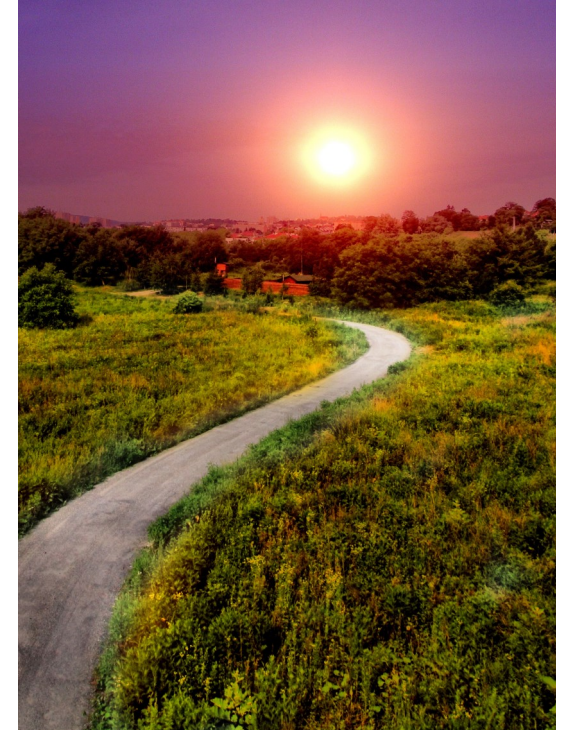


## Our Mission Statement

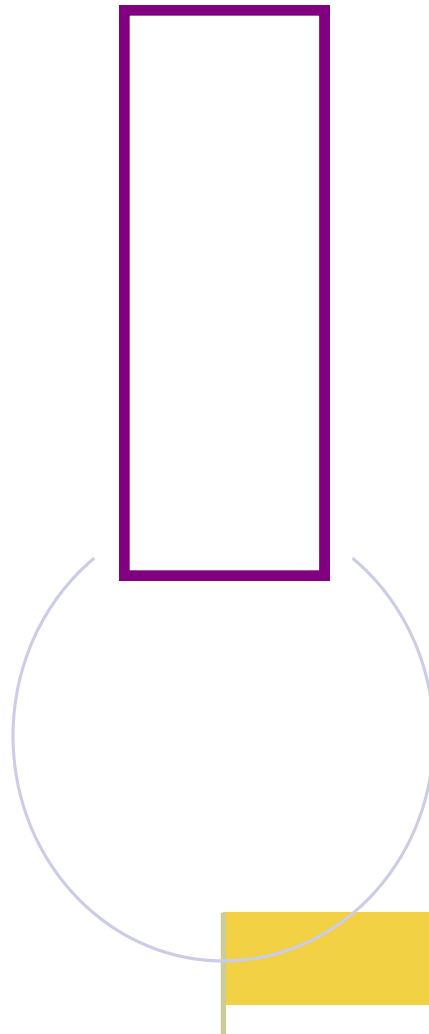


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# Pathway To Personal Ministry



**Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday,  
Today, and Forever!  
Hebrews 13:8!**



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## A Philosophy Of Ministry

One of the greatest calls in life is to follow Jesus Christ in active discipleship by employing one's life, talents, and spiritual gifts in meaningful service for the Kingdom of God, as expressed in and through the **local church**! As every church has their own distinctive approach to ministry, it is important to outline our philosophy of ministry so that you can become prayerfully involved in pursuing your personal ministry.

At \_\_\_\_\_, we are committed to the Biblical concept of **"gift-oriented"** ministry. This is clearly outlined in the following Scriptures:

*"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**"*

Romans 12:5-8

*"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

1 Peter 4:10

## Practical Application

How does this affect our life as a church practically? We are not trying to "enlist volunteers" to staff existing, or traditional models of ministry. Rather, we are seeking a dynamic, Spirit filled, directed, and anointed **"birthing"** of both vision and ministry that is as unique as the individuals themselves.

We are committed to equipping, training, and releasing people into ministry. There is no limit to what God can do in and through your life! What an exciting opportunity to discover your God given ministry, and in doing so begin to unlock the eternal purpose for your life and experience both the joy and fulfillment of serving the Lord Jesus Christ in an area He chooses and you enjoy!

## Relationship Releases Ministry

Flowing out of the concept of **"gift-oriented"** ministry, is the need for **relationship**. When we commit our lives to Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, we are not only entering into a new life as a child of God, we are also being placed into a new family.

*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."*

John 1:12

*"For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink of one Spirit.**"*

1 Corinthians 12:13

## Ministry Is A Team Effort

Therefore, we believe, in accordance with the Scriptures, that all ministry is **directed toward extending the Kingdom of God in people's lives** (Matthew 28:18-20) through the team effort of the local church.

*"Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel."*

1 Corinthians 14:12

*"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6:2

**Through relationship** we find the true purpose and use of our spiritual gifts. We also are able to gauge our effectiveness and receive the counsel and encouragement of our brothers and sisters (see 1 Timothy 3:10; Proverbs 25:14; Proverbs 27:17). **Through relationship** we have the opportunity to put **love** into practice and to experience the true motivation of service.

*"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Let this mind be in our which was also in Christ Jesus.**"*

Philippians 2:3-5

## Steps Toward Your Ministry

So how does one get started on the pathway to their **personal ministry**?

**FIRST** - The initial step is to talk to a member of the pastoral staff. Let them know about your interest in becoming involved in ministry. We have a program called **DISCIPLESHIP TRACKS** which is designed to help you become a part of the life of our church and grow in your personal walk of faith with the Lord.

**SECOND** - Attend the **"CROSS TRACK"**. This is a **4 Hour Discovery Class** which is offered **4 times a year**. The focus of this class is to introduce you to the **essentials of our faith, and the life of our church**. This is an important **"first step"** in the process of getting involved in ministry. We are committed to this core value **"Relationship releases ministry"**!

If relationship releases ministry, then we must have healthy relationships. This means that we must be walking in agreement over the basics of our faith and our life together as a church family. This is affirmed in the next step of **church membership**.

## The Goal Is Unity

*"Can two walk together, unless they be agreed?"*

Amos 3:3

**THIRD** - Attend our **"DOVE TRACK"**. This is a **Five Hour Discovery Class on Spiritual Gifts**. If ministry is to be **gift oriented**, then we must learn to identify the gifts God has given us! This class will help you discover your **personality type, spiritual gifts, and personal passions**. **When these three are identified then you will be better equipped to discover and engage in God's personal calling for your life!**

**Above all** we are committed to assisting you both prayerfully and practically to find your unique call and part in fulfilling His Great Commission! **God bless you as you take these important steps!**