

## FCF HOME INTRO SHEET

Hi to our newcomers! Welcome to the FCF Home! Here is a general idea of how we've developed the organization of our Home. Of course, we're always open to changes and would appreciate any input from you too! We look forward to receiving new ideas. Please let us know of any questions you may have – or anything that may not seem to make sense! Like Mama says, we don't want to keep doing anything just because that's the way we've always done it. Ha! We love you!

### **Daily schedule:**

8:30-9:00 Devotions (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday), we basically rotate leading devotions by apartments. There is a schedule on the Main apartment's fridge. Recently we all agreed to read a designated GN together for devotions. When we finish that GN, if no new mailing has arrived, we have a shorter devotions of 15 minutes from 8:45 to 9:00 instead of a ½ hour. In that case, the person on devotions chooses something to read.

9:00-7:00 Work hours Monday to Wednesday and Friday; (We all try to be at our desks particularly from 9 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm in particular so we know we can easily contact one another between those hours. Please try to schedule naps, get-outs, and other outside biz or appointments outside those hours when possible. (You can work in the evenings if you'd like or need to make up your eight work hours. Otherwise evenings are free.)  
(Thursday and Saturday work starts at 10 am. Sunday is freeday.)

1:00-3:00 Lunch, rest, get-out (you can adjust if you like, of course, and take get-out after 5 as many do)

7:00 Dinner, and prayer/announcements (rotating schedule by apartments, same as for devotions)

9:00 Movie nights Wednesday and Saturday.

**News, TV and video watching:** We're flexible on dinner-time news watching. We sometimes watch CNN news with dinner. Or you're welcome to stay after dinner and watch it. We have cable hooked up to the kitchen apartment TV. If you see something in the TV Guide you'd like to record you're welcome. Please let the video deacon know if something special is coming up that might be worth all seeing.

Wednesday and Saturday movies will be voted on and announced. Wednesday video night is open for documentaries or other alternatives to movies.

As much as possible we try to have a united viewing of movies to promote unity and also save money and time spent on duping and renting. If you cannot make it to the united viewing because of unavoidable circumstances, you may dupe the video yourself for a later viewing.

**Home council meeting:** Thursday right after dinner (when there are points to discuss). Please have any points in to Gaelle by Tuesday dinner time.

**Kids' eating:** Since our eating area is quite small, the children usually eat in Grant and Sharon's apartment. A number of people take turns sitting with them. There is a schedule for this on the Home Schedule.

**Birthday celebrations:** You get to choose anything you like (within reason!) for your birthday dinner! Beer and/or wine can be served with Birthday dinner. PTL!

We usually have one collective birthday snack for each sun sign. Discuss with the others of your sign what you would like and let June know – or you can ask for ideas.

**Communion:** We have communion every Tuesday at devotions time, the host or hostess schedule rotating in alphabetical order. Please see the list on the Home schedule for the order. Whoever is on communion is responsible to bring wine (ask the wine deacon if you need help) and bread, and prepares whatever he/she would like to do for the ceremony.

**Prayer day:** We have a Prayer Day once a month on the first Saturday of each month. Due to our being not in sync schedule-wise with the rest of the NACRO area, we don't necessarily follow their schedule. You can turn in any prayer requests to June, and they'll be typed up for our Home prayer list.

**Newspaper:** Newspapers comes to Larry's apartment and Grant & Sharon's apartment to be shared..

**Beer and wine rations:** Each week on shopping day the beer/wine ration will be made available. Check with June and she'll explain it to you.

**Shopping:** Shopping is done on Wednesdays. Each apartment turns in a shopping list on Monday. Try to put all your food shopping needs on the list to avoid having to go out during the week shopping, as the shoppers know where to get things at bulk and discount prices. We try to meet everyone's requests as much as possible, however at times some items may be out of season or too expensive, in which case substitutions (or explanations) will be made. Please don't hesitate to ask or even ask again at a later date – things and sales change! If you don't get something one week, feel free to ask again till you get it or get an explanation!

**Personal/office/house needs:** Please let the shopper know of any personal or office needs you may have. These can be put on your daily Work Report or on the weekly apartment shopping list. Sometimes we may have the item on hand in bulk, or the shopper may know where to find the best price, maybe it can be found at a garage sale, or you'll just be given approval and funds to purchase it yourself. Basically the Home will pay for most personal needs, but please get approval from the shopper before using Home funds.

Any items that are not needs, for instance a new article of clothing that is for fun and inspiration, special more expensive cologne or hair product than the usual brand, is paid from personal funds. (Check with the shopper or ask around about the prices. Some people know where to get good deals. In some cases for more expensive products than the usual brands, the Home can pay the average price, and you can just pay the extra.)

As far as garage sales, in the case of house needs: the apartments are pretty well set up, so most additional furniture or decorations are to be covered with personal money. Please ask if you have any questions or needs. Newcomers, please let the shopper know of any set-up needs you may have. We do much of our shopping via garage sales!

We do have enough in our budget to get by fine each month, but we do have to watch our expenses, as in most Homes! The Lord keeps us thankful and prayerful! Please be prayerful about spending. Here are a few ideas: try to hand wash rather than dry clean when you can, try to have someone in the home give you a trim whenever possible rather than paying for haircuts, check around to see if someone in the home (forsake-all, office needs, etc.) has an item before purchasing, etc.

**Personal pocket money:** Each person is given \$15.00 per month to use as personal spending money to cover special snacks (outside of work necessities), movies, personal items outside of approved needs which the Home pays for, etc. (Parents are given a monthly allowance for children to cover all their needs.)

For the past few years the Lord has blessed us with a Christmas bonus of around 100\$ each to pay for fun extras. PTL! Some joined the local gym, etc.

**Local Outreach, PR and provisioning:** We don't do outright outreach, distributing of Family lit or provisioning in the local area. The following nearby areas are okay for outreach and provisioning (not in the name of the Foundation, but in some other name such as Family missions or as an independent missionary): Escondido, Oceanside or the north part of San Diego. Lake Elsinore is off limits as many people from Temecula who know us shop there. Please check before doing provisioning or outreach in other areas of Riverside or Los Angeles, as there are Homes there we'd need to ask. If you'd like to raise funds through outreach, you can present your plan to the finance deacon and/or at Home Council.

**Finance reports:** The finance deacon gives out a finance slip with all funds given. Please fill in your slip every Monday (if you've spent money that week) and turn it on to the finance deacon.

**Phones:** Due to a great many of the calls we make being long distance and the number of lines we have, our phone bills can get considerably large. Please be prayerful about calls made. Even the small ones can add up to a large bill. Try to use the postal mail and e-mail whenever possible. You can give out the [gpu@ibm.net](mailto:gpu@ibm.net) address if you like and June will pass it on to you. (Ask Jim if you need help with an e-mail address.) Please share any tips you may have on keeping our phone bills down.

**Sunday dinner:** There is no united dinner on Sunday. Usually something is provided for you to cook for your dinner, or if you don't have anything, please ask Diane on Saturday.

**Food out:** Please try as much as possible to bring a sandwich with you when you know you will be out during a meal time. If you do get stuck out on business unavoidably without food, the Home will pay for it. Other food out should be paid from your personal money.

**Stackers:** There is a set of "stackers" in the hall closet of the office apartment. There is a compartment for each individual or couple. Please feel free to put any items there that you would like to pass on. If you have anything you'd like to keep more confidential, feel free to put it into an envelope.

**Trips & vehicles:** We try as much as possible to combine major trips out to outside towns, especially Riverside, L.A., San Diego, etc. Please put any foreseeable trips on your Daily Work Reports and Weekly To Do lists to help coordination. Gas and vehicle repairs are a major expense since we live quite a distance from the cities, so please be prayerful about trips.

We have a vehicle-sharing plan whereby there are four vehicles and basically six teams to share them. Please see the vehicle sign-out chart above the stackers in the main apartment to see who the partners are. During the week (Monday to Saturday), those who are designated to use a certain vehicle would choose that vehicle whenever possible for any trips out. If the vehicle is not available when you need it, feel free to sign out any other vehicle. On Sundays (freeday) likewise, your designated vehicle would be your first choice, however, if it is not available when you need it, please check with someone on the team of another vehicle before signing it out.