

START

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Whether this is your first time at New Covenant or you've been attending for a while, START was created for you to get connected and involved here at NCCC. Think of START as the official growth & ownership track at our church. Today we're going to jump into week one, which is a basic introduction to our church family.

This Week's Objectives

1. Opportunity to commit to a relationship with _____.
2. Understand the _____ and _____ of NCCC.
3. Determine if NCCC is my _____.

Salvation

The foundation of our relationship with each other is _____.

Christianity is first and foremost about _____ rather than _____. It is about a person more than a philosophy. It is about the most important relationship of all—our relationship with Christ. Relationships are exciting!

Why do I need salvation?

1. Mankind is _____. You and I were created to live in relationship with God. However, sin separates us from God and it always leaves us with something missing in our lives. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23*
2. The wages of sin is _____. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23*
3. Jesus paid for our _____. *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*
4. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the _____. *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6*

5. We must confess Him as Lord and _____. *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-10*

How to start a relationship with God

1. _____ that you are a sinner. *“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38*

2. _____ in the finished work of the cross. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

3. _____ your faith in what God has done through Jesus Christ. *Romans 10:9-10*

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I come to you today a sinner in need of a Savior. Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross for me—for shedding your blood for me. Jesus, I let go of my past, and I turn to you—I turn to the cross. Come into my life. Forgive me. Wash me. Cleanse me with your blood. Jesus, I take my life, and I put it in your hands. From this day forward, I belong to you.

Our Story

NCCC’s story began in January of 1984, and we continue to trust God for his provision and guidance. Our prayer each day is that God would continue to use us for His glory and allow us the opportunity to see more lives changed through the power of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Josh and Alicia Carmody have served in the local church for over 20 years in both pastoral and support roles. They have two wonderful kids: Madison and Austin.

Our hope is that you will find NCCC as a place where you can connect with God, find meaningful friendships, and have a place that you can call home.

We exist to:

_____ God,

_____ Others,

_____ Our World.

Why you belong here: to be a part of a diverse community of people transformed by the love of Jesus!

1. _____ – Small Groups

As part of a diverse community, we should be together, not the same. *“In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.” Galatians 3:28-29 (MSG)*

2. _____ – Start and Next Steps

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2

3. Love of _____ – Weekend Services.

Our services are designed so that you can experience God through worship and the Word. You can invite your friends to attend, regardless of their background with God.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Our Core Values

Core values define what we live for. They describe who we are and how we do the work of the ministry.

A. _____ - We want to be real, share our struggles, share our victories, encourage others, and have a united attitude of accountability. *James 5:16*

B. _____ - The Bible is good for forming our beliefs, showing us the way to go, helping us get back on track, and changing our lives from the inside out. *2 Timothy 3:15–17*

C. _____ - We embrace the message of the Bible and we seek to get that message out using teaching, life experiences, and unified, Jesus-centered worship. *Ecclesiastes 12:10*

D. _____ - In community, we pray for each other, serve with one another, have fun together, grow together, and experience life together. *Hebrews 10:24–25*

E. _____ - We do our level best in all that we do, whether it’s our communication and music, the greeting in the parking lot, the FREE coffee and treats in our clean building, or the way we have ministry for the whole family. *Philippians 4:8*

F. _____ - Faith in Jesus Christ is the firm foundation that makes life worth living, and because of our faith in Christ, we can find hope, joy, peace, and abundant life! *Romans 15:13*

G. _____ - We want you to grow in your love for God, love for others, and your desire to make an impact right where you are. *Ephesians 3:16–19*

Our Doctrinal Beliefs (more available at ncccf.org/beliefs)

1. The _____ - God is One and manifests Himself in three persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Trinity is equal in their power, authority, and divinity. *Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 1:35; John 16:13-15; John 17:11; Romans 8:9-11; Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 1:8-10; James 2:19*
2. The _____ - The inspired Word of God to all people. The Bible is the product of men and women who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is truth and is relevant to our daily lives. The Bible equips us for every good work. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:21.*
3. _____ - Created beings, made in the likeness and image of God. Through Adam and Eve's transgressions and fall from grace, sin entered into mankind. Every person is fearfully and wonderfully made, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect and love. *Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 8:3-6; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:14; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; Ephesians 2.*
4. _____ - Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifest on the earth, as a man, that He might undo the work of the devil and redeem mankind back to God. He did this through shedding His blood by means of His sacrificial death on the cross. Salvation is the gift of God to mankind and comes through faith in Jesus Christ. The first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that produces repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men and women, and when experienced, it produces eternal life. *Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 3:8; Galatians 3:13, John 3:3-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 5:12; Romans 1:16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 7:10.*
5. The _____ - The hope of the world. The Church is a local and worldwide community of believers unified through faith in Jesus. The Church is committed to furthering the Gospel of Jesus and making disciples of all the nations. The Church works together in love and unity so that this world will know the love and saving grace of Jesus. *Matthew 16:18-19; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 1 Corinthians 7:17; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3.*

Our Biblical Practices

1. _____ is an important step of obedience following salvation. It is an opportunity for a Christian to publicly profess their faith in Christ. "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" *Acts 2:38*

2. _____ is a practice that is meant to be observed over and over throughout the life of a Christian. It is a holy time of worship when we corporately come together as one body to remember and celebrate what Christ did for us. *“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.’” Matthew 26:26-28*

3. _____ is a covenant relationship under God that is between one man and one woman for life. The scriptures limit the expression of human sexuality to a marital relationship between a man and a woman. *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24*

4. _____ is a way of honoring God. We recognize that giving the first 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving. *“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*

5. _____ are how we, as a church body, grow in our walk with God and with others. We want to engage people in unified, Jesus-centered worship. We also want to hear the word, read our Bible, and apply the truths found in the scripture to our daily lives. *“Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25*

NCCC Organizational Structure

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

Church Governance:

- _____ is the head of the church.
- Our church _____ provides safety, accountability, and oversight.
- The _____ governs the day-to-day operations of NCCC and is responsible for the NCCC team.
- The _____ executes the day-to-day operations of NCCC.
- Volunteer Team _____ and _____ do the work of the ministry by caring for and leading the people in our church and community.

Church Finances

Many people love to give to God, but they need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore, we strive to honestly, and with integrity, reflect God's heart with the resources that people give to God.

- We pay for a yearly external audit of all of our financials.
- We take 17% of our weekly offerings as tithe and give this to missionaries and ministry organizations.

Church Ownership

Church Ownership is a value that we hold high at NCCC. A Christian without a spiritual family is an orphan. We believe that it is God's will that every Christian be connected and joined to a spiritual family.

What it Means to Be an Owner

The difference between attendees and owners is summed up in one word: _____.

- An Attendee is a _____.
- An Owner is a _____.
- Which one will you be?

What Is The Value Of Ownership?

1. It provides encouragement and _____ in your walk with Christ. *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 3:13*

2. It gives you a place to _____ and use gifts in ministry. *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12*

3. It places you under the spiritual _____ and blessing of godly leaders. *"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17*

NEXT STEPS:

- Commit to following Jesus.
- Sign up to be water baptized (If you have not been baptized before)
- Become an owner of our spiritual family and read the Ownership Agreement
- Come back next week

Ownership Agreement

I have received Christ as my Lord and Savior. I am in agreement with the church's statements of faith, strategy, and structure. I desire to join the church's spiritual family and in doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other Owners to do the following:

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

- Acting in love toward others
- Refusing to gossip
- Following the guidance of church leadership

2. I will share responsibility of my Church by:

- Praying for its growth
- Inviting the un-churched to attend
- Warmly welcoming those who visit

3. I will participate in the ministry of the Church by:

- Attending church and activities faithfully
- Completing START
- Tithing regularly

4. I will serve the ministry of my Church by:

- Discovering and using my gifts and talents
- Being equipped to serve by my pastors
- Developing a servant's heart

I support the mission, vision, Biblical practices, and doctrinal beliefs of the church. I make myself accountable to God and church leadership in all of the above mentioned areas and voluntarily join myself in the church spiritual family.

Owner Name (print)

Owner Signature

Date

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This Week's Objectives

1. Explore three essential habits of every _____.
2. Understand the five _____ of personal growth.
3. Provide an overview of how to connect in a _____.

The Bible provides us with three practices that are essential in the life of a Christian. They help us connect with God and His purposes for our life.

Three Essential Habits:

1. Bible _____

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

How do I get more out of the Bible?

1. I must accept its _____. We believe that the Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible, and inerrant. *"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8*
2. I must absorb its _____.
 - Hearing God's Word. *"Faith comes by hearing the word of God." Romans 10:17*
 - Reading God's Word. *"Happy is the one who reads this book ... and obeys what is written in it!" Revelation 1:3*

- Meditating on God's Word. *"(Those) who are always meditating on His Laws ... are like trees along a river bank bearing fruit ... they never wither and whatever they do prospers."* Psalm 1:2-3

3. I must apply the _____ found in the Bible. *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."* James 1:22

2. Talking With _____ (Prayer)

Jesus exemplified a personal relationship with God through prayer that gave Him great strength. Every person who has ever been effective in service for God has developed this habit. The only way to be a healthy Christian is to spend time with God daily through prayer.

Use the _____ Jesus gave us. *"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" Luke 11:1*

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.'" Matthew 6:9-13

1. Connect with God _____. *"Our Father in heaven"*
2. Worship His _____. *"Hallowed be your name"*
3. Pray His _____ first. *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"*
4. Depend on Him for _____. *"Give us today our daily bread"*
5. Keep your _____ right with God and people. *"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"*
6. Take your _____ against the enemy. *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."*
7. Have _____ in God's ability. *"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."*

3. Giving of _____

John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* The Gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God's generous nature toward mankind. The Bible consistently teaches that God blesses us so that we may bless others.

Areas of giving:

1. Give our _____. *"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16*
2. Give our _____. *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*
3. Give our _____. *"Yes, you should tithe, but do not neglect the more important things." Matthew 23:23*

Benefits of giving:

1. Giving draws us _____ to God. *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*
2. Giving is the remedy to _____. *"After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." 1 Timothy 6:7-8*
3. Giving strengthens our _____. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding... Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing." Prov. 3:5, 9-10*
4. Giving is an investment in _____. *"Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity!" 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

We encourage you to start tithing today!

You might be thinking that you are too far in debt or have too many bills to pay and that there is no way you can tithe right now. If you want to get out of debt and pay your bills on time, you need to give tithing a try. Why? Because you are in need of God to help you with your finances. That means you need to run your finances God's way. The fact is that we have to put God first in every area of our lives. This includes our tithe, and the time for you to give is now.

Five important areas of personal growth:

1. Your _____ with God

Where are you, right now, in your relationship with God?

- _____: You do not know God yet. *"...He who sent me is true. You do not know [God], but I know him because I am from him and he sent me." John 7:28-29*

- _____: You are drifting. *"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."* Hebrews 2:1
- _____: You are growing. *"...your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing."* 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Some ways to stay connected to God:

- Read His Word daily
- Make prayer a daily part of your life
- Serve in the church
- Join a community group
- Find someone who can disciple you as you follow Christ

2. Your _____ with People

Four questions to ask yourself:

1. What relationship needs to be _____? God wants us to do life together. We all need others for support, encouragement, and accountability. You have to look for these relationships. Don't wait for them to come to you!
2. What relationship needs to be _____? Is there a priority relationship in your life that is not where it is supposed to be?
3. What relationship needs to be _____? Is there a relationship that is damaged and not where it should be? Pain of an unresolved conflict is greater than the pain of confrontation.
4. What relationship needs to be _____? There may be times when you have to distance yourself from bad company. *"Bad company corrupts good character."* 1 Corinthians 15:33

3. Your _____ Life

Two things to ask yourself:

1. *What can I do with _____?* You should be doing these three things with money:
 1. Spending
 2. Giving
 3. Saving (savings, investments, etc.)
2. *What is my _____ plan?* When you fail to plan, you plan to fail! With a financial plan, your finances can end up somewhere on purpose! A simple time-tested approach to finances would be to use Dave Ramsey' baby steps:
 1. Emergency fund of \$1000
 2. Debt Snowball - pay off debts smallest to largest.
 3. Emergency fund of 3-6 months of expenses

4. Save for kids college
5. Save 15% of your income for retirement
6. Pay off your home
7. Give and Save

“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.” Proverbs 21:5

4. Your _____ Life

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... Therefore honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1. How are you feeding your body? How can you feed your body in a better way?
2. How are you exercising your body? How can you exercise more consistently and effectively?
3. How well do you rest your body? What steps can you take to ensure your body gets the quality rest it needs?
4. Are there any addictions you need to confess to God? How can you seek accountability for your addictions?

A healthy body will move and _____ you to live out God’s purpose for your life!

5. Your _____ Life

The Lie:

A job is simply a way to pay the bills.

The Reality:

Your job can be a reflection of your deepest purpose! If not, it still can and should offer you the freedom to pursue your purpose!

Before you were ever born, God had His divine assignments for you. Your gifts, values and experiences all point to that assignment! *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

Are you doing the work God wants you to do? Yes or No?

- If yes, take your work to the next level.
- If your response was no, this may be a great area to focus on! *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...” Colossians 3:23*

Whatever you are doing at this moment, do it for Him. Do it with the best attitude He can give you. Do it with everything in you. Don’t hold back.

Community Groups

“Sin demands to have a man by himself. It withdraws him from the community. The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him, and the more deeply he becomes involved in it, the more disastrous is his isolation.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

God never intended for us to go through life alone. Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of being in community. In fact, authentic life change happens in the context of relationships.

At NCCC, we believe our church must grow _____ and _____ at the same time. We place a huge value on the community that takes place in Community Groups. Are you lonely? Choose to step into community.

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47

“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

How can our church grow larger yet maintain close relationships?

Every owner should be a part of a _____.

WHY ARE GROUPS IMPORTANT?

Groups provide opportunities for:

1. Bible _____. I need people to strengthen and balance the Word of God in my life.
2. Deeper _____. I need people who really know me.
3. _____. I need people to pray for me personally.
4. _____. I need people who will protect and support me.
5. _____. I need people with whom I can share my story.
6. _____. I need to be honest and vulnerable with others.

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35

How do I get connected to a group?

1. Find a _____.

- Find a group online by visiting ncccf.org/communitygroups
- You can also download our church app by searching “New Covenant FD” in your app store. You can sign up using this app.

2. _____ for a season

New groups start three times a year: spring, summer, and fall. Groups are open to new members throughout the semester.

3. Experience a life _____.

You'll never fully experience all that NCCC has to offer until you connect in a small group! Groups were vital to the first century church's growth, and they are just as vital now.

NEXT STEPS

- Find a group
- Invite someone to church
- Start giving your time, talent & treasure
- Come back next week

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This Week's Objectives

1. Talk about the four dimensions that make up your _____.
2. Take the _____ personality assessment.
3. Discover & identify your _____ gifts.

The four dimensions of Purpose

Our purpose is made up of past experiences, core values, personality, and motivational gifts.

1. Your Past Experiences

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV) "All things" includes all things – the good, the not so good, the things you wish had never happened, even the things you haven't thought about for years.

2. Your Core Values

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV). When God made you, He planted within you certain things that you value deeply. They're hardwired into your heart. Through your life experiences, God has begun to make them clear to you. These are the things that you would be willing to die for. They explain how you come by your personal priorities. These things are your core values. It is important for all of us to clarify our values.

Core values in the Bible:

Samuel stood for integrity.

David stood for intimacy with the Father.

Solomon stood for wisdom.

Core values in public figures:

Billy Graham stood for evangelism.

Mother Theresa stood for compassion.

3. Your Personality

Take the DISC Assessment

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

1. DISC Assessment Discussion

2. Exploring the Different Areas of Your Personality

- Public
- Private
- Un-Perceived
- Potential

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.” John 14:12

4. Your Motivational Gifts

“Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.” 1 Corinthians 12:1

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8

Motivational gifts are not...

1. Natural Aptitudes, Strengths, or _____

We all have natural abilities that we’ve learned from those around us regardless of Christian faith.

2. _____ Traits

We are all called to have character, and our gifts should produce the nature of Jesus Christ in each person. For example, a person should not say he or she has the “gift of peace” when we are all encouraged to develop that characteristic.

3. Titles and _____

Motivational gifts often lead to titles or positions, but a person may have the gift without the role or the role without the gift.

4. For _____

Motivational gifts are endowments given by God to His people for accomplishing His purpose on the earth. Motivational gifts are given for the glory of God. *“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts... try to excel in gifts that build up the church.” 1 Corinthians 14:1*

How do I receive Motivational gifts?

- Accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.
- Apply yourself to learning about motivational gifts.
- Ask the Lord to reveal your motivational gifts.

What are motivational gifts for?

- To build up the church
- Gifts are given to individuals for the good of the whole body

What do I do now?

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...” Hebrews 12:1-2

1. _____ your feelings. Your gift may tie in directly with your temperament and personality.
2. _____ the opportunities.
3. _____ and grow in your gifts.
4. _____ your results.
5. _____ on feedback from the church family.

NEXT STEPS:

- Take the Motivational Gifts Assessment and bring it back next week completed and ready to discuss.
- Schedule a 1-on-1 coffee/lunch with a member of our staff.
- Discuss your personality & spiritual gifts with someone who knows you
- Come back next time and see where you can serve!

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Event Objectives

1. Learn the _____ of serving alongside others at NCCC.
2. _____ all the areas where you can serve.
3. Receive specific next _____ to joining a team or facilitating a community group.

Team Members and Group Facilitators:

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. Teams are the community where that happens.

Why serve on a team or facilitate a group?

1. I have a _____ to live a life of faith with.

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." Romans 12:4–5

2. I have friends who _____ with me.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the last day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

3. I have a fulfilling place to make an _____.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think

about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me —put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:8-9, 13

What goes into making a great team?

What does a great team member look like?

1. You buy into the _____.
2. You're willing to be _____.
3. You allow yourself to be _____.
4. You prioritize _____ over words.
5. You are _____ wherever you are on the team.

What makes a great team?

1. Having the right _____.
2. Having the right _____.
3. Doing ministry out of _____.

My responsibility to you as your pastor: *Acts 20:27-31 (NIV)* “For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,^[a] which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.”

As the pastor, I am:

1. An _____
2. To care for and _____ the congregation
3. To protect the congregation through unity. If I care for and feed the flock but don't protect it, I'm just fattening you up for the wolves. I encourage all of us to protect the unity of our church.

Our Core Values Reviewed:

1. **Authenticity.** We want to be real, share our struggles, share our victories, encourage others, and have a united attitude of accountability. *James 5:16*

2. **Bible Engagement.** The Bible is good for forming our beliefs, showing us the way to go, helping us get back on track, and changing our lives from the inside out. *2 Timothy 3:15–17*
3. **Current Communication.** We embrace the message of the Bible and we seek to get that message out using teaching, life experiences, and unified, Jesus-centered worship. *Ecclesiastes 12:10 (MSG)*
4. **Doing Life Together.** In community, we pray for each other, serve with one another, have fun together, grow together, and experience life together. *Hebrews 10:24–25*
5. **Excellence.** We do our level best in all that we do, whether it's our communication and music, the greeting in the parking lot, the FREE coffee and treats in our clean building, or the way we have ministry for the whole family. *Philippians 4:8*
6. **Faith.** Faith in Jesus Christ is the firm foundation that makes life worth living, and because of our faith in Christ, we can find hope, joy, peace, and abundant life! *Romans 15:13*
7. **Growth.** We want you to grow in your love for God, love for others, and your desire to make an impact right where you are. *Ephesians 3:16–19*

How to Join a Team:

1. Finish START
2. Return signed Ownership Agreement
3. Complete New Team Member Application and Orientation (background check, basic description of team, meet the leader, etc.)

How to facilitate a Community Group:

1. Finish START
2. Return signed Ownership Agreement
3. Complete New Group Facilitator Application and Orientation (background check, basics of facilitating a group, meet the community group director, etc.)

We are going into the world and making disciples by equipping, commissioning, and supporting ordinary people to do the extraordinary work of the Gospel.

TEAM DESCRIPTIONS

GUEST SERVICES/FIRST IMPRESSIONS

As a Guest Services team member, you'll have the unique opportunity to create an incredible guest experience for every person who walks through our doors.

- Connect Team
 - Greeters
 - Hospitality
 - Parking Lot
 - Welcome Center
 - Transportation Ministry (bringing people to and from NCCC)
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KIDS/YOUTH

The Kids/Youth team offers a place where infant children through High School can discover and develop a passion for God through worship, bible teachings, small groups, and a variety of fun activities.

- Kovenant Kids
 - Xtreme Kids
 - Five8
 - Moxie
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WORSHIP & PRODUCTION

The Worship & Production team oversees our services from a creative standpoint.

- Worship Team
 - Sound Tech
 - Visual - Camera and Screens (ProPresenter)
 - Set and Graphic Design
 - Video Announcements
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CARE

As part of the care team, you are able to meet needs of others in the body who may be going through a rough time or experiencing the need for a little extra help. Here are a couple of things you would do as a part of the care team:

- Hospital Visits
 - Meals (new moms and crisis situations)
 - Prayer List
 - Funerals - serving or bringing food
 - Intercessory Prayer
 - C.R.E.W. (mowing, snow removal, projects, etc)
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OUTREACH

As a church, we are committed to serving and resourcing our community. Do you love helping others in need? Community Outreach opportunities include:

- Community Events: No Fear Zone, Oil Changes, Meals on Wheels
- Serving meals: The Beacon of Hope Men's homeless shelter, Community Manna Meal
- Celebrate Recovery: Meets every Tuesday from 6-8pm.
- MOPs: Meets Thursday mornings from September-May. You can be a mentor mom, watch kids, help setup, or run sound/computer.