can accompany children.

- **What happens after the four to five month period?**

A new set of *Supper Clubs* is determined, based on the new sign-up. What this means is that you now have established (hopefully) a new group of friends whom you may not have encountered before; now, you can make some more friends! If your group bonded well, you can still meet, but you are encouraged to attend another *Supper Club* to increase the friendship. In any case, you’ll now be able to meaningfully greet each other when you see each other at church and the community. The benefits will also flow down to your children.

- **I’m already in another Faith / Small Group! Can I join a Supper Club?**

Absolutely! It’s only once a month, at a date/time to fit your own group, you should be able to fit it in nicely. Meet others and make *more* friends!

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another ...”
Heb 10:25