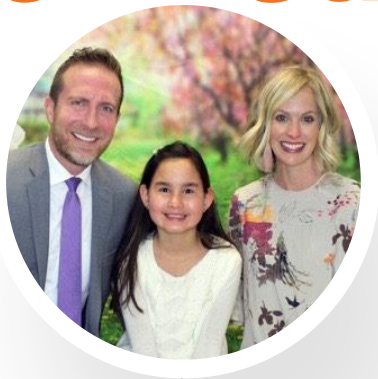


Life Groupstories

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Brad, Holly, and Coco Kennedy moved to Homewood in November of 2018. Brad works for Encompass Health, and Holly is a stay-at-home mom. Coco is in the 5th grade and attends Spring Valley School. They enjoy traveling, trying out new restaurants, and spending time with family & friends.

When we moved to the Birmingham area from Cincinnati, a primary goal was to find a church home. We visited a Dawson service one time, and we knew it was where we belonged. Because we have encouraged our daughter to participate in a Children's Ministry, we knew that we needed to set the example. Therefore, our next goal was to find a Christ-centered small group. Several Dawson members encouraged us to visit different Life Groups in order to connect with others who desire to grow in their faith.

Members of Life Groups pray for each other. In our group, we have the opportunity to exchange prayer requests and praise reports. Whether it's a time of great challenges or a time of great triumphs, our Life Group serves as a support system so that no one feels alone in their specific situation.

Finding our Life Group has given us the opportunity to connect with fellow believers. In Romans, Paul taught us that we can strengthen each other's faith. We can use our gifts and talents to encourage and challenge each other to grow as Christians.

Ultimately, our Life Group makes us better servants and disciples. Each Sunday, our fellow group members share ways to get involved in church activities and discipleship opportunities. The teachers and fellow members provide testimonies and insights that challenge us to become closer to God. Hebrews 10:24 tells us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Our Life Group provides the support we need to mature as believers and to live out our faith. †