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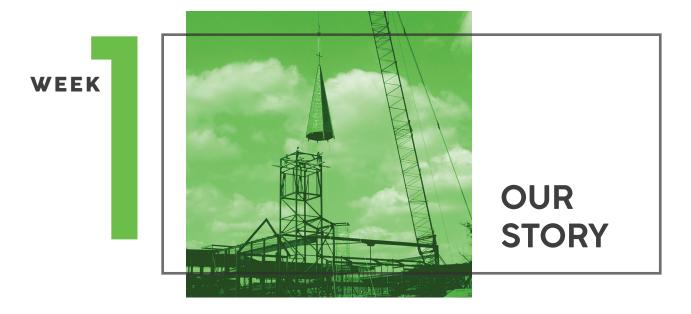
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We are so glad you're here and have chosen to learn more about Christ Chapel!

# HERE'S THE PLAN FOR OUR TIME TOGETHER:

WEEK 1: Our Story WEEK 2: Your Story WEEK 3: Merge the Stories



Christ Chapel Bible Church began in 1980 in Fort Worth, Texas. By God's grace, we've grown over the years into a multisite church. We're one church in many locations.

# CHRIST CHAPEL TIMELINE

- FALL 1980 About 60 individuals met to discuss the formation of a new church in Fort Worth
- OCT. 12, 1980 First church service held at Texas Girls' Choir building
- JAN. 9, 1984 Moved into the former Birchman Avenue Baptist Church building
- AUG. 20, 2006 First Sunday in our newly-constructed Sanctuary on Birchman Avenue
- JAN. 26, 2014 First multisite campus launched in Parker County at Aledo Ninth Grade Campus
- SEPT. 18, 2016 First Sunday in our newly constructed West Campus in Willow Park
- APRIL 2017 Streamed our first Internet Campus service
- JAN. 13, 2019 First South Campus service in Burleson at Centennial High School

#### 1 • OUR STORY

# CHRIST CHAPEL IS A BIBLE CHURCH WHICH MEANS:

We're \_\_\_\_\_

We're not associated with a larger network of churches.

We don't receive funding from an overarching organization.

• We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible, believing that it is God's \_\_\_\_\_ word for our lives.

• We are \_\_\_\_\_-led, \_\_\_\_\_-served and \_\_\_\_\_-run.

# ELDERS

- Group of men who meet the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 who lead and oversee all the decisions we make as a church
- Serve three-year terms (max. of two successive terms)
- Elder Board includes 10 voting elders and four non-voting pastors
- Make all decisions unanimously

## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Care for the church and its spiritual condition
- Guard the purity of doctrine and life of the church
- Discipline the church in accordance with the Word of God

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

#### - 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

... if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

#### - TITUS 1:6-9



# DEACONS

- Group of men who meet the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 who take care of our church through various acts of service
- Serve two-year terms (max. of two successive terms)

#### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Usher at worship services
- Collect offerings
- Distribute the Lord's Supper
- Administer benevolence funds



Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

-1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

# STAFF

Men and women who love God and you

#### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Know you
- Help you grow in your faith
- Help you live out the purpose to which God is calling you

... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ...

**-EPHESIANS 4:12** 

### TABLE DISCUSSION

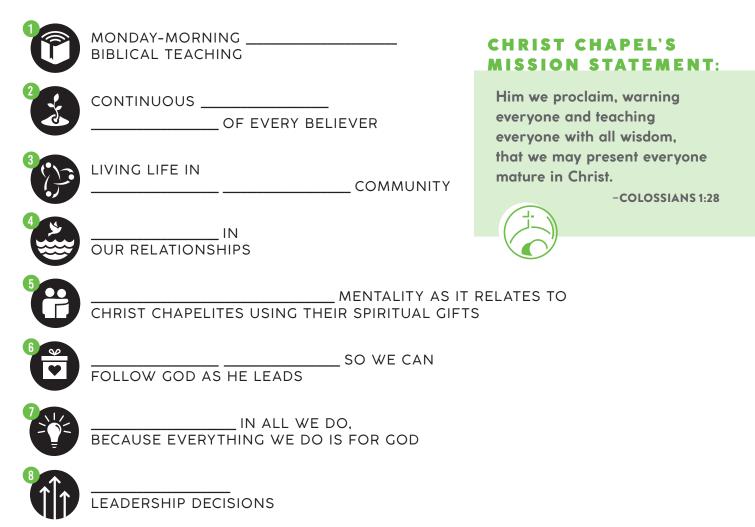
What stood out to you from the video?

Was there anything about Christ Chapel's history or leadership that was unclear? Anything you'd like more information on?



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# THESE EIGHT VALUES GUIDE OUR LEADERSHIP, OUR STAFF AND LIFE AT CHRIST CHAPEL. THEY ARE WHAT MAKE US WHO WE ARE.



Because God has loved us so greatly, we want to reflect that to the world in all that we do. Our eight core values help us accomplish that.

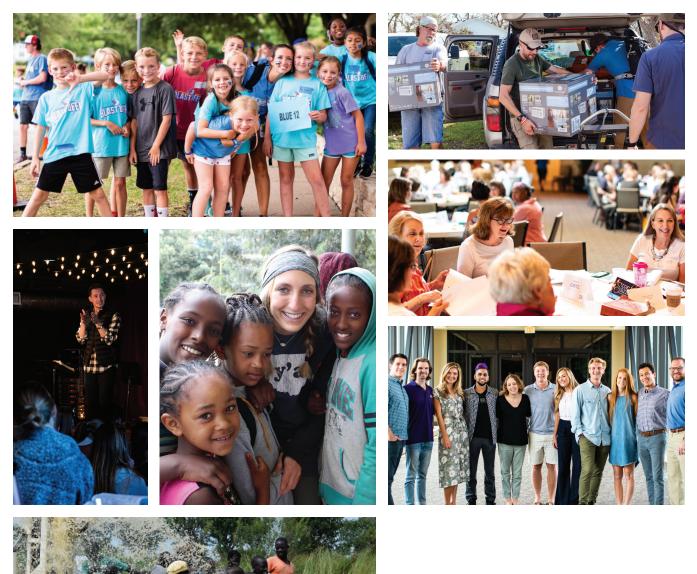
# **TABLE DISCUSSION**What stood out to you about the core values?What stood out to you about Christ Chapel's ministries?Which ministries are you already a part of?Which ministries do you have questions about?



# WHAT GOD IS DOING THROUGH CHRIST CHAPEL

Jot down notes on ministries and events you'd like to know more about!

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We are here to be a light for our communities and share God's love and joy. However we can do that, we're game.

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As a Bible church, there are some very clear things we believe about Jesus and the Bible, and how those beliefs transform our lives.

# SEVEN TRUTHS WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS:

JESUS IS GOD. JESUS WAS VIRGIN BORN. JESUS DIED AS A VOLUNTARY SUBSTITUTE FOR SINFUL MAN. JESUS WAS BODILY RAISED FROM THE DEAD. GOD IMPUTES (OR CREDITS) HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERY BELIEVER UPON ACCEPTANCE BY FAITH OF HIS SON AS SAVIOR AND GIVES THE BELIEVER ETERNAL LIFE. JESUS WILL BODILY RETURN TO THE EARTH ONE DAY. THE BIBLE IS THE INERRANT WORD OF GOD.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE:

It's fully by God.

It's without \_\_\_\_\_.

It has \_\_\_\_\_ over the life of a believer.

It's \_\_\_\_\_-centered.

# CHRIST CHAPEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. - COLOSSIANS 1:28

Our goal, hope and responsibility as your church is to do everything possible to help you become all that God has made you to be. We do that by helping you live out the five purposes.

# THE FIVE PURPOSES OF A BELIEVER'S LIFE:

1.

# GOD

Worship is a direct expression of our ultimate purpose for living: to glorify God and fully enjoy Him forever. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

- Romans 12:1

2. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

Life change happens in small groups.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHURCH AND OTHERS

You have a gift and a unique purpose for your life — we want to help you figure that out and run with it.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND THE BIBLE Bible studies, classes and more — find a place and dive deep!

# 5. \_\_\_\_\_ THE GOSPEL AND DISCIPLE OTHERS

You were made to be a disciple and make disciples. We'll help train you so that you feel ready when God brings people into your life who need to know about Him.

# LET US BE CLEAR: We want you to join us!

If you feel God leading you to join Christ Chapel, go to www.ccbcfamily.org/joinchristchapel and fill out the membership application today.

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# WRITING OUT YOUR TESTIMONY:

Your testimony is simply your story of how you came to know God — when you realized that Jesus is God and died to save you from your sins and you responded to His gift of salvation.

# **REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINING CHRIST CHAPEL:**

- 1. Place your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and share your testimony with our Elders
- 2. Agree with the seven truths we believe about Jesus (see page 7)

#### STEPS TO BECOMING A MEMBER OF CHRIST CHAPEL:

- 1. Complete membership application and turn it in
- 2. Meet with our Elders at an upcoming membership meeting

#### TABLE DISCUSSION

Where are you on the spectrum of worship, connect, serve, grow, share?

Which area can you grow or improve in?

Which area are you excited to jump into in the future?



# WRITING YOUR STORY

Here are some questions to help you get started: How did you come to know God? Did someone tell you? How old were you? How did you realize that Jesus is God and died to save your sins?

#### 1. WHAT I WAS LIKE BEFORE I KNEW GOD:

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#### WE WERE ALL LOST AND IN NEED OF RESCUE.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. -EPHESIANS 2:1-3

#### 2. THE MOMENT<sup>\*</sup> I REALIZED GOD LOVED ME, HAD SENT JESUS TO DIE FOR MY SINS AND THAT I WAS IN NEED OF A PERSONAL SAVIOR:

\*Some of us (like Cody) know the exact date when we began a relationship with God, while others of us cannot pinpoint a certain day or moment. Both are okay!

#### GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE OUR RESCUE.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. -EPHESIANS 2:4-9

#### 3. WHAT MY LIFE IS LIKE NOW, KNOWING GOD:

WE ARE NOT SAVED BY GOOD WORKS, WE ARE SAVED FOR GOOD WORKS.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. -EPHESIANS 2:10

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Here are a few ways to take the next step and connect:

# **NEXT STEPS**

#### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Band of Brothers and Women in the Word, our Men's and Women's Bible studies, are awesome places to study the Bible in community.

Reach out to our Men's and Women's Ministries to learn more!

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# HOME GROUPS

Home Groups are another great way to get to know others. Remember: Life change happens in small groups and these groups meet during the week all over the area to study the Bible and to build community.

Don't leave today without getting connected somewhere. Your Connecting Point leaders are ready to help you take that next step — ask them for help!

# **RESOURCES FOR STAYING IN THE KNOW**

To find out about upcoming classes, Bible studies, events and more at Christ Chapel, there are a few important go-to resources to know about:

### THE SOURCE

A monthly newsletter available on stands near almost every exit of your campus

#### SERMON NOTES

To know what's coming up in the next week, check the back of your sermon notes! You'll find a list of events and important announcements.

#### WEBSITE

Visit www.ccbcfamily.org for all things Christ Chapel. Want a quick link to our events? Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

#### CHRIST CHAPEL APP

Christ Chapel's app keeps everything at your fingertips — the latest sermons, our live stream, digital sermon notes, quick ways to send in prayer requests and give, plus more. Download it in the App Store or on Google Play by searching "Christ Chapel Bible Church."

Don't forget: If you've completed the membership application, turn it in before you leave!

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# TABLE LEADER CONTACT INFO

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