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Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.

Memorial is a Gospel-Centered Church

Jesus led, Pastor guided, Deacon served, Congregation affirmed.

God places His people together in the context of a local body of believers (His church), not by accident, but for the Spirit-empowered purpose of glorifying Him through repenting and believing the Gospel of His son, Jesus Christ. Through His church we see His kingdom come and His will being done as He makes all creation right and new.

Since 1948 men, women and children, transformed by the work of the Spirit, have gathered for worship and discipleship to serve the Lord at Memorial Baptist Church. We seek to continue that mission in Christ and to be as faithful to our King as they were.

This packet contains an overview of our vision for church and membership.

**Would you prayerfully consider if Memorial Baptist Church
is where God has led you to
*worship, connect, grow and go in Christ?***



What is the Gospel?

The most important thing to know about Memorial Baptist is we are a Gospel-centered church. Everything we say and do is essentially and intentionally connected to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

From the Bible

The term “Gospel” comes from a Greek word that means “good news.” Because the Gospel is ultimately the full story of God’s love for His people and extends eternally, there’s a lot that can be said about it, but here are a few places in the Scriptures that show why the work the Lord has done (and is doing!) is such Good News!

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lor

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my Gospel,

Mark 1:15

Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

John 14:16

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel is this:

Although we bring sin and death into the good world God created, the work of Jesus Christ rescues and restores all creation into an eternally right relationship with the Lord secured by His Holy Spirit bringing glory to the Lord and ceaseless joy to those who believe just as He promised through scripture.



The Gospel story for you and the world:

- God loves you and everyone and He has a purpose for our days: His Kingdom Community sharing eternal and complete life together with Him. **(Eph 2:4-5,10, John 3:16-21, Romans 5:8)**
- But, you and everyone else have a sin-problem where we have chosen to rebel against the Lord and what He desires for us. That sin separates us all from God, from ourselves, from one another, and from the good world God made for us. **(Gen 3, Romans 1:25, Romans 3:23, Eph 2:1-3)**
- The good news is that, through God's love and grace, Jesus Christ lived for you, died for you, was raised for you, and sent the Spirit for you, so you can be forgiven and we can live as His beloved Kingdom Community as one in Christ. **(Eph 2:4-10, Romans 3:23-25, Romans 5:6-9, John 14:6, John 10:14-18)**
- If you enter into Jesus' Kingdom through repentance and faith in Christ's life, death and resurrection, you will be reconnected to God, yourself, others, and to this world through His Spirit He places within us to seal us and transform us. **(Romans 10:9-10, Eph 2:8-9, John 14: 26, Eph 1:13-14, , Gal 5:22-23, Romans 12:1-2)**
- Those who are rescued and reconnected like this now live as God's Kingdom Community, His Church, and are in eternal union with God and communion with others by His Spirit. **(Eph 4:4-6, Col 3:12-17, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12, Eph 5:1-2)**
- Those who are now in Christ live and preach this Gospel, and they do not depart, in spirit or in the flesh, from the Church, God's Kingdom Community. Instead, they will participate in what God is doing: constructing and sharing in the Kingdom Community even now as we worship God passionately, connect with each other authentically, grow to know the Lord deeply and go and declare the Gospel boldly as one in Christ. **(Matthew 28:18-20, John 15:9-13, 1 John 2:6, Hebrews 12:1-2, John 13:13-17, Gal 3:27, 1 Peter 2:9)**
- One day the Lord will return and make all things new. Until then, you and everyone who is in Christ will continue to live and preach the Gospel as Jesus taught us to see His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **(Rev 21, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:1-3, John 3:16)**

What does it look like to believe in the Gospel?

We see that the first thing Jesus taught was to **“repent and believe in the Gospel.”** (Mark 1:15)

To repent is to change our mind and overall view of the world – to rethink the things we think about. This new vision and view is seen through the Gospel Jesus taught, and as we believe in His Gospel, we are transformed by Him as His disciples who seek to live as King Jesus lived – the way we were created to live.

To believe is to hold as truth what the Lord has shown to be true, and to be certain that He is fully trustworthy and will do what He says.

The Gospel Jesus teaches and we see all throughout scripture brings to light these realities in our life:

- I am more broken and sinful than I ever dared believe, and at the same time, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope, because of Jesus.
- My only hope for being right before the Lord and living the life He created for me to live is in and through Jesus Christ.
- Through putting my faith in Jesus alone, His righteousness covers me and His Holy Spirit enters and transforms my heart to know and love Him more fully and live the life He created me to live.
- The Gospel is not just about my individual happiness or God’s plan for my life. The Gospel is about God’s plan to redeem the whole world by rescuing our hearts (including mine!) and restoring our relationships to Him and to each other.

Those who **repent and believe in the Gospel** are **His disciples.**

Jesus’ last words to His disciples help to explain what it means to be a disciple:

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

So, what is a disciple?

Those who have **repented and believe in the Gospel** are His **disciples**, and they look to Him as the way, truth and life.



A disciple is actively learning what it means to follow the commands of the Lord and aiming to apply them to absolutely every part of life, trusting and following Him step by step. And as a disciple learns what it means to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, that natural result is to share this with others so that His disciples might join together as one **in Christ** in His Church - The Kingdom of God

How do I grow as a disciple?

There are several ways that the Gospel applies to our lives. That is what it means to repent and believe. It is an ever-growing process often called 'sanctification.' Most simply, we grow as a disciple **in Christ** through His Spirit working in our lives, and the work of the Spirit will always include a healthy relationship with **Prayer, Scripture and Church**.

- Prayer is intentional, intimate, communication with the Lord- the One who created you, knows you and passionately loves you.
- Scripture is the Bible, God's Word given to us so that we may know Him and follow Him
- Church is the community of Jesus' disciples gathering together to seek Him and His Kingdom

As Jesus' disciples who follow His teachings we find that He has told us the **greatest commandment**:

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:36-40

**To be His disciple is to Love Him with everything we are and to love others.
We love others by loving Him and being transformed by Him and we love
Him as we love others in the way He loved us.**

John 15:12-13, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:7-12

Have you repented and believed in the Gospel of King Jesus?

If you have not, dwell on these words from one of Jesus' disciples, Peter, and take some time to talk with the Lord now!

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **Acts 2:38-39**



What's Happening When You Join Memorial?

The Pastoral Leadership is saying, “We commit to watch over and shepherd you *in Christ*.”

The other members are saying, “We commit to watch out for you and be responsible for your spiritual growth and well-being *in Christ*.”

You are saying...

To the Pastoral Leadership: “I’m placing myself under your loving and guiding care *in Christ*.”

To the other members: “I’m making myself accountable and connected to you! I will seek to share real life with you, love you, and grow together with you *in Christ* as one Body- His Church- unified together eternally by His Holy Spirit.

The church is not a club, civic group, political party, labor union, or charity organization. The church does not exist at the permission of the state of Missouri, but by the authority of Jesus Christ the King. We gather together under God’s supreme rule as citizens (members) of His Kingdom sent as ambassadors with His message of reconciliation (The Gospel)



Why Join a Church?

Membership is entering into caring, mutually-accountable, real-life relationships with other believers in which we share spiritual gifts, sorrows, joys and all other life experiences together as ONE BODY (The church). These relationships exist so that you may be protected and matured in Christ alongside other believers, as He has called us.

Hebrews 12:15-16 - See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless...

1 Thessalonians 5:14 - And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Galatians 6:1-2 - Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Membership is a formal way of affirming those who make up the church are spiritually alive and pursuing Christ as Lord, so we continue to grow to maturity in Christ and our witness of Christ in the local community is authentic and preserved.

Romans 12:4 - For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Membership is the way in which the leadership of the church identify which believers they are responsible to watch over and shepherd.

Acts 20:28 - Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.

1 Peter 5:1-2 - To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve...



Ephesians 4:1-5 - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Membership is placing yourself under the loving spiritual care and charge of Christ-honoring leadership at a local church.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 24-27- 12 - Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ... But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.



What is the Church?

The Bible says that the church is:

- A family of believers in the risen Son of God. (**Galatians 6:10, Colossians 3:1-3, Hebrews 2:11**)
- An assembly or gathered group of those whom Jesus came to rescue and reconcile. (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**)
- A gathering of those who love, encourage, bear burdens and sing together in Christ in order to grow to be like Him. (**Colossians 3:12-17, Romans 12:9-13**)
- Those who are being sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be His holy people that assemble in Jefferson City, Missouri and those everywhere who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (**1 Corinthians 1:2**)
- The body of Christ with many members - those whom Jesus came to rescue and reconcile to Himself. (**1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12**)
- Living stones being built into a spiritual house. (**1 Peter 2:4-5**)
- A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation of His called out of darkness into light. (**1 Peter 2:9**)
- A people purchased and ransomed by the blood of Jesus. (**Revelation 5:9**)
- Branches connected to the Vine, Jesus Christ. (**John 15:1-8**)
- A flock following the Shepherd. (**John 10:14-16, Acts 20:28**)
- The highest authority on earth for discipleship to Christ and citizenship in Christ's present and promised Kingdom. (**Matthew 16:13-19**)

What is the Mission of the Local Church?

According to Scripture, the local church's mission is to proclaim, preserve, and display the gospel.

- **Proclaim the Gospel.** Jesus charged the apostles with proclaiming the gospel to all nations (**Matthew 28:18-20**), and he established the church to carry out that task. Preaching the gospel is central to the church's mission. (**2 Timothy 2:15, 4:2**)
- **Preserve the Gospel.** Paul calls the church a pillar and buttress of the truth. (**1 Timothy 3:15**) The church is charged with the task of preserving the true gospel throughout the ages. (**1 Timothy 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9**) It does this through faithfully preaching the gospel, refuting false teaching, and maintaining doctrinal and moral purity among its members.

- **Display the Gospel.** Paul says that through the church God makes known his wisdom to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 3:10**) Through the holy lives of its members and its unity-in-diversity (**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**), the church is called to be a vivid, living color display of the gospel it preaches.

How Do I Become a Member of Memorial?

Our Membership Standards

- Repent and believe in the Gospel of King Jesus.
- Baptism by immersion (in water) as a way of showing your new identity with Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and ascension.
- Agreement with the Memorial Baptist Statement of Faith.
- Affirmation of the Memorial Membership Covenant.

Our Membership Process

- Express your desire to a pastor or one of the leaders.
- Meet with a pastor.
- Be affirmed by leaders and church members at a member meeting.
- Be welcomed at a Sunday morning worship gathering.

The membership standards and process are intended to encourage and affirm your heart as you reflect on the Gospel, your salvation, and your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are in effect saying, "Yes! We believe you are, like us, a sinner saved by grace through faith in King Jesus seeking to follow Him in every part of life step-by-step!"







Memorial Mission Statement

We see our mission as being a direct result of believing and pursuing The Great Commission of Jesus.

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

As those who are repenting and believing in the Gospel, we want to live as His disciples and see others become Christ' disciples who together are seeking to learn and obey what Jesus has taught, trusting in His complete authority over all things and His presence with us always.

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-  **worship** God passionately
 -  **connect** with each other authentically
 -  **grow** to know God deeply
 -  **go** and teach the gospel boldly
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All authority has been given to Jesus.

Therefore we go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

In all things, Jesus is with us always.

**Would you join us as we
worship, connect, grow and go
together as one in Christ?**



What are Ordinances?

What are ordinances and why are they important?

Most families have traditions, and at Memorial we have good number of traditions, as well. A couple of those traditions, though, are explicitly commanded by Jesus in the Bible, and those particular traditions are called ‘ordinances.’

Ordinances are symbolic and reverent actions in which we participate as individuals and as a congregation in order to publicly declare the committing of one’s life to the Way of Jesus Christ. Though the actions themselves do not contain any power to atone or save, we willingly choose to follow as Christ commanded to practice them in bold celebration and profession of our faith and hope in Him.

The two ordinances we recognize and practice at Memorial are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. These biblical commands are ways the gospel is made visible, and they display this gospel and God’s glory individually and corporately. Jesus clearly states these as commands and not suggestions. In **Matthew 28:19** we are commissioned to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In **Luke 22:19** Jesus says, “DO this in remembrance of me” in reference to the Lord’s Supper. We can see these are not simple suggestions but direct commands from Jesus Christ.

Baptism

As seen in the “What We Believe” section, Baptism is described as full immersion of a believer (**Mark 1:10**) in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 28:19**). It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer’s faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, (**Mark 16:5-7**) the believer’s death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus (**Romans 6:4**). Baptism is the act of a believing Christian to publicly confess their personal commitment to Jesus Christ. It illustrates Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection and proclaims to the world you are a follower of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Colossians 2:12**)

Why Should I Get Baptized?

- Baptism is done to follow the example set by Jesus. (**Mark 1:9-11**)
- Baptism is done because it is commanded in scripture. (**Matthew 28:19**)
- Baptism is done to show evidence of being a disciple. (**Acts 2:38**)
- Baptism is a personal step of obedience, a public profession, and a corporate celebration together (**Romans 10:9-10, Romans 6:4**)



When Should I Get Baptized?

- As soon as you believe and trust in Christ you should be baptized. Often people wait a short time so that friends and relatives can join in the celebration of baptism, but it is important to follow in baptism soon after you believe and trust in Christ. **(Acts 22:16)**

Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of the Christian to commemorate the death of Christ. The tradition of the Lord's Supper began while Jesus and his Disciples were celebrating the Passover meal the night before His crucifixion, an event known as The Last Supper. It was during this meal that Jesus took a familiar Jewish celebration and gave it new meaning.

The Disciples would have used this time to remember the final plague before their deliverance from Egypt **(Exodus 12)** but instead Jesus tells them, "Do this in remembrance of me" **(Luke 22:19)**. What is it that we are remembering? In **Luke 22:19** He says, "This is my body that is broken for you," the command of Christ is a remembrance of what He has done for us. His death on a cross, which brought us peace and it, was by his punishment and death we are no longer separated from God **(Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24)**.

The Lord's supper is both a somber and joyful act of worship as it reminds us of the weight of our sin through the punishment and death of Jesus and the beautiful hope of our new life in Him and His Kingdom come through His resurrection. The Lord's Supper is a declaration for all believers that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Christ and He is King. As Paul, states, we eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes **(1 Corinthians 11:26)**.

Why Do We do the Lord's Supper?

If that's what it is, what does the Lord's Supper accomplish? In other words, if someone was a Christian but never partook of the Lord's Supper, what would he be missing?

- To commemorate the death of Christ: "do this in remembrance of me."
- To remember and celebrate with all believers the forgiveness and new covenant we have in Christ. **(Luke 22:20, Romans 6:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-9)**
- It is a reminder of what is at stake in our unity as a congregation. Unity isn't important merely because it makes life in a church more enjoyable. It is important because it pictures Christ. And, nowhere do we see that more clearly than the body of Christ communing around the body of Christ. **(Ephesians 4:3-6, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 25-27)**
- To represent the communion of all believers as one body. **(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)**
- It is a regular opportunity for self-examination. Paul tells us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith; this is a great time to do that. **(1 Corinthians 11:28)**



- It is a picture of eternity together as one church body in Christ. What an encouragement to look around during the Supper and get a glimpse of others remembering and professing Christ as King together. **(Matthew 28:18, Roman 10:9-10)**

So, take note of some of these to think through next time you take of the Lord's Supper. Which of these have you overlooked? Which have you undervalued? Let's work together to make this Supper what Christ intends for us.

Conclusion

The gospel of Jesus Christ is at the very heart of the ordinances. Christ's perfect life of obedience resulting in His execution followed by His burial and resurrection are what we as Christians proclaim as the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the 'Cardo salutis', or literally, "the hinge on which our salvation turns." The gospel of Jesus Christ is where heaven and earth find their fullness and completeness **(John 19:28-30)**. By obeying Christ through celebrating these ordinances we declare to each other and the world that Jesus is King and only through Him the whole world will be made right.



Sacrificial Giving

At Memorial, members are encouraged and expected to follow the biblical practice of sacrificial giving. To believe in the gospel and follow Jesus is to imitate Him through sacrificing in Love for His Kingdom and glory. Giving is one way we support the ministry of the local body of Christ together as one. Through sacrificial giving, the Lord teaches us to live unselfishly and put Him first in everything, including our finances, and we experience His blessing as a result of trusting and following His commands. We do not give out of guilt or shame, we should give with a happy heart.

How Should I Give?

The Bible encourages us to make giving a financial and spiritual priority (**1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7**). God gives. No truth is more readily apparent in Scripture than the generosity, grace and gifts of God. He delights in giving.

As those being conformed to the image of Christ, we should equally delight in giving. And it isn't just giving in general that is expected; rather it is selfless and sacrificial giving that overflows from a heart responding to the generosity of the gospel.

Give Generously

It is true God loves a cheerful giver. In **2 Corinthians 8-9** God speaks directly to this. At the beginning of chapter 8 we read The Macedonians gave generously, "beyond their means," and begged earnestly for "the favor" of doing so. This type of giving is what is expected and radical. This is more than doing the minimum needed on Sunday morning.

Give Cheerfully

Gospel giving is cheerful and voluntary because it trusts that every deposit into the kingdom will earn eternal interest.

A lack of joy from giving can come from an idolizing the temporal gifts of this world or from mistrust in God as a provider (**Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 6:25**)

If you can't give cheerfully, give anyway. Seek clarity and pray for help in your struggle as you walk in repentance.

Give Sacrificially

We do not give to fulfill a law but out of a discipline to care for others out of gospel love. When our motivation is love our commitment is to others not ourselves and we are willing to sacrificially care for those in need (**1 John 3 16-17**).

We need to give to a point that we feel the sting of the sacrifice. We have a call to take up our cross and live sacrificially as a servant (**Matthew 16:24-26**). This should also mean we serve others with our finances.



Give Regularly

We believe you should be open and feel led when a need arises in the Kingdom and especially to your local body. Giving is also linked to a discipline and bountiful giving should be a regular and sought-after practice in order to reap blessing from our Heavenly Father (**2 Corinthians 9:6**). In fact, Paul commands the church to take part in regular, disciplined giving in addition to whatever spontaneous offerings and gifts we might be compelled to give (**1 Corinthians 16:2**).

Give Anonymously

We don't expect you to always hide your identity when giving but we do ask you to consider why you are giving. There is a sense of secret giving in the Word for eternal reward. (**Matthew 6:2-4**) Simply ask yourself, "Am I giving for the praise of man or for reward from God?"

What is a tithe?

The word "tithe" is derived from the word "tenth," and Israel's forefathers had long practiced a tradition of giving 10% (**Genesis 14:20, 28:22**) before it was instituted at Sinai (**Leviticus 27:30-32; Numbers 18:21-28; Deuteronomy 12:5-19, 14:22-29, 26:1-19**).

The Old Testament defines a tithe as 10 percent of your income given voluntarily. While a tithe is not required in the New Testament, we believe tithing is a form of worship that helps build trust in God as provider and protector (**Malachi 3:10-11**).

We would advise that giving a regular, set amount to your local church is a healthy and helpful principle. God commands the church members to support those who explicitly labor for the sake of the kingdom (**1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:3-12**), and the church leaders often have a greater picture of the church's and the community's needs.

Is an offering the same as a tithe?

As you grow in your commitment to Christ, you may choose to worship by giving beyond a tithe. The gospel compels us to give, confronting our fleshly tendencies toward greed, control, comfort and convenience (**Mark 8:34**).

At Memorial we collect offerings to support additional mission opportunities outside of the church. Offerings may also support individuals or charities. Offerings are given out of a surplus of funds and certainly include giving of time and talents.



Elected Leadership

Leadership Team

Lead Pastor, Deacon Chair, Treasurer, Clerk, Church Administrator, and up to four members at large

The Leadership Team is comprised of disciple, deacon and shepherd leaders within Memorial. These elected Leadership Team members are the responsible servants of the church's vision and mission in Christ - tasked with making decisions that best allow the church to pursue the Lord and His Kingdom.

Leadership Team members will serve together as one in Christ as they seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance through private and corporate worship and prayer.

Under the leadership of the church's Shepherds and the encouragement and support of the deacons and disciple members, the Leadership Team will oversee the day-to-day business of the church and work together with the church body to fulfill God's ministries and missions for His kingdom locally, nationally and internationally. The Leadership Team meets on regularly scheduled basis to accomplish these things.

Finance Council

Sub team that handles the finances of the church through stewardship, accounting and budgeting.

Personnel

Sub team that handles the care, encouragement, and accountability of the paid staff.

Corporate Board

Three elected members of the church that represent the church in any legal or official capacity for church business (signatures, legal documents, financial documents, etc.).

Deacons

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Deacon Chair, Ordained Deacons and Yokefellows

Deacons are first and foremost servants, as in accordance with the meaning of the word "deacon" and the practice of the New Testament. Deacons are servants who lead, and leaders who serve. Deacons are to serve with the lead pastor, staff, and church to engage in the mission, proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers, and care for the church's members and other persons in the community. The Deacons meet once a month.



Staff

Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-12, Ephesians 4:12, 1 Timothy 3: 1-7, Titus 1:5-9

Pastors, Worship Leader, Administrative

The paid staff of the church is here to shepherd and equip the church body-counseling, benevolence, hospital or home visits and phone calls or any congregational needs. They handle the day-to-day running of the church business, building, calendar and planning. The Pastors provide vision through sermons, discipleship, and working with the Leadership Team, Deacons, Serve Teams and other organizations.

Discipleship Ministries

The Grove Children's Ministry

Deuteronomy 6:4-8, Matthew 19:14, Proverbs 22:6

Nursery Birth - 3

Sunday 9-11:45am

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm (Jan-Mar; Sept-Nov)

Children 4 years - 6th Grade

Sunday 10:30-11:45am

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm (Jan-Mar; Sept-Nov)

Our Church Administrator equips the Children's Ministry volunteers and plans events. We have Volunteer Coordinators that oversee our Sunday and Wednesday nursery and children's classes. There are other children's events throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities are frequent in the Children's Ministry.

Rooted Youth Ministry

Colossians 2:6-7

7th-12th graders Sunday 10:45-11:45am, Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

The Vision for ROOTED Students is to equip, encourage and empower students, families and volunteers to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in everything we do and say.

We chase this vision by emphasizing simple and reproducible events, teachings and applications and by pursuing a faithful, available and teachable (F.A.T) relationship with the Lord and each other. If you are interested in becoming involved, please see Tisha Spencer or visit memorialchurch.net/students.



Life Group Ministry

Acts 2:42 and Galatians 6:2

Adults Sunday 10:45-11:45am

The Life Group Ministry is focused on pursuing a life in Christ and creating discipling followers. This ministry is meant to connect individual members in fellowship, truth and love. This connection will facilitate exhortation, sharing and living life together. We are not meant to live separated but yet bare the burdens of one another. This is best done in groups that live life and serve together.

Our Discipleship Pastor equips the volunteer Life Group Leaders to provide Bible study, prayer, and fellowship to adults of all ages. The Life Group ministry functions in two spheres, Church and Home. The church study groups meet on Sundays and Wednesdays where the Home Groups meet in individuals' homes. The groups also take part in a Fall Fellowship Study. During this time the body comes together to study one topic. It is a combination of media, pulpit teaching, and group study.

Serve Teams

Open to anyone. Ask any pastor, staff, deacon or church leader to get connected.

Fellowship Team

Acts 2:42-47

The Fellowship Team plans events that bring the congregation together. These events could include retreats, holiday activities, picnics, meals, concerts, conferences, and more. These are times to build relationships and encourage with each other. They meet quarterly to plan events.

They also organize new baby, surgery, or funeral meals, baby or wedding showers, going away parties, etc. as needed.

Prayer Team

Philippians 4:6-7

The Prayer Team meets weekly to pray for our congregation, the world-wide Church, our community, and the world. They offer up worship and thanksgiving, pray for God's mercy and guidance, and pray continually.

Mission Team

Matthew 25:40, Galatians 6:2, Philippians 2:4, Matthew 5:16 & 1 John 3:17

The Missions Team meets monthly to focus on local and global evangelism through our own events and in cooperation with other organizations. They oversee a prefunded mission budget and have two Sunday morning update days- Mission Commitment Sunday and Mission Celebration. They update the congregation regularly of opportunities to serve or give towards missions. When someone has an interest in a mission collection, project, or trip they also advise and support when possible.

Hospitality Team

Romans 15:7

This team has two branches, Greet and Coffee. The Coffee Team comes and sets up the drinks, serves, and cleans up on Sunday morning. The Greet Team spreads out to cover the entrances of the building and sanctuary to welcome everyone with a smile and handshake. The goal of both teams is to help people feel welcome and connected. They are also available to answer questions.

Worship Team

Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:16

The Worship Team is led by the Worship Leader and includes the music, sermons, acts of obedience (tithe, response, sacraments) and technology to provide a congregational Worship of God. They plan, practice, and present a message to God's people each week through song, word and media. The Worship Team practices on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. If you have interest in serving on this team, please see the Worship Leader.

Campus Team

2 Corinthians 9:8

God has given us the resources of property, vehicles, and buildings to complete His good works. They are a testament to the believers who sacrificed and offered freely their gifts and talents to provide a gathering place for God's people to reach the community and the world. The care and maintenance, additions, and design of this property shows respect for the resources God has given to us to steward well and make available to our community when possible. The team meets as needed to make recommendations about how best to repair, preserve, prevent problems, and improve the property. They take on many of the projects but also collect bids for professionals when needed and brings them to the Leadership Team.



Memorial Baptist Statement of Faith

Genuine unity is built upon a common faith in essential truth. Below is a summary of what we believe and teach on the essentials of the faith.

Memorial Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and subscribes to the below essentials of faith as are also included in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

God

There is one and only one living and true God. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Man

Man is the special creation of God, in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. ...All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end.

The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. ...It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members ... memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.



Evangelism & Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion.

Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions.

Cooperation

Christ's people should organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations.



The Christian & the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society in the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death

Religious Liberty

Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal.

Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image.

A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family.

A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage.



Memorial Membership Covenant

Believing that the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct (**1 Timothy 3:16**), and having, as we trust, been bought by the grace and mercy of our God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him (**Titus 3:4-5, Mark 1:15**), and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 28:19, Acts 8:12**) we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully commit to one another (**Hebrews 10:23-25**) that:

- We will work to preserve and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (**Ephesians 4:3-6**)
- We will walk together in familial love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, will exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other, faithfully admonishing one another as occasion may require. (**Rom. 12:10-13, Colossians 3:16**)
- We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, the study and reading of the Holy Scriptures, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. (**Acts 2:46, 5:42, 1 Timothy 4:13**)
- We will endeavor to bring up our children to know and understand the Lord, and by a pure and loving example, seek the salvation of our family and friends. (**Colossians 3:18-21, Philippians 2:14-16**)
- We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. (**Romans 12:15, 1 Corinthians 12:26**)
- We will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life. (**1 John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17**)
- We will work together for the continuance of a faithful, evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. (**Colossians 3:12-17, Hebrews. 10:23-25, 1 Peter 3:14-16**)
- We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. (**2 Corinthians 9:7, Hebrews 13:16, Romans 12:13**)
- We will, should we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can live out the teachings of God's Word. (**Hebrews 10:25**)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. Please let us know if you have any questions about your relationship to Jesus Christ, the church, membership, the church mission, or any of the church ministries.

- Yes, I desire to be a member of Memorial Baptist Church.
- I trust that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.
- I've been baptized in water to proclaim my faith and identify my life with Jesus'.
- I have read and affirm the Memorial Baptist Statement of Faith.
- I have read and affirm the Memorial Membership Covenant
- I'm Interested in serving in _____ area.
- I need more information before I can make a decision to become a member.



Memorial Baptist Staff

David Newton - Lead Pastor

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Heyo! Born and raised in Springfield, MO(Spring-Vegas!), I lived in Bolivar, MO (BOMO) for 10 years and have been in Jefferson City (Jeff) for 10 years. It is important to have short-hand nicknames for all places one live I think.

After our family joined Memorial the Lord led us through several opportunities to love/serve the church- being a part of the worship team, leading the youth in worship and eventually leading the youth group. In 2018, after some challenging times in the church, we felt the Lord pushing us to shepherd Memorial. It is a wild story how the Lord led us to that, and we would love to share it with you sometime. I believe that I am a mere man, in Christ, called to shepherd Memorial. I strive to open my hands daily to Him accepting all my limitations and hoping/trusting in Christ alone.

Our church is built around the simple truth that Jesus is everything and the Bible is one unified, powerful, beautiful story that points to King Jesus. The only way we make sense of this life, all the brokenness we have and experience, what it means to be human, to love or anything at all is to look to Jesus and submit to Him.

I have an incredible wife, Nikki, and how we came together is the best story I have. Ask me sometime! We have 5 awesome kids (Kohen, Asher, Elsie, Bear, and one on the way) and we love to be goofy, laugh and do stuffs together.

Personally, I really dig hunting, fishing, lifting/CrossFit, typical geeky things, learning new stuff, cooking/baking and coffee. We love having people over for dinner and sharing life together. Come over!

For those curious about my education: I have a Masters Degree in Education and also a Bachelor's in Christian Ministry from Southwest Baptist University.

Like everyone, I have made a disgustingly large chunk of poor decisions in my past with addiction, selfishness, foolishness and the like. But the Lord has made me new in Christ by His great love/grace/mercy and I am confident He will continue to do so step-by-step forever.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." - Jesus, John 6:63

Look to Jesus and live!



Adam Moss - Associate Pastor

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Hello everyone! I have lived in Mid-Missouri my whole life but only in Jefferson City (Jeff City) for the last 15 years. Originally, I hailed from Brumley, which is a small town outside of Lake of the Ozark. I grew up a farm boy but never really took to that life.

Sara grew up in Las Vegas and later moved to Canton, MO, which is a small, northeast town across the river from Quincy, IL. We met at the rolling campus of Culver-Stockton College where it was love at the 10th or 15th sight. We were married in 2008 and moved to Jefferson City. We have three children Isaac, Hannah, and Jacob. After a few years in Jeff City, we found a church home with Memorial Baptist Church. The worship and teaching drew us in and the family we gained compelled us to stay. We put down roots and have been members ever since.

During our time at Memorial, we served in many capacities, including Communications/Graphics, Personnel, Youth/Children's Ministry and even as the director of the small group ministry. Eventually, the Lord led my family to shepherd the church in 2018 alongside the Newton family. The Lord has truly been good to this church body bringing us out of some challenging times and we are so happy to be a part of what He is doing here with this body.

My family has a motto, rooted but ever-ready. Wherever we are we build relationships, but we are also ever ready to respond to how the Lord would move. This became true when the Lord used our love for missions and called our family to a year of missionary work, traveling the country in an RV. It was a marvelous experience, and we're grateful the Lord invited us to participate in that ministry for however short a time. My family and I still love camping and the outdoors. We love sitting around a campfire and just taking in the night air.

Memorial is more than just a church; it is truly a family. I would like to present you with an open invitation to come. Come and seek Jesus with us. We are not perfect, we may not even be the coolest, but we seek Jesus here. Come and look to Him with us!

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



Kari Sullivan - Ministry Admin & Children's Minister

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I was born in Jefferson City. Coming to church in the 9th grade and to Christ in 12th grade left me lots to learn. Spending most of my time in nursery or children's programs volunteering, I learned the well-known Bible stories. I was a teacher for 9 years before beginning in ministry and have used my education to disciple children.

I have served the Memorial family since 2008 and a member since 2000. Most of that time has been spent in Children's Ministry but recently has included administrative tasks, announcements/ communications, and building use. I also coordinate the calendar for community groups and events.

The Sullivan family includes Jason, Conred, Oliver, Ruger (dog) and we live in Wardsville. When not at the church, you'll find me at the local dinner theater, a choir event, or on my front porch. My passion is to get people engaged and not sitting on the sidelines.

My favorite verse is "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17



Laura Harrison - Administrative Assistant

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I was born and raised in Southeast Missouri (near the bootheel). I moved to Jefferson City in 1989. I met Charlie in 1994 and we were married in 1995.

I attended other churches in the area but didn't feel a connection. I attended several functions at Memorial but never participated. In 2011 God began to open my eyes that I needed to participate and work with his people at Memorial Baptist Church. In 2013 Charlie and I felt led to join the Memorial family.

Charlie and I have three adult daughters, LeAnn, Susie, Michelle and enough grandkids to make a baseball team (with subs) and a couple of great grandkids.

I oversee the Hospitality Team. I have been the church Administrative Assistant since 2018. I feel honored to serve God's people and work with his amazing followers at Memorial.



Nathan Baysinger - Worship Pastor
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I am a long-time member of Memorial, who has been volunteering in worship ministries for several years before being called to lead out in worship in 2021. I graduated from Hannibal-La-Grange in 2016 with a B.S. in Biblical Studies, and I am currently pursuing further, theological education at Southwestern Seminary. My wife, Katie, and I have been married since 2014.



Tisha Spencer - Director of Youth Ministry
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I grew up in Jefferson City in a strong Christian family. My parents joined Memorial Baptist nearly 60 years ago, and I've always considered this church my extended family. I've served as church pianist for over 30 years and enjoy being part of the worship team and financial council.

For years I was sure I "couldn't deal with teenagers," but God started working on my heart, and he called me to youth ministry in 2021. Now I enjoy every minute studying the scripture and doing life with amazing teenagers.

My husband, Scott, and I have been married for 25 years, and we have two great kids. Rylee is a vocal music education major at University of Central Missouri, and Addy is a freshman at Capital City High School.



My "other job" is running Firehouse Design, a graphic design and marketing firm. Scott retired from firefighting a few years ago and joined the Firehouse Design team. In my downtime, I enjoy working outdoors and road trips in our classic cars.

In Memorial's Rooted Student Ministry, we embrace Colossians 2:6-7: Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Resources

Sign up for the Breeze Directory and Calendar

To be added, email getconnected@memorialchurch.net
Then login at: memorialchurch.breezechms.com

This Week at Memorial Email

To be added, call the office or email getconnected@memorialchurch.net

RightNow Media

Bible-based media for adults and kids.

Email: getconnected@memorialchurch.net to get your free login

Facebook [memorialchurchjc](#)

Facebook Closed Prayer Group

To be added, call the office or email getconnected@memorialchurch.net

Student Facebook [rootedmbcjc](#)

Student Instagram [rootedmbc](#)

Student Weekly Texts Text [mbc](#) to 81010

Madison Street

SANCTUARY BUILDING

1st Floor

Fellowship Hall
Kitchen
Boomers for Christ LifeGroup
Kingdom Hearts LifeGroup
Young Adults

2nd Floor

Sanctuary

Main Entrance

EDUCATION BUILDING

1st Floor

Babies - 1st Grade

2nd Floor

4th-5th Grade

3rd Floor

2nd-3rd Grade

Back Parking Lot

CHAPEL BUILDING

1st Floor

Administrative Offices
Plan B LifeGroup/Library
Real Talk LifeGroup

2nd Floor

Rooted Students
Grades 7-12

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Sunday Worship	9:15 am
Sunday Life Groups	10:45 am
Wednesday Night Activities	6:00 pm