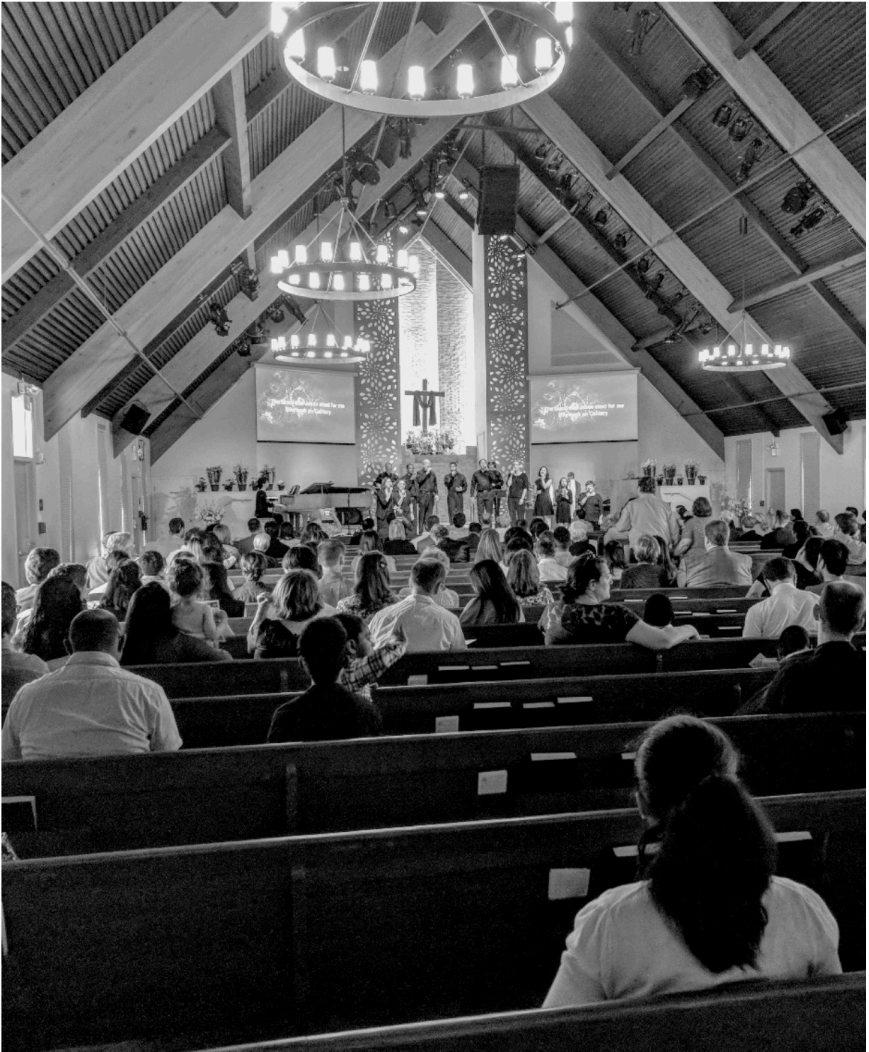


STEPONE

Become a member





Vision

Reflecting Christ,
Transforming Communities

Mission

Empowering every person to be a disciple
of Jesus Christ and a center of influence
for the Kingdom of Heaven.



OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 NIV

"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers."

EPHESIANS 1:17-19 MSG

Our spiritual journey consists of four steps:

1 _____

"[I pray]...that you may know Him better [personally]."

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 NIV

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'"

MATTHEW 7:21-23 NIV



2

"[I pray]... that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [focused and clear]"

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 NIV

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

JAMES 5:16 NIV

3

"[I pray]... that you may know the hope to which He has called you."

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 NIV

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

ROMANS 12:6 NIV

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 NLT

4

"[I pray]... that you may grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers [in his holy people]."

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 NIV

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples...I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

JOHN 15:8,11 NIV

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 PETER 4:10 NLT





1. KNOW GOD

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Saturday service is for people at all stages in their spiritual journey and is designed for those who are desiring to grow in their relationship with God.



Our Saturday service focuses on four values:

1 _____

We believe church should be enjoyable.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

PSALM 122:1 NKJV

2 _____

We believe church should be a place where people experience God's presence.

"But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, 'Truly God is here among you!'"

1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25 GNT

3 _____

We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 NIV



We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"

ROMANS 10:13-14 NLT





How we share Christ with others:

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full."

LUKE 14:23 NLT

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

1. Accept our personal _____
2. Build a personal _____
3. Share your personal _____
4. Give a personal _____





How you can participate in sharing Christ:

1 _____

Pray that we might reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

"Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

MATTHEW 9:37-38 NIV

2 _____

Give your time and resources to reach people for Christ.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NIV

3 _____

Go to our cities, nation, and the world to serve others and show people the love of God.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go and tell this people...'"

ISAIAH 6:8-9 NIV





2. FIND FREEDOM

We believe life change happens in the context of relationships. Small Groups have one simple purpose: to bring people together. God created us to live in community with others, and it is only then that we can experience the full life God intends for us.

Small Groups provide three things:

1. A place to _____ with others.

"Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22 TLB

2. A place to _____ each other.

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters."

1 JOHN 3:16 NLT

When we do life together, our problems become smaller as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Small Groups become a place where others don't just know our names, but care about what is happening in our lives and want to support us in our spiritual journey.



3. A place to _____ together.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

PROVERBS 27:17 NIV

We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Small Groups are a place where you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.



Small Groups Model

We base our Small Groups model on the early church as described in the Bible in the book of Acts. Small group meetings in homes helped lay the foundation for tremendous growth in the first church in Jerusalem.

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."

ACTS 5:42 NIV

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house."

ACTS 20:20 NIV

We are a church of Small Groups, not a church with Small Groups.



Four things to know about our Small Groups:

1. Our groups are “free market.”

We want people to gather together based on things they enjoy and are important to them. Essentially, the things you are already doing in your life are the things that can make up your Small Group! From sports groups to lunch groups, parenting groups to student groups, Bible study groups to creative arts groups, our groups are as varied as we are. Small Groups can gather for almost anything.

2. There are three semesters every year.

Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right Small Group for you in each season. This is why we have new groups that start and stop three times a year in what we refer to as “semesters.”

Winter/Spring - 13 Weeks | Summer - 6 Weeks | Fall - 13 Weeks

3. Everyone can join a group.

Our hope is for every person in the church to be connected in a meaningful community through a Small Group; this is how we pastor people. Choose a group, contact the leader to learn more and make plans to check out the group in person. Those new to the Seventh-day Adventist Church are recommended to start with The New Believers Group.

4. Leading a group can be a blessing to you and others.

We believe leading a group is simple because we all have something to offer others. Whether it's something you are passionate about, an experience you've had that can help others, or an area in which you are looking to grow, leading a group is a great way to bring people together in meaningful community.



3. DISCOVER PURPOSE

Our Growth Track exists to help you discover and develop your purpose and live the full life God created for you. The Growth Track is made up of four steps which guide you through next steps in your journey to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference.

"Therefore, let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity..."

HEBREWS 6:1 NIV

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JOHN 10:10 NIV



Growth Track

1. **stepONE** -- _____

Explore ministry at the church and find out how to connect here.

2. **stepTWO** -- _____

Delve into discipleship and what it means to grow as a follower of Christ.

3. **stepTHREE** -- _____

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry.

4. **stepFOUR** -- _____

Connect to the opportunities available here at church to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts.



4. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the world around us. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe life will never make sense until we find, develop, and fulfill our purpose.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus..."

ACTS 20:24 NLT

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...[and] there are different kinds of [ministries for] God...All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-5, 27 TLB



In The Seventh-day Adventist Church

We believe there is no great divide between the “ministers” and the congregation. Everyone has something they can do to impact the lives of others in the Kingdom of God. From our perspective, every member of the church is a minister, every person is gifted in some area, and every task is important. Discover what you do well and take steps to use your gifts to make a difference.

Just as Small Groups are an important way that we grow together in Christ, ministry teams are the way we work together to fulfill God’s calling. As a church, we want to assist you in taking the next step in your journey in both of these areas.



GIVING

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

We give of our time not only by joining a Small Group and a ministry team, but also by setting aside one day a week to stop the busy-ness of work and the stresses of life. Instead, we focus on God and rest in all He has done for us.

"Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest stands...There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from His. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest..."

HEBREWS 4:1, 9-11 NIV

We give our talent by volunteering and serving in our areas of interest and the church's area of need.

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..."

1 PETER 4:10 ESV

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:14-16 ESV



We give of our treasure, by supporting the work of the local and global church and placing God first in our finances. We acknowledge that the Biblical standard is 10% which is also called "tithe".

"Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year."

DEUTERONOMY 14:22 NIV

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

MALACHI 3:10 NIV

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus and an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. Funds are not "income only"; they are worship and are not considered to be a business transaction, but an expression of gratitude toward God.

Many people love to give to God and as they do, they want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. Here at the church, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of our church, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that God is leading our church to steward it well.



BECOMING A MEMBER

Our Church Membership Promise

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Step One of the Growth Track, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

1. I will protect the unity of my church by:

- Acting in love toward other members.
- Refusing to gossip.
- Supporting the leaders.

"So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up."

ROMANS 14:19 NLT

"...live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."

ROMANS 15:5 TLB

"...have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart."

1 PETER 1:22 GNT

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."

EPHESIANS 4:29 NIV

"Have confidence in 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."

HEBREWS 13:17 NIV



2. I will share the responsibility of my church by:

- Praying for its growth and health.
- Inviting the unchurched to attend.
- Warmly welcoming those who visit.

"To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2 NIV

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come [in], so that the house will be full."

LUKE 14:23 TLB

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

ROMANS 15:7 TLB

3. I will serve the ministry of my church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents.
- Using my gifts to make a difference in others' lives.
- Developing a servant's heart.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 PETER 4:10 NLT

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 NIV

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others...Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a bondservant..."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-7 NKJV



4. I will support the testimony of my church by:

- Attending church and Small Groups faithfully.
- Attending the New Believers Group (if new to the SDA faith).
- Growing as a disciple of Christ.
- Living a Godly life.
- Giving regularly.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

ACTS 2:42 NIV

"And let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another..."

HEBREWS 10:25 NLT

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 PHILLIPS

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12 NIV



NEXT STEPS

1. Become a member

Talk to a pastor to arrange your baptism, profession of faith, or transfer if joining from another Adventist Church.

This important step is not about adding your name to a roster. It's about sharing your decision to follow Jesus, connecting with the church family, and being involved in the vision of the church.

2. Join a Small Group

Once you find a group that interests you, contact the leader(s) to learn more and make plans to check the group out in person. Those new to the Seventh-day Adventist Church are invited to start with The New Believers Group.

3. Complete all four steps of the Growth Track.

- stepONE – Become a Member
- stepTWO – Grow in Christ
- stepTHREE – Discover Your Design
- stepFOUR – Join the Team



