

# churches

## 2018-2019 Church Directory

For Bethel University  
Students

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# We Believe in the Local Church

*We believe it is critical that students form relationships with church communities outside of Bethel in order to increase understanding of how their individual gifts can be used in the church beyond their college years. At Bethel University rather than holding regular weekend church services on campus, we point students out toward local churches with much to offer in this way.*

*We are the newly formed Office of Christian Formation and Church Relations (formerly two distinct offices, the Office of Campus Ministries and the Office of Church Relations). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 651.638.6372 or email us at [church-relations@bethel.edu](mailto:church-relations@bethel.edu).*

*Serving Together,*

*Laurel M. Bunker*

*Bethel University*

*Dean of Christian Formation and Church Relations*

**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. *Hebrews 10:25***

We are here to serve. With questions or for more information:

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## All Nations Christian Fellowship

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Service Times: Sunday 10:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 10:00:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is the process of learning to become Christ-like in character. Every ministry of the church is part of the discipling process. Worship, for example, can help move our hearts and wills to obedience. In Christian service we learn patience and oftentimes suffering. Etc.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect those who regularly participate to draw closer to Christ. We would hope that some would become members of ANCF and so be qualified to participate in service in various capacities, and exercise the privileges and duties of members.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to ANCF. All of the Christian life is worship. Worship on the Lord's day is a special time when God is present in a special way with His people.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

ANCF does not split the church body up by stage of life. We are one body and all can serve and build up one another in whatever stage of life.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

ANCF as a ministry is focused on being an ethnically and socially diverse body of believers. It is part of our core mission. We are currently a diverse body. But this is a mission that has difficulties. In a ministry such as this, personal preferences must be laid aside and only the Biblical essentials must remain.



# Beacon of Hope Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 08:20:00,

## **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship, according to Mathew 28:18-20, incorporates true conversion to the Triune God and teaching for obedience to Christ. Discipleship is a non-optional ministry of the local church through the ministry of the Word of God. Within the context of church relationships, both the disciple and the discipler are transformed into the image of Christ by the Spirit (1 Cor 3:18).

## **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

For those who are not members of Beacon of Hope, we expect nothing more than for you to come, benefit, and build relationships. Develop relationships and take advantage of opportunities to serve the body of Christ as they arise. Should you want to take the step into membership we would expect and help you to fulfill all the responsibilities that a member has to the local church body.

## **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

In reality, all of Church life is worship (Romans 12:1-2). All that we do, whether eating or drinking, we do to the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). This is the basic orientation of the life of the Christian. The ways in which this attitude is expressed are many, including singing, serving, teaching, giving, gathering, learning, studying, obeying, reconciling, and many others.

## **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Challenges facing college students are legion. Nearly innumerable decisions must be made, anxiety over these decisions, many confusing ideas to filter through. Our college group, Agapetos, provides an opportunity to learn about the true God from clear bible teaching and to fellowship with other college and post-college young men and women in order to provide a healthy relationship web to help.

## **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a church near the Phalen area very close to downtown St. Paul, and so our church is diverse not only in ethnicity but also in economic class and age. When the Word of God is central, all these things fall away. The background and the glory of Christ is put on display. We learn bit by bit to put the interests of others before our own, to defer to others in love, etc.



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# Bethany Baptist Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 10:00:00,

## **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is a life-long process of becoming like Jesus and following him in our everyday lives. It happens best when we are immersed in God's Word, open to the Spirit's prompting, and in close fellowship with other believers who can encourage and build each other up in Christ. At Bethany we form small groups to do this kind of life on life discipleship together.

## **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We provide many opportunities for those who regularly participate in our church community to be involved in worship, prayer, community engagement, small groups or other ministries of the church as each person feels led and able. We also welcome those who are seeking to join in worship on Sunday or on special events but are not available for other commitments.

## **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is the center of our church that helps to inspire and equip members to live for Christ in their everyday lives at work, school, and community. We use Sunday morning to share stories of how God is at work in our lives and to introduce opportunities to serve in our community.

## **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Some college students may desire a multigenerational church that is small enough to have a sense of being part of a church family. We host students in our homes and have opportunities to be part of multigenerational and multiethnic community life.

## **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a diverse multiethnic church with many nations represented in our congregation. We also have many members who have served as career missionaries and have years of intercultural experience. Pastor Kevin served 25 years in Bangkok Thailand serving in urban poor communities. We have a high value on being an intercultural diversity and working toward racial reconciliation in the body of Christ.



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## Calvary Church

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Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Being relational and Jesus-focused in order to transform lives is the heartbeat of discipleship at Calvary Church. Spiritual growth happens best when relationships are developed with other believers. We use small groups, mid size groups and mentorships to develop these relationships.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

By God's grace and for His glory we desire to be a church that honors God. We ENGAGE neighbors in relationships, CONNECT people in authentic community, EQUIP Christians to love, worship and serve God, and make disciples for Jesus Christ to IMPACT others.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We host regular Sunday morning worship experiences, but seek to bridge the Sunday to Monday gap through whole life discipleship. For Calvary Church worship is a way of life, not just a weekend experience.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

At Calvary Church we understand that the issues that college students face are diverse and multifaceted. Our approach to working with them is equally diverse. We have trained care pastors, small groups that offer students encouraging and loving communities, mentorships that provide long-term 1 to 1 relationships and partnerships with leaders on Bethel's campus to holistically care for students.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Diversity is something that we value highly at Calvary. As a church we are striving to better reflect the community in which we are located.



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# Catalyst Covenant Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:40:00,

## **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

All of us, all the time are seeking to grow and follow Christ and his ways more closely. We have home groups that study together every other week, we do monthly service projects along with monthly fellowship events and many in our community serve in some capacity at church. This is a part of how we grow, are shaped and formed more together into the image of Christ.

## **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Typically we find when you invest deeply you grow deeply. We believe disciplines like giving, prayer, service, ect not only help the church but the person as well in their growth. We ask people be involved in an area they are passionate about & participate in things like prayer, giving, studying and the amount they are able. If everyone participates no one burns out & everyone grows and is known!

## **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a life style, meaning we can worship God in many ways and places. Corporate worship especially multi generational/cultural is valuable because its a reminder we need each other for encouragement, learning, teaching and development in our faith and life.

## **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We think college is a valuable time when people have questions, when faith systems are chosen/solidified & habits are made into adulthood. We want Jesus in on those things and think we thrive when we do just that! Prayerfully we have with God's help attempted to create a community where questions are welcomed & we can gather together to learn what it means to follow Jesus with all of who we are.

## **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

There is always rooms to grow but we have tried to live into the great commission and believe when the church on earth when it is at its best is supposed to look like the church in Revelation (different ages, ethnicities, socio economic levels). Our age diversity is pretty strong and we are growing in our ethnic and socio economic diversity as well.



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## Church of the Open Door

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Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We desire to help people pursue the struggle to become fully alive in Christ. We are committed to spiritual formation so that we can go out into the world for the sake of others.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Get connected, serve, and give! But we don't keep tabs.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is the heartbeat.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Community Connection to a Church Trustworthy adults

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

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## Church of the Redeemer

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Service Times: Sunday 16:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 16:00:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is the path by which we follow our Lord Jesus Christ as his disciples. Discipleship occurs within Christ's body, the Church, in worship of God and fellowship with his disciples. In addition to strengthening the faith of individual believers, discipleship unites us to one another and forms us as ambassadors of Christ's Kingdom.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We encourage weekly participation in worship, daily prayer, and regular fellowship with other believers. We regularly participate in corporate worship and seek times of fellowship, accountability, and encouragement with other members of the church. We seek to be faithful stewards of our time, body, talents, finances, and possession, through acts of service, presence, and giving.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to the life of our church. As we join together in worship, Christ is present by the power of the Holy Spirit and His presence dwells within us. All of our ministries are infused with that same worshipful and incarnational reality.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

In the midst of opportunities for formation and discovery, the counsel and support of others is invaluable. We invite students to join in relational ministries like small groups and mentoring relationships, where we can bless one another through prayer and presence. Though we offer some age specific activities, our church deeply values the development of community across generations.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

As an Anglican church, we have deep fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters from around the world. We thank God for the national, ethnic, generational and socioeconomic diversity already present in our local church and seek to be an increasingly diverse community where people of all ages and backgrounds grow in relationship with Christ and one another.



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## Emmanuel Christian Center

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Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our church is passionate about discipleship! We offer a variety of places to get involved but highly recommend starting with connect groups! These are groups that meet weekly or bi-weekly to grow in faith and relationship with other believers! For more information please visit [Emmanuelcc.org/connectgroups](http://Emmanuelcc.org/connectgroups)

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We would love for everyone in our church to be a part of connect groups, serving, committed to prayer, and tithing.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Every area of ministry at our church involves worship in one way or another. We believe that everything you do to glorify God is worship! Whether you are serving coffee in our cafe, holding babies, or singing and leading our congregation: we believe that it all is worship!

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

One of the biggest challenges being a college student is finding deep connections with others in the church! Community is so important and at Emmanuel we offer once a month gatherings to get to know people but also have weekly and bi-weekly connect groups where you will have the opportunity to meet new people, grow deeper in relationship, talk about God, and grow in your faith!

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We have a diverse church that has people from everywhere! We currently offer a hispanic service on Wednesday nights and have hispanic connect groups. We also sing some bilingual worship songs on Sundays. Moving forward we would love to offer more services and connect groups for all people that attend Emmanuel.



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## Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 00:00:08,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Fairmount Avenue UMC's vision is: "to be a joyful and welcoming community; igniting hearts and minds for God's work." We offer opportunities for thoughtful worship, curiosity in learning, authentic community, and intentional service. We are a congregation that values a spiritual journey in community and through community.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our only expectation is authenticity. Just show up. Engage your spirit, serve as you feel called. We welcome all people, wherever they may find themselves, in their spiritual journey.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

At Fairmount Avenue UMC, we worship all week, all of our gatherings, learnings, justice and compassion work are acts of worship. Sunday morning worship is a community experience. The founder of the Methodist tradition, John Wesley, once said, "There is no holiness but social holiness." Worship is a time to gather, learn, be called, and be sent together into the world.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

The primary work of a college student is to discover how they will show up for the journey before them - as students and beyond. We are a church that follows Jesus into community-based learning, thoughtful social action, green practices in our gatherings and worship, justice work for people marginalized or oppressed, and advocacy for the LGBTQIA community in the church and society.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Fairmount Avenue UMC is proudly a Reconciling Congregation- fully including all people- regardless of gender or sexual identity in our practice and service. We are also partnered with St. Albans Church of God in Christ in St. Paul. An intentional friendship created for mutual learning, listening, serving, and partnering in worship and ministry. As the world and neighborhoods grow, so do we.



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## Firebase Movement (Messenger Bootcamp)

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College Pastor/Leader Email: [info@firebasemovement.com](mailto:info@firebasemovement.com)  
Service Times: Sunday ,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Messenger Boot Camp is designed to take you from being a civilian to a combat ready soldier for Christ. During this eight week intensive you will be changed. Don't just read the Bible let your life become part of God's unfolding story in this generation.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Saturday attendance, 1 weekly outreach, 1 corporate prayer time/week, 1 day of fasting/week, Time with the Lord every day, homework, and the graduation outreach is required for graduation.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Corporate worship twice per day during each Saturday session takes place as we believe that worship is one of the most important ways believers connect with the heart of God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Each student is assigned an MBC Pastor to help guide and encourage them throughout the bootcamp process.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We invite all Bible believing denominations and backgrounds to come join the Messenger Bootcamp experience.



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## First Baptist Church - Minneapolis

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Service Times: Sunday 11:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We are a community seeking to know Jesus more and become more like Him in the way we live our lives. We want to help you connect with God more, not just on Sundays, but in your daily life. Our church wants each person to draw closer to God, grow closer to each other and shine the light of Jesus to their friends and neighbors.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect active members and regular attendees to pray, tithe and serve individually and corporately through the ministry opportunities provided by FBC staff and laypeople.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We want to help everyone in our church connect to God through worship which includes encouraging prayerful dependence, learning about God as revealed in the scriptures, and developing a love for Jesus as our greatest treasure. We do this through gathering on Sundays for worship in song, prayer, fellowship, and preaching of God's word and community groups.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

FBC sincerely cares about reaching college student with the gospel of Jesus. We are currently calling one college minister (and his immediate family) to labor on the college campus, receive significant financial support, prayer and discipleship from FBC and, in turn, have this college minister become an active member in the life and revitalization of FBC.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

FBC is a gospel-centered, culturally diverse church located in downtown Minneapolis. We care about social justice. The church staff and lay leaders continue to communicate the priority of reaching people on the margins of society as well as the corporate elites. There is a distinct dichotomy between the "haves" and "have-nots." FBC wants to point all people to the God who knows and cares for them.



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## First Evangelical Free Church - Maplewood

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College Pastor/Leader Email: [solson@firstefc.org](mailto:solson@firstefc.org)  
Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 10:45:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:50:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is a process that takes place in relationships. In Titus 2, Paul instructs Titus that older men and women should be teaching the younger men and women. Connecting students to families in our church body is something we strive for because of the lasting impact it can have on lives. This happens on Sunday mornings and serving alongside each other during the week.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

At First Free, we want to be marked by the same generosity Jesus has shown us. Whether it is time or material resources, we want to show Jesus's love to others in our church family and the world around us. Serving midweek is a simple, effective way to enter into relationships and help others know and love Jesus more.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a lifestyle for the believer. We are all worshipping something, the question is: What are YOU worshipping? While the term "worship" can be used to describe the time on Sunday morning when we sing, worship ought to pervade our entire life and week. In everything (1 Cor. 10:31), we want to know and love Jesus more.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Students are in a season of life marked by change, discovery, adventure. There are many ways this plays out, but two of the foremost questions in mind is, "Who am I?" and "Why do I believe what I believe?" Our Tuesday night small group is in place to help answer those questions in the context of community, as we walk through God's word together.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

First Free has had a history of hosting Chinese students as we have sent short-term teams to China. We have also had a presence in our community reaching out our Hmong neighbors via our Harvest Gardens. In these experiences, we have learned to be responsive to the Spirit's leading in our community and strived to be faithful in loving others with a gospel-shaped love.



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## Grace Outreach Covenant Church

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### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We are committed to reaching people with new life in Christ, and then to help them grow deeper in Christ. It is a lifelong journey of faith. There are four elements in our G.R.O.W. discipleship process: GOD'S WORD, Illuminated by the Spirit (John 14:26) RELATIONSHIPS, United by the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18) OUTWARD ACTION, Directed by the Spirit (John 16:13) WORSHIP, Ignited by the Spirit

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Service: God created us to serve. He gifted us to serve. And He commands us to serve. We believe in the example of Christ in serving. Giving: Mature believers have a generous spirit. We expect all members to give their tithe, time, and resources for the mission of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Prayer: All members and regular attendees should pray individually and corporately.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We expect people to attend worship services regularly as they can, and we expect them to worship with the heart, the mind, and spirit. We believe in worshipping in Spirit and in Truth. Worship is an important aspect of all ministries of our church. Scriptures: John 4:24; 1Chronicles 16:29; Psalms 100:1-2; Romans 12:1; John 15:4-5; Mark 1:35; Romans 8:26

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face a myriad of challenges including, time management, financial, anxiety & depression and relationship challenges to name a few. Our young adults ministry, Rise Up primarily attends to the spiritual and social needs of college students. A strong relationship with Christ coupled with healthy peer relationships help college students deal with their challenges.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We believe in and exemplify a diverse body of Christ. We believe that diversity in all areas is to be sought after, and will strengthen the church as a whole. We are committed to people in all walks of life, with different backgrounds and life experiences. We believe that we find unity in Christ as the head of the church



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## GracePoint Church

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Service Times: Sunday 08:30:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:25:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is a primary value at GracePoint church. We strive to build disciples through three main venues: the preaching of God's Word (teaching), small group ministries (community building), and service and outreach opportunities.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Commitment – We believe that the form of participation will take many (and varied) forms for each individual. We want people to be committed to actively seeking where God wants them to be plugged into our community...and then do something.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is at the heart of GracePoint. We have a vibrant and dynamic worship team that leads our service in a time of glorifying God, but we also have a desire to worship in our everyday lives. We believe worship is truly that which happens between Sundays.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College is a unique and wonderful time for personal formation. At GracePoint, we're seeking to be intentional about the spiritual formation of college students. CAYAC (College Age and Young Adult Class) is our growing college group. We've begun with about 30 students (ages 19-25), and we'd love to have you participate in this exciting ministry!

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

GracePoint is not unlike many other churches. We have a wide spectrum of people, races and cultures. We are proud to welcome all walks of life into our church and enter into meaningful worship and community.



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# Hope Community Church

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:15:00,

## **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is the strategy Jesus provided for building his church. It's life on life encouragement and exhortation to walk with the Spirit and become more like Jesus.

## **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Those who regularly attend Hope are encouraged to build relationships, the church should be a family, so it's important to take a step out of individual worship into community fellowship. We also encourage each other to be real about our walk with God, the church should be a safe place to share struggles and grow closer to Him who loves us.

## **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Praise and song are direct expressions of the worship that runs throughout our lives. Paul calls us to present our lives as living sacrifices in Romans 12, these are lives of worship: honoring, delighting, and submitting to him each day. When we gather to worship, we are expressing our heart's pulse toward him, and in doing so, encouraging each other to see Him for the beautiful one that He is.

## **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Students are facing multiple transitions and choices that impact the trajectory of their lives. We want to help students walk through those transitions and make those choices by grounding them in God's community. God never meant for us to face challenges alone; He wants us to need each other. Hope is a place where students can form relationships outside of college that provide perspective and love

## **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church has five different ethnic groups represented in our worship community. We've found sharing a desire to know Jesus and worship Him in all areas of our life has brought us together to form a new community not defined by culture but defined by savior.



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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

**What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

we have a 18 classes for new disciples

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

pray in their heart anytime, tithe with a grateful heart, service at any chance

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

relationship is a key for understand worship

**What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

**What specific programs do you have for college students?**

they are going to serve and interact with a Hispanic community

**Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

you can be a missionary in your own country



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## Josh Hoaby Music

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We try our best to help future worship leaders understand what worship is, and what it means to be a worship leader.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect those who we serve to take the information to heart as they begin to lead people to Jesus

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Music as a form of worship is all we do being a music organization.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are right in the middle of figuring out their identity. We want to come alongside those who are striving to be leaders and provide any help we can.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The body of Christ is diverse. When we lead services we make sure and model that.



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## Last City Church

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Service Times: Sunday 09:30:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:10:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At the center of the Bible's final vision for the world is a city that is the hallmark of a renewed creation (Rev. 21). In this city God lives with us and has reconciled all things. Last City Church is a new movement that is striving to embody God's renewed future in Saint Paul. We would be honored if you would join us as we launch this new adventure.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect that people love and be loved. Our community is open to all and we don't have a base level of expectation. Those who choose to go deeper in mission with us will be welcomed into that mission with deeper commitment.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

In one sense the life of our church IS worship. Our gathered worship is an important part of the way we shape and live our mission to embody God's renewed future. Worship forms, informs, fills, and sends us to that mission.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We believe that college students, like everyone else, have a desire to belong and have a real role in God's Kingdom. We hope to create a place for young people to have ownership and voice in the local church and honest relational community that sustains them. Show me a college student and I'll show you a family that has a seat at the table for them.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a predominantly white church that borders a very diverse neighborhood. We believe to address the multi-ethnic context we live in we must deal honestly with our own racial identity and shortcomings. We are intentional about hearing voices outside of our comfort zone and addressing our neighbors not as saviors but as neighbors. We take the command "Love your neighbor" seriously.



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## LifePoint Church

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Service Times:	Sunday 09:00:00, 10:35:00
Transportation:	Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 10:15:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We are a church that is committed to reaching and growing lost people. We offer Sunday school programs for all ages, small groups, and many service opportunities. All these we think are important in developing people to be more faithful followers of Christ.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We believe in welcoming people wherever they are in their walk with Jesus. Some who regularly participate are not yet believers. Others have been followers for decades. We hope that all people will engage in the life of the church. For some, that means supporting the church financially or in prayer. For others, that may mean engaging in service projects or small groups.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We place high value on worship in the life of the church. We consider worship everything from musical worship to service projects to everyday living for Jesus. Praise and worship to the Lord is a priority for our church.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

A lot of college students are trying to figure out who they are and what they are doing in this world. At LifePoint Church we are a family, we are here to help each other grow in Christ and to help answer those tough questions through Biblical teaching, community growing, and programming directed to building relationships with other Christ followers.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The church does not currently reflect our neighborhood in terms of diversity, but we are making strides to be welcoming to all people. The staff is undergoing cultural intelligence training (led by Dr. Ruben Rivera) and we seek to apply those principles to our programming. We are growing more diverse. We still need to work at ensuring that we are consistently welcoming to all people.



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## Mill City Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We think discipleship is about participating in what God is doing. Everything that Mill City Church does, develops us into people who are better equipped to see what Jesus is doing in the world and join in.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Worship with us on Sundays, and check out a Missional Community (What is a missional community? come join us on a Sunday and find out!)

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Church is about community, and the beauty of community is that people from different walks of life, different ages, and different backgrounds can all come together and worship a God who loves and engages with us. Worship encompasses more than just music, but also the speaking, community time, offering, prayer, etc... Worship encourages and equips us as we're sent into the World.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Identity; we hope you discover who God created you to be Belonging; our community participating with God together Purpose; our church is focused on equipping you to participate in God's mission, in the ways that God is calling you to do so

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Mill City is a church that is growing in diversity. We have learned that diversity is something that is integral to God's kingdom. We've sought diversity in the way we structure our services, lead the music, and participate in our neighborhood. There will always be room to grow, and we're excited to continue to listen and participate where God is calling us.



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## Mounds Park United Methodist Church

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Mounds Park United Methodist Church(MPUMC) has two routes of discipleship inwardly and outwardly. MPUMC is actively reaching out to the community with several well-known programs; Urban CROSS, Sheridan Project, McVay Program. MPUMC also inreaches by connecting all church members in small groups. We are multi-racial, multi-generational congregation that welcome everyone no matter who you are.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

MPUMC invites you to share your gift and time in your best manner through worship and ministry. We choose to accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms. We confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the people of all ages, nations, and races.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is at the center of our faith life in order that we constantly receive the power of the Holy Spirit through the worship and give praises to our Lord God. We are united as one people of God through our worship, and connected to each other by joining the grace through the divine sacraments.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We invite all the young adults and new generation to the opportunities of growing in faith of God. We need young and gifted college students in our worship team for vocal, instrument players, and other music ministries. We need sincere young adults who can spend time together with children, youth, and family ministries such as Sunday School teacher, youth group leaders.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is located in one of the most diverse communities in Twin Cities area. We have congregation members from many different ethnic back ground, European, Native American, African American, Hmong, Liberian, Kenyan, Korean, and we all celebrate this blessing of oneness in God!



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## New Brighton Christian Church

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship takes place through classes such as our Sunday school or Wednesday night classes. Our church also has small groups, which students are welcomed to attend. In small groups students have an opportunity to go more in-depth into God's word and experience Christian fellowship in a more personal way apart from Sunday worship.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Those who regularly attend our church are welcome to participate in our church events and classes. They are welcome to volunteer and tithe if they feel moved by the Holy Spirit to do so.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe God intends for his church to worship him together as a community, as well as in their own personal lives. For this reason worship is an integral part of our Sunday morning services. We welcome those who are gifted in music to inquire about volunteering with our worship team.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are learning how to stand on their own in their faith, apart from their own families or home churches. Being connected with a local church can be vital to a college student's spiritual life. The local church is a place where Christians can care for one another, provide prayer, encouragement, fellowship, grow in faith and worship God in a safe and loving community.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church is diverse in ages, families and backgrounds. We encourage everyone to participate in our church events, programs and volunteer opportunities. Jesus Christ unites us. When we come together for his purposes, we are a better and stronger community.



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## New Hope Church

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Everything we at New Hope Church are about is firmly rooted in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ at the cross. All who bear the image of God have sinned and fallen short of His glory, yet by faith in Him we "who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13). We center ourselves around the gospel in our gathering, serving, and community.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect you to contribute to our mission by joyfully participating in our community through worship and being open to serve the church how God leads you.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

All of our ministries are an act of worship, just as all of our lives should be an act of worship. So our "worship services" are just reminders and encouragements of the identity we have in Christ, namely, that we are all part of a family of missionaries who love God and others.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We know that many college students face particular challenges including the pressures of school, a lack of financial resources, busy schedules and increasing opposition to their faith. At NHC, we provide a place to be known and loved by people of different races & ages. We offer discipleship with our pastors, and a dynamic place to serve (because growth often comes from being others-focused!).

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

One of New Hope Church's great aspirations is to be a church for all people groups. And it has been so encouraging to pursue this call! Our multi-ethnic church continues to grow toward this end. If you attend, you'll notice that we aren't afraid of tough topics. We host forums on racial reconciliation, mass incarceration, and immigration. We believe the Gospel offers the solution to these issues!



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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At North Heights we believe that discipleship is very important. We exist to know Jesus and make him known through the power of the Holy Spirit. As a part of our mission we seek to help every person find faith in Jesus, discover their God given gifts and purpose, and live a life of eternal significance.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our expectations are this, that those who are within our community are being trained, and equipped to be a missionary in whatever context they find themselves. We value prayer, service, generosity, and worship.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe worship is more than just a time on Sunday, that it is a lifestyle.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Students today struggle to know who and what they are supposed to be. We seek to help students through worship, groups, and service opportunities to discover who they are in Christ, and to discover the gifts and passions that lead us to our purpose.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We strive to be a racially and generationally diverse congregation. We have members from all around the world. Still we are beginning to learn what it means to be a multicultural church. Our congregation is also multigenerational and desires to grow young whether they are 80 or 20.



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## Park Avenue United Methodist Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at 09:30:00,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

PAUMC Vision Statement: We will be a vibrantly Christ-centered, multiracial, multiethnic, intergenerational instrument of transformation, actively engaged with our urban neighborhood and our world. This we live out through worship, Bible study and service.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We emphasize the "active engagement with our urban neighborhood and our world" portion of our vision statement by partnering with both on-campus and community partners. We host an award winning Spanish-speaking preschool (Joyce Preschool), a free medical clinic, a free legal clinic and a clothing center. We are also a Freedom School site.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to our life together as a church. We worship in the African American tradition, though our worship also reflects the many cultures that make up Park.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We believe students need to be prepared to live faithfully in a post-Christian and increasingly fractured world. Coming to Park and rolling up your sleeves with us is the best way to explore the possibility of our finding oneness in Jesus and the hope of the Gospel among people of differing races, ethnicities and generations.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Park is unique in that we are approximately 70% white and 30% people of color (mostly African American). We work to insure that our staff and leadership reflect this diversity. We also choose curriculum and offer spiritual formation experiences for adults that reflect our commitment to fulfilling our vision. Our current strategic plan focuses on justice issues.



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## Rivr of Life Christian Church

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Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is being a dedicated, effective follower of Jesus Christ. Providing prayer time, bible study, bible based programs/ministries that meets practical needs i.e. building strong marriages, free indeed ministry (freeing of addicted behaviors), minister to the needs of our community i.e. food give away, visiting the elderly and mentoring through workshops, ministering to those in prison.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

After a period of time and seeking spiritual direction, you decide you want to become a member of our congregation; you will be encouraged to attend classes that further orientate you and explain in more detail what we believe and practice. Teachings will include topics such as prayer, tithing, water baptism and communion for example.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a very essential part of our church and who we are as followers of Christ. Worship is a life style, glorifying God in all that we do every day. Our worship service consist of various genre of worship expression; contemporary christian, traditional, rap etc.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Some college students attend and complete college but still unsure of the direction in life they should take. We offer a Youth and Young Adult ministry that is able to help by giving them some avenues to consider, using the word of God. We also have offered materials and classes such as "Releasing Your Potential" ( a Myles Monroe book study)to help individuals come to know their hidden abilities.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our congregation is comprised of people from various socio-economic backgrounds and very walk of life. The ministry Vision is based on Matthew 25: 35-45; "I was hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me...



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## Roots Covenant Church

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Service Times: Sunday 10:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship as learning to love like Jesus loves. This requires community, relationships. We develop disciples by connecting them with other disciples and by teaching them the Way of Jesus through worship, scripture, prayer, and witness (to name a few).

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect regular participants to worship passionately, use their gifts to serve others faithfully, to share their story, give generously, be open to learning new things, open to cross-cultural relationships, and open to challenging call to biblical justice.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship, understood holistically, is at the heart of our life together as a church. We not only gather for corporate worship on Sundays, but also consider our whole lives opportunities for worship. All of our ministry flows from worship. "The glory of God is [humanity] fully alive." - Irenaeus

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are navigating a tumultuous season in their lives as well as in the world today. Identity is at the center of much of it. Roots will equip students with identity formation as a disciple of Jesus and member of God's family, while also helping them discover their particular vocation.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Roots is a highly diverse community culturally and ethnically. We have high cultural intelligence and cultural hybridity. We like to say we're a community for "misfits" finding identity in Jesus. We don't have a large number of Boomers. We could stand to grow in our intergenerational composition.



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## Roseville Baptist Church

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Service Times: Sunday 08:30:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We focus at RBC on one to one discipleship. We believe Jesus displayed this model in much of his teaching and equipping of the disciples to carry on his work after he passed. We pair up new converts and new members of the church with leaders with the intention of walking through life with them to help grow in Christ with one another, rather than just making church a once-a-week event.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

All we want at first is for newcomers to feel welcome and cared about at our church. As individuals stick around awhile, we strongly encourage all members to get involved in at least one ministry and find someone to disciple and help grow their faith in Christ. We have a Pastoral Care Team that is equipped to look after each member of the church and assist in whatever way possible.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is the central focus of our church. We believe that God is to be worshipped through preaching, song, study of the Bible, and relationship with one another. Ultimately, everything we do is a way of worship and we treat it that way. At RBC, we strive to have a strong knit community of believers that can come to be encouraged and worship God together, then be challenged to continue that.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We live in a world of skepticism and flakiness. College students are right in the middle of those two things. We believe that a commitment to consistent discipleship is one of the best ways to minister and equip college students to live out the purpose God has set before them. We strive to equip college students to grow by having young adult groups on Wednesdays and pushing them for leadership.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We struggled with diversity for awhile, but have recently pushed strongly to become a more diverse church. In the past few years, we have become a very economically diverse church, which has been awesome for growth. Even more recently, we have merged with a Hispanic church with the desire to overcome the language barrier and worship Jesus with one another, even though our cultures are different.



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## Salem Covenant Church

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Service Times: Sunday 08:30:00, 09:45:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Developing Disciples at Salem -Worshiping God as the heartbeat of our lives and community -Waiting on God through devotional practices centered in Scripture and prayer -Walking with believers in relationships that encourage love, growth, and service -Working with others to extend compassion, mercy, and justice to all - Welcoming people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We are a church community who cares for each other deeply. We expect those who regularly participate to be active in the life of our church - serving, caring for each other, and supporting the church and one another.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a central point of Salem Covenant Church. We actively seek to have all generations participating in the services. We offer both traditional and contemporary services on a Sunday morning.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Community is essential for college aged individuals and young adults. We provide Sunday school on Sunday mornings and a weekly meeting for just college aged/young adults (message pastor Luke for details)! I

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Salem Covenant Church is a multi-generational, multi-ethnic community that strives to be inclusive to all. We provide opportunities to connect with one another on a regular basis, which we believe is the best way for us to build relationships with one another.



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## Salt City Church

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Service Times: Sunday ,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Salt City seeks to make disciples through authentic community founded on the Word of God. People change when they encounter Jesus and he has revealed himself through his word. But we also need each other. And the only way that real community happens is if we stop trying to be impressive and just are honest with each other about who we are and what we struggle with.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We communicate different degrees of involvement in our church with the words celebrate, connect, and contribute. We have guests who simply celebrate with us, friends who celebrate and connect, and family who celebrate, connect, and contribute. Students are welcome to simply attend, but to really be a part of our family is to get connected into a small group and find a way to start serving.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a centerpiece of how we relate to God. Jesus is amazing and the only appropriate response to encountering him is to worship. Worship in music is a focal point of all of our large group gatherings.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face the challenge of knowing, loving, and following Jesus in a world that draws our affections to other things. The Salt Company is the college ministry of Salt City church and is designed to help college students love Jesus. The Salt Company includes a college-specific, large group gathering, student lead small groups, retreats, and Biblical education.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church is a part of a network of local churches in the Midwest. One of our churches was planted in an urban center and has experience in reaching out to a diverse community. We have learned a great deal from them and want to continue to enhance that vision. However, we are a network that was founded in smaller college towns and need to continue to learn how to relate to an urban center.



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## Sanctuary Covenant Church

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Service Times: Sunday 09:00:00, 11:00:00  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our understanding of discipleship is driven by the words of our Lord Jesus, "Go and make disciples." We are a disciplining congregation that emphasizes lifelong faith from the very earliest ages to & through adulthood. Our aim as an urban ministry is to challenge our own context & create intergenerational, cross-ethnic, across-gender relationships through service, life-groups and ministries.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

At Sanctuary, we extend an invitation to connect with those around you who may be different from you and grow in understand and love. We invite people to grow in their leadership formation and calling. We also invite people to serve the body using the gifts that God has given them.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is at the intersection of all of our ministry areas & a vital part of the fabric and life of our church. We do not simply see worship as a distinct expression on Sunday only, rather we see our every action as a part of a larger narrative of "one's life as a living sacrifice" this being our act of worship. We worship through song, life-groups, prayer, giving, hospitality, and service.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Sticky Faith research suggests that around 70% of students leave the faith when transitioning to college. Sanctuary provides a space to deeply connect with a community in order to continue the journey of spiritual growth. We extend opportunities of discipleship and have leaders willing to invest into the purpose that God has given each student.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Sanctuary is a multiethnic, intergenerational multiplying movement. We have dedicated ourselves to grow in not just diversity, but reconciliation. We understand the work it takes to reconcile and serve and lead together and have a commitment towards unity. We do not forsake any culture in order to create a new one, but we bring in each culture to celebrate them together.



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## Substance Church

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Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We focus on 4 main parts: Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference. We do this through regular church attendance, building community/helping people find friends to do life w/, and helping them find ownership in the church (through serving, leading/participating in small groups, tithing, etc.)

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We have a lot of unchurched people at Substance, so we don't expect them to do any of those. We want everyone to become a fully devoted follower of Christ & spiritually mature, but everyone is a different stage in their walk w/ Christ. Thus, we encourage & invite them to start and take steps closer to Christ through community (be a part of a Subgroup) and through serving on Teams as appropriate.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship takes many forms, and one of the main ones we focus on is worship music. It plays an important role in our church and flows out to all the ministries in our church, so it is very interconnected. We also see it as an Outreach tool, as well.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face a lot of challenges, but the main thing that will help them make it through those challenges are a relationship w/ Christ and Godly friends that challenge them to grow in their faith, support them in the tough times, and celebrate with them in the good times. We really try to make it easy for everyone to find "friends who would rip through a roof for them". Luke 5:17-26

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Diversity is very important to us, & we believe that the Kingdom of God is reflected through diversity of theology, race, and culture. We believe diversity should be reflected in all levels of leadership in our church community. We've seen success in staff and small group leadership diversity, and are committed to growing in making our church community as diverse as the broader community we serve.



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## Upper Room

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Service Times: Sunday 17:00:00,  
Transportation: Yes. Pick up on Sundays at ,

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our mission is centered on the Great Commandment in Mark 12, we are "a community loving God and others in the Rhythm of Jesus." In that, we have a huge focus on mentoring. We have a mentoring program for our HS and JH students, where every student has an adult mentor. We also have adult mentoring, where every adult who wants a mentor has access to one.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We hope that people who are calling Upper Room their home commit their finances or time to our missions.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We have worship as a part of the Sunday night gathering.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges?**

#### **What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Discovering their purpose. Our church is doing a co-hort with Fuller Institute this fall around vocation for ages 19-29 called URcalled.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We embrace diversity of theological thought. Unfortunately we don't have a wide variety of racial diversity, but it's a part of our individual community members lives. We're engaged in conversations as a community around this and are continually diving in.



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