

MEN'S CLOSED BIG BOOK STUDY

Date Founded: 2007 **Prepared by:** Cliff W., Jan. 2021

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Founding Members: Bill W., Ted M., Sam, Jack S.

Original Location: Annex Bldg., Memorial Park, Grass Valley

Current Location: First Baptist Church, 300 Main Street, Nevada City

Day of Week and Time of Meeting: Tuesday night, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

In 2007, members of the GVF Big Book Study decided to form a new group where members would read and discuss the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* a few paragraphs at a time. They rented the Annex Building in Memorial Park to hold weekly 1-1/2 hour meetings on Wednesday nights, and the Wednesday Night Men's Closed Big Book Study was born. Over several business meetings, Bill, Ted, Sam, Jack and others created the format and preamble that would guide the meeting. It was decided that each week a volunteer would bring snacks, and coffee and water would be provided by the group to foster a strong "Home Group" atmosphere. Several group commitments were created to allow members and newcomers to participate and feel a part of the group.

The group remained at the Annex until late 2020 (meetings were held outside most of the year due to COVID-19 restrictions). With no reopening date in sight due to the Pandemic, and the cold of winter approaching, in November 2020, the group moved to the First Baptist Church on Main Street in Nevada City. Due to a scheduling conflict at the Church, the group voted and agreed to change the meeting day to Tuesday and the name to simply, Men's Closed Big Book Study.