



# 2026 Winter Small Group Guide

“Thou has set all borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.” -Psalms 74:17 KJV.

*God is the sovereign creator who set the boundaries of the earth and established the seasons. It affirms that God controls the world and ordered time and nature.*

**Sis. Andrea Mills, Small Group Leader**

**Dr. Bernice Tolbert - Jones, Interim Director of Discipleship**

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**Rev. James E. Wesley, Senior Pastor**

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### **Topic: "The New Creation"**

"The Creation" focuses on God's original design and purpose for the world and for human life, and how that connects to living by the Spirit. To live in the Spirit, we must first understand why we were created and what God originally intended for human life. God intentionally created everything, and creation reflects His character, order, and goodness. Humans are created in God's image, meant to live in relationship with Him and to responsibly care for creation. What life looked like before sin: harmony with God, others, and nature. Understanding creation helps explain why dependence on the Spirit is necessary after the fall; the Spirit works to restore what was broken. Believers are called to honor God through obedience, worship, and stewardship. Open to all who want a deeper understanding of biblical foundations for Spirit-led living.

**Facilitators: Sis. Doris Readus, Sis. Jesse Tyson, Sis Mary Williams**

**Location: GSMBC On-Site**

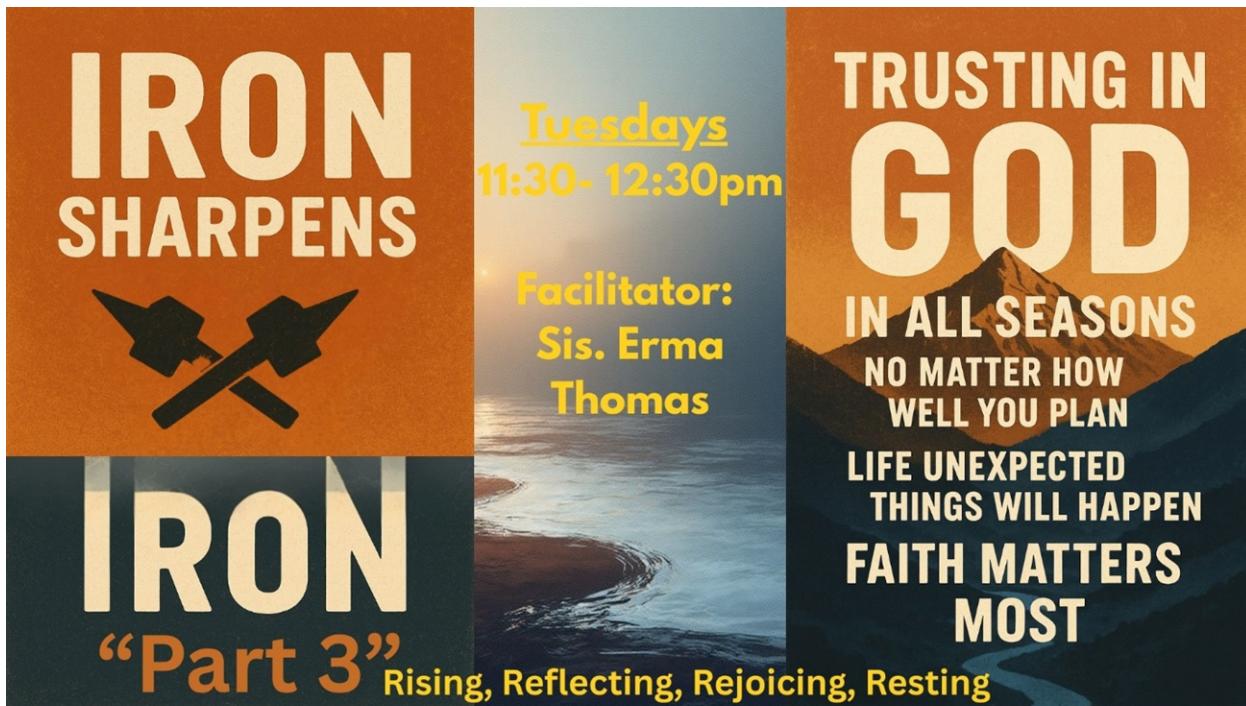
**Room: 411**

**Day: Tuesdays**

**Start Date: 1/13/26 – 3/3/26**

**Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm**

Contact Sis. Doris Readus at [dorisreadus@yahoo.com](mailto:dorisreadus@yahoo.com) for more information



**Topic: Iron Sharpens Iron "Part 3" – "Rising, Reflecting, Rejoicing & Resting"**

This women's group offers a nurturing space to grow spiritually while exploring meaningful rhythms for everyday life. Together, we will walk through *Rising, Reflecting, Rejoicing, & Resting* book by Daisy Williams- Chandler, learning how to begin each day with purpose, reflect on God's Word, rejoice in His faithfulness, and find rest in His presence. Participants can expect heartfelt discussion, personal reflection, prayer, and encouragement as we support one another in deepening our faith and living more intentionally with God. All women are welcome.

**Facilitator: Sis. Erma Thomas**

**Location: GSMBC On-Site**

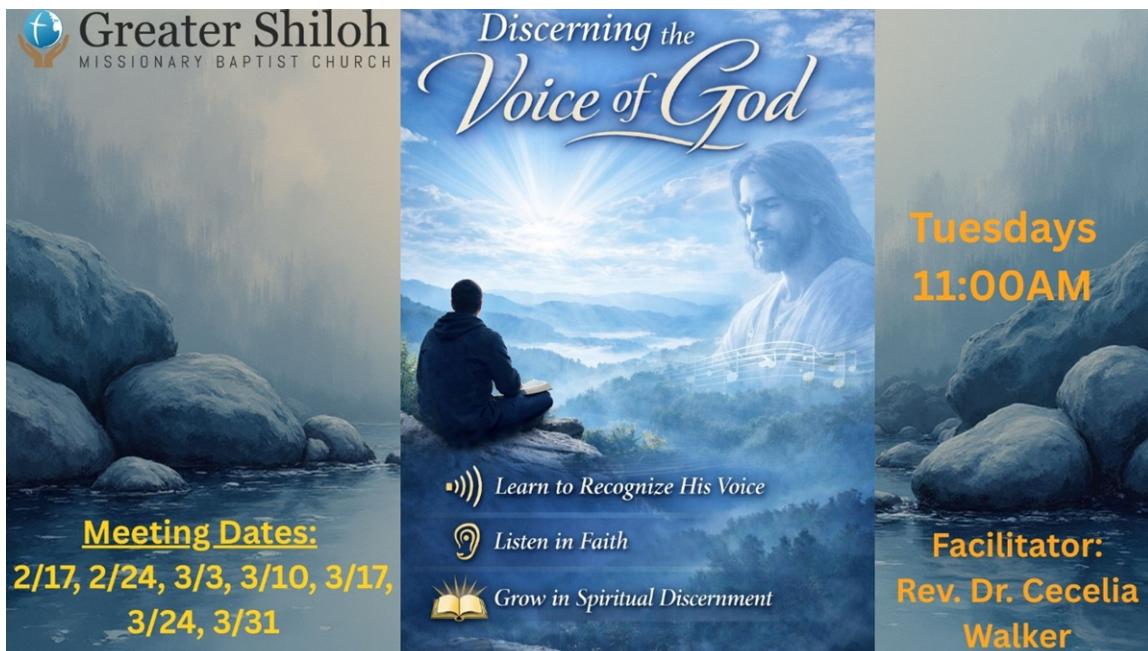
**Room: 409**

**Day: Tuesdays**

**Start Date: 1/13/26 – 2/24/26**

**Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm**

Contact Sis. Erma Thomas at [tooblessed50@yahoo.com](mailto:tooblessed50@yahoo.com) for more information.



### **Topic: Discerning The Voice of God**

Become acquainted with the Voice that has spoken since time began to those who have ears to hear. So often we talk to God but fail to take the time to truly listen. This book-based study, using *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer, is designed to help participants recognize when God is speaking and how He communicates with us. Through guided reading, reflection, and group discussion, learners will grow in spiritual attentiveness and confidence in hearing God's voice. No matter where you are in your spiritual walk, if you are willing to listen, God will find a way to speak in a way you can understand.

**Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Cecelia Ann Walker**

**Location: GSMBC On-Site**

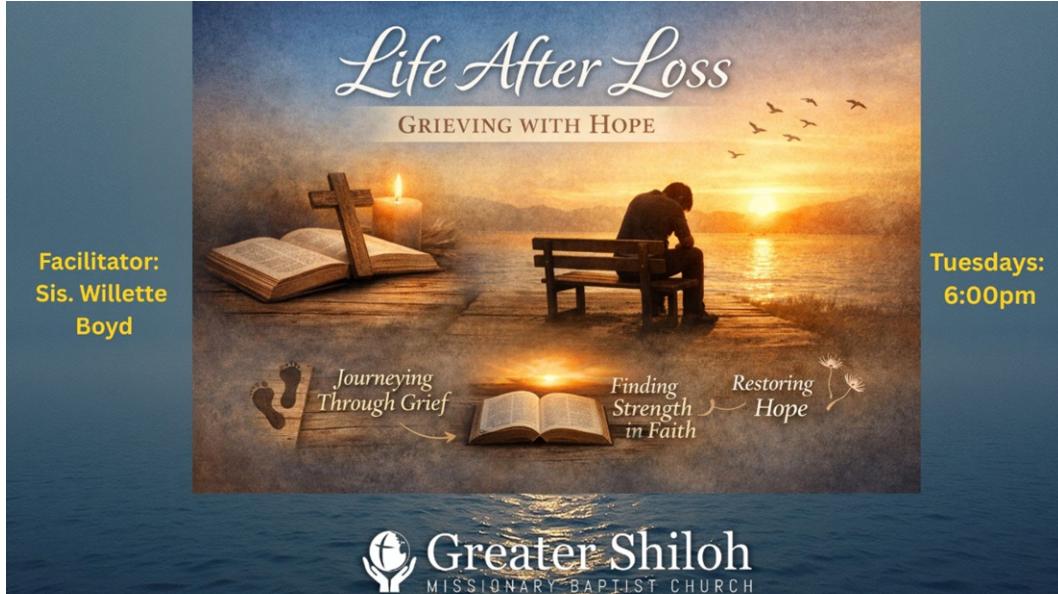
**Room: 410**

**Day: Tuesdays**

**Start Date: 2/17/26 – 3/31/26**

**Time: 11:00am**

Contact Rev. Dr. Cecelia Ann Walker at [revcece@aol.com](mailto:revcece@aol.com) for more information.



### Topic: Life After Loss

This small group focuses on grief and healing through faith. Using the book *Life After Loss: Grieving with Hope*, we will explore grief as a journey; one that each person experiences differently. Grief is not limited to the death of a loved one; it can also arise from the loss of a job, a relationship, health, or a significant life change. This group provides a safe and supportive space where participants can learn that grieving is normal and that there is no “right” timeline. Grief is a day-by-day journey, not a race or something to finish. Participants will be encouraged to process their emotions honestly, find comfort in God’s presence, and grow in hope even during seasons of loss.

***The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18***

**Facilitator: Sis. Willette Boyd**

**Location: GSMBC On-Site**

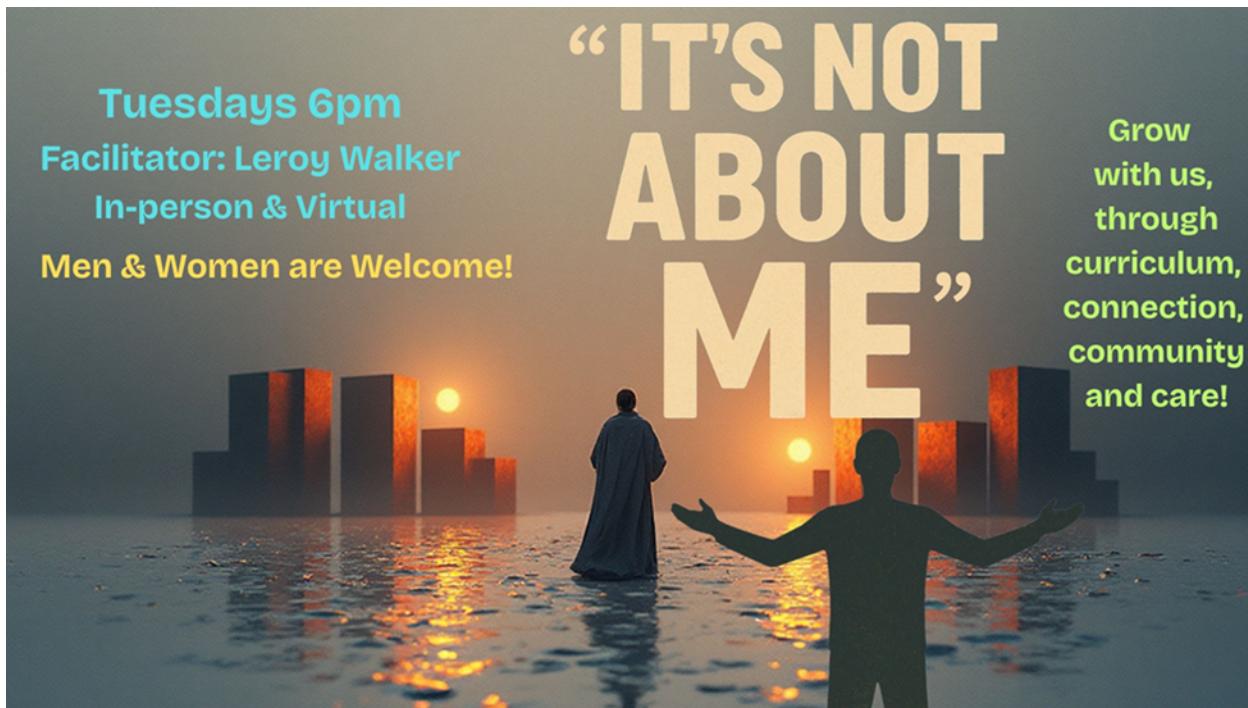
**Room: 313**

**Day: Tuesdays**

**Start Date: 01/13/26 – 2/17/26**

**Time: 6:00pm**

Contact Sis. Willette Boyd at [willetteboyd@att.net](mailto:willetteboyd@att.net) for more information.



### **Topic: "It's Not About Me"**

This group is for men and women who want to grow in understanding how our lives—what we have, who we are, and what we go through—can be lived for God's glory. Using It's Not About Me by Max Lucado, participants will explore what it means to shift focus from ourselves to God, learning how surrender, faith, and trust can transform everyday challenges into opportunities to honor Him. Through discussion, reflection, and practical application, we will discover how God works through our experiences, talents, and relationships to accomplish His purposes. Participants will gain encouragement, insight, and tools to live with greater humility, love, and intentionality, learning that true fulfillment comes when our lives point to God rather than ourselves.

**Facilitators: Bro. Leroy Walker**

**Location: GSMBC On-Site**

**Zoom: Meeting ID: 840 7575 7544**

**Password: 751380**

**Room: 411**

**Day: Tuesdays**

**Start Date: 1/13/26 – 3/3/26**

**Time: 6pm**

Contact Bro. Leroy Walker at [lwalkerjr73@gmail.com](mailto:lwalkerjr73@gmail.com) for more information.



Topic: "Beating the Odds with God"

This small group will teach us the importance of our relationship with God to overcome obstacles in life and move forward in victory—even when the odds are stacked against us. The only true win is with God! Through Scripture, we'll study biblical characters who faced great challenges, learn practical tools to persevere, and discover how faith, courage, wisdom, and the fruits of the Spirit equip us to "beat the odds" in everyday life. Participants will leave encouraged, empowered, and confident in God's power to guide them through any challenge.

Facilitator: Rev. Jeanette Bolden

Location: GSMBC On-Site

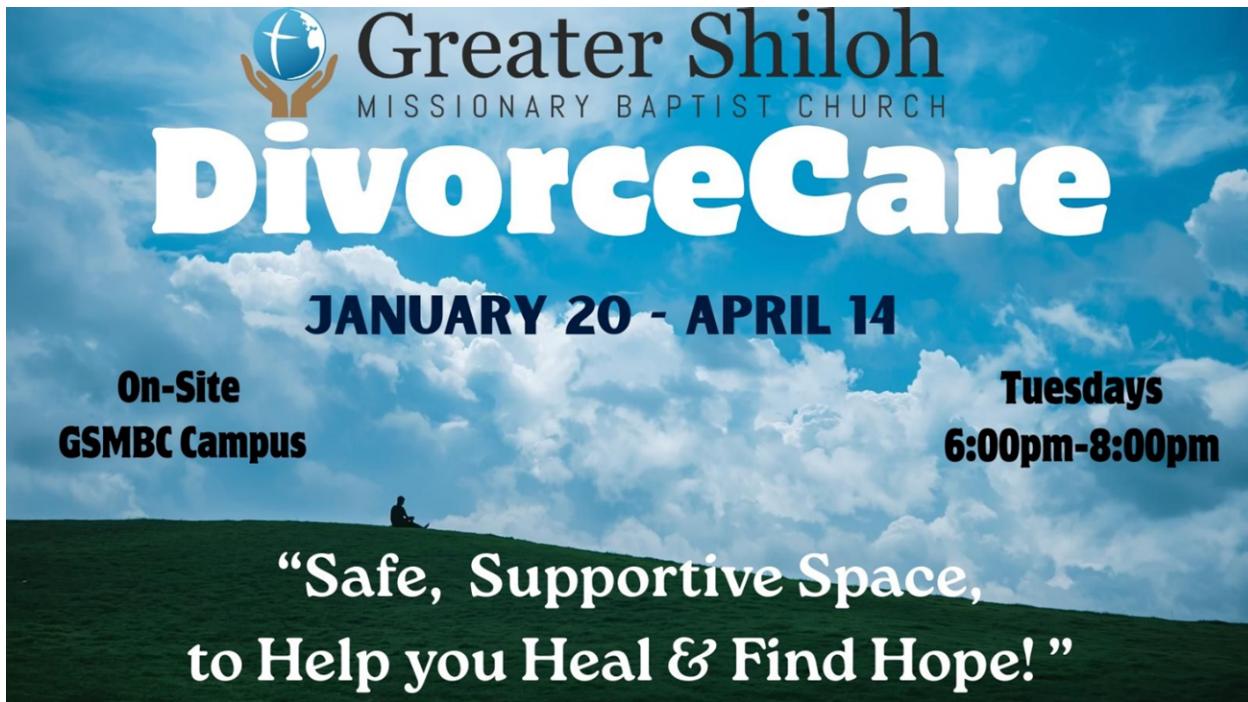
Room: Chapel

Day: Tuesdays

Start Date: 1/13/26 – 3/3/26

Time: 6:00pm

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**Topic: Divorce Care**

**Description:** Divorce Care is a weekly support group that will help you heal. This is a group where individuals can discuss the emotional and practical challenges of divorce. It provides a safe, warm and compassionate environment led by people who understand what you're going through and give practical information that will help you deal with the challenges of divorce.

Best of all, you will gain encouragement and hope for the future.

**Location:** Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

**2135 Jefferson Ave. S.W.**

**205-925-9750**

**Start Date:** January 20 - April 14

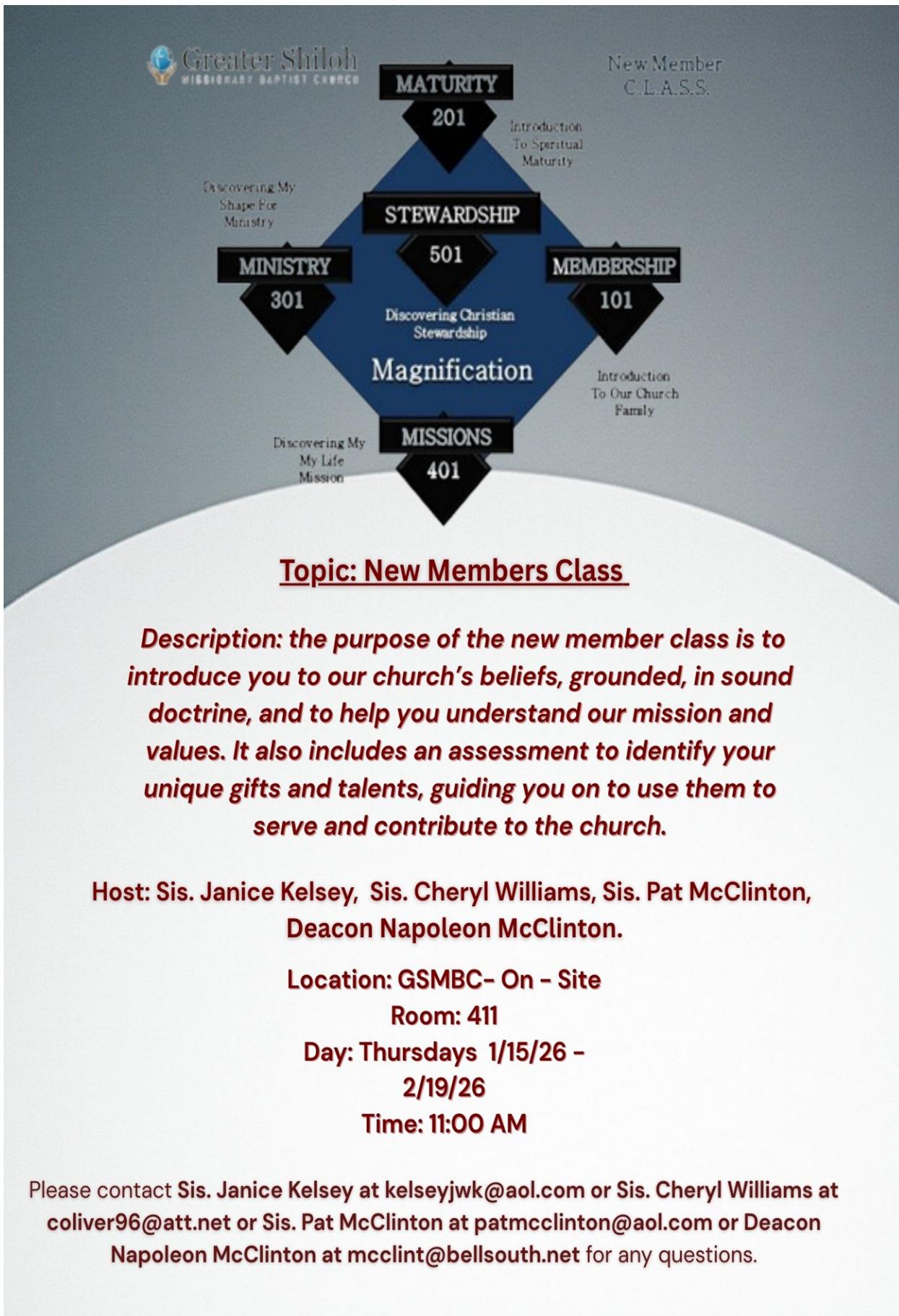
**Day:** Tuesdays

**Room:** 400

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Visit -** [\*\*www.divorcecare.org\*\*](http://www.divorcecare.org) **for questions or more information.**

**Register -** [\*\*www.divorcecare.org/groups/286158\*\*](http://www.divorcecare.org/groups/286158)



# “Winter Small Group”

**January 12th - March 6th**

Winter reminds us that not every season is meant for visible growth. Some seasons are invitations to rest, reflect, and prepare. Just as the earth grows quiet in winter, God allows quieter seasons in our lives—moments where progress feels hidden, yet His work continues beneath the surface.

In these winter seasons, God slows us down, deepens our faith, and gently prepares our hearts for what is to come. What looks like stillness is often sacred preparation.

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Join us this Winter for Small Groups where faith grows, friendships connect, and hearts are encouraged.



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