

**Church Directory**

**for**

**Bethel University  
Students**

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### 3 Degrees Church

Denomination: Non-denominational  
Address: Sunday Service: Epic Event Center,  
110 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis  
Wednesday: Textile Building, Pizza Luce private meeting room  
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Website: [www.3degreesministries.com](http://www.3degreesministries.com)  
Senior Pastor: Steve Aleksuk  
College Ministry Pastor: Lanesha Eden  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m. & Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

**What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We encourage our church body to "get plugged in" through serving in one of our many areas of opportunity, tithing regularly, and actively participating in one of our many prayer and/or small groups.

**What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

The worship team at 3 Degrees LOVES to praise God. Their goal is to help people enjoy the freedom of praising God through music and entering into God's presence with worship. The music style is a little bit of everything from Israel Houghton to Chris Tomlin to Hillsong United. 3 Degrees is blessed to have many professional musicians who serve on the worship team.

**Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The growing congregation of 3 Degrees is unique, diverse and distinctive. About 80 percent of the congregation did not originally grow up in the Twin Cities, and many members are from other countries such as Ethiopia, India, Canada and the Ukraine. About 40 percent of the population lives within the city limits and many take the light rail or the bus. The rest of the congregation drives in from all over the metro area.

## **Akina Community Church**

Denomination: Assemblies of God  
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Minneapolis, MN 55406  
Phone: 612.729.0189  
Email: [akinachurch@gmail.com](mailto:akinachurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.akinachurch.com](http://www.akinachurch.com)  
Senior Pastor: Dan Pack  
Service Times: Sunday 10:45 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe discipleship is developed through a practice of prayer, fellowship, and study of the Word, which happens in community. Our Talking Circles is the place where we develop these disciplines.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Participation in Sunday Worship gathering, Talking Circles, Sunday morning prayer, and finding a place to serve in these contexts. Also, to participate in Christian disciplines of prayer, study, fellowship, tithing, & serving.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship permeates everything we do. Our ministries are to bring praise and honor to our Creator.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

The challenge for college students is not new and it would be our goal to integrate them and adopt them into our Talking Circles where the challenges of life are discussed and prayed over.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church is predominately Native American and we have been successful in reaching out to this community with different events. We are always exploring what it looks like to be the church but also being relevant to the community that we serving.

## All Nations Christian Fellowship

Denomination: Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
Address: 6830 Quail Ave N  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429  
Phone: 612.532.1283  
Email: [allan.joseph@anmf.org](mailto:allan.joseph@anmf.org)  
Website: [www.anmf.org](http://www.anmf.org)  
Senior Pastor: Dr. Allan Joseph  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
College Sunday School: Sunday 9 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We desire to be a family of God from all nations who passionately exalts Jesus Christ as Savior, Treasure, and LORD over all of life, and to express His love through the transforming power of the Gospel.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

A commitment to serving Christ and his body.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central - we like to think of Sunday mornings as the high point of the week.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We have a relatively young congregation, with some college students already. We have offered an apologetics class for college and high school students.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a multi-ethnic congregation. Our leadership is multi-ethnic. In Feb 2011 we held a "Facing Race With Grace" symposium, which we intend to be an annual event, Lord willing.

## Awaken Covenant Community

Denomination:	Covenant
Address:	801 Sibley Memorial Hwy Lilydale, MN 55118
Phone:	612.965.0151
Email:	hello@awakencommunity.com
Website:	<a href="http://www.awakencommunity.com">www.awakencommunity.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Micah Witham
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe spiritual formation takes place in the environments of life with intentionality. We focus on 3 environments at Awaken: gatherings (Sunday AM), groups, & serving. Through our Sunday morning gatherings, being involved in a life group and serving and using your gifts/passions it's our conviction that you'll learn more about what it means to follow Jesus as you participate in authentic community.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Sunday AM - Actively and regularly participating in Awaken Gatherings

Life Group - Committed to some type of life/small group where you are doing the work of integration of life and faith with others.

Serving - You know what your gifts are and you are leveraging them for the kingdom at Awaken and/or elsewhere.

Giving - We ask that people give sacrificially, proportionately to their income, regularly, and cheerfully.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is a particular way to see life and should encompass everything that we do in life. Said differently, it is not relegated to singing or preaching on Sunday morning. Worship is a disposition of the heart first and foremost. So to answer the question: Worship has EVERYTHING to do with every ministry of the church and every area of your life.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Integrating life and faith. Making a faith that was given to them and taught to them by loving parents and/or church communities and making that their own. We don't have programs per se that address this but we think it's part of the DNA of Awaken to address this issue and challenge in all areas of our church community.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are 2 miles from the most densely populated Hispanic portion of St. Paul. At this point we are praying with our ears to the ground to see what God is up to in this neighborhood and how He might be calling us to partner with Him here.

## Bethany Baptist Church

Denomination: Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
Address: 2025 Skillman Ave West  
Roseville, MN 55113  
Phone: 651.631.0211  
Email: Elizabeth.campton@comcast.net  
Website: [www.bethanyroseville.org](http://www.bethanyroseville.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce Petersen  
Service Times: Sunday 10:45 a.m.  
College Sunday School: Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Transportation: CLC Circle at 9:10 (Starting 11/06/2011)

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Intergenerational family church.  
Sunday School for all ages.  
Growth groups available.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Participation in ministry at the church, local, and/or global level.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Corporate worship equips us for life and ministry by training us in the Word and refreshing us.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Strong welcoming environment.  
Intergenerational and multiethnic.  
Corporate support of individuals.  
Large component of missionary kids.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Constantly working to be multiethnic.  
Intentionally embracing missions opportunities.  
Working toward reflecting this in worship.

## Bethany Covenant Church

Denomination: Evangelical Covenant Church  
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Richfield, MN 55423  
Phone: 612.869.2500  
Email: [office@bethanycov.com](mailto:office@bethanycov.com)  
Website: [www.bethanycov.com](http://www.bethanycov.com)  
Senior Pastor: Greg Ellis  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We want people to experience life change for good! At Bethany we focus on three areas: Meet God. Be Changed. Change the World. We have weekly worship, prayer gatherings, classes, small groups, fellowship times, and regular serving opportunities to develop well-rounded disciples of Jesus.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

To be cliché: from our members, we expect time, talents, testimony, and treasure. These vary from person to person and from one stage of life to another, but we expect people to be pursuing maturity and growth in each of these areas.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is what we call our Sunday morning gathering - but we also expect our people to be experiencing God and life change throughout the week - and expecting God to move in every area of our week! This is worship: a life that is fully committed to following Jesus all of the time and everywhere.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

At this point, we don't have anything geared specifically toward college students, but we offer multi-generational worship. Bethany has been a place of safety, healing, refuge, and comfort to people in the past and we desire to be this as long as God gives us a future. We can offer you people who have been there, and are willing to support you as you go through this stage of life.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

This is an area of growth for us. Bethany is striving to be a healthy, missional church. We understand that we need to reflect both the neighborhood we're in and the kingdom of God. Our church houses a Hispanic congregation, but to this point there hasn't been much mutual ministry. As a new pastor, I am working to change that. If you're interested in helping, come on by - we'd love to minister with you!

## **Bethel Baptist Church**

Denomination: Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
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Sunfish Lake, MN 55118  
Phone: 651.450.9575  
Email: [bethelbc@msn.com](mailto:bethelbc@msn.com)  
Website: [www.bethelmn.org](http://www.bethelmn.org)  
Senior Pastor: Don Delich  
College Ministry Pastor: Andrew Voigt  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our mission statement is "Our goal is to honor Jesus Christ as Lord and be available to serve Him." As Disciples of Christ we strive to follow His commands, to spread the gospel and to serve Him as He leads us. We seek to develop disciples in our church by Bible Study to learn the word of God that we may know Him, and by providing various opportunities to serve in our church and the community.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We believe that tithing is a command from God and we encourage our members to give cheerfully and sacrificially. We also believe that service to the Lord should be a part of every Christian's life. Prayer is very important in our church as it is direct communication with God. Prayer time and service are two crucial areas that we definitely would expect from our congregation.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We have many areas for growth right now in our Young Adult area. We are always looking for fresh faces and ideas to help young people with the challenges they face.

## Bethlehem Baptist Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
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Phone:	612.411.2997
Email:	mail@hopeingod.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.hopeingod.org">www.hopeingod.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	John Piper
College Ministry:	Pastor: Ken Currie Ministry Leader: Andrew Knight
Service Times:	Saturday 6 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
College Connection :	Sunday 9:45 a.m. (beginning Sept. 11)
Transportation:	9:30 a.m. CLC Circle and Freshman Hill White Chevy vans Through Dec. 11; no pick up Thanksgiving weekend

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe that discipleship is a call on every believer's life (Matt. 28:18-20). We also believe that discipleship is a core means in how God grows and sanctifies His people. Discipleship is most effectively done through life on life relationships that grow deep enough to see below the surface issues and speak into these issues with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Students are encouraged to not only attend church but to be involved in the activities of the college ministry throughout the week. Throughout the week we strive to provide opportunities for students to learn more about the gospel and how to grow in a healthy community of God's people. These opportunities are put on by Campus Outreach which is BBC's college ministry that is on campus.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that all of life is worship and in all things our ultimate goal is to bring God Glory (1 Cor. 10:31). Missions exist because worship of the one true God does not. We strive to glorify God by equipping ourselves to be laborers for the gospel and by living intentional lives that are focused on creating belief and worship in others.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students have more free time and opportunity now than they will ever have. Our culture sees college as a time to 'experience life' and a time to prolong growing up. Our desire is for college students to capitalize on their freedom and potential by investing it in their spiritual growth and the growth of others. We want to mature students holistically and equip them to become laborers for Christ in the world with the gifts that God has given them.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We want to be a community of believers that reflects the demographic of our surrounding areas and push to engage all peoples of all ages with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

## **Bloom**

Denomination: Non-denominational  
Address: 1043 Grand Ave, #536  
Saint Paul, MN 55105  
Phone: 651.560.0015  
Email: bloom@whybloom.com  
Website: [www.whybloom.com](http://www.whybloom.com)  
Senior Pastor: Luke Dusek  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe that discipleship happens best relationally as we learn, grow, and challenge each other. At Bloom discipleship and even church happens best in our Life Groups which take place at least twice a month.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We don't expect anything from those who attend, but many find themselves inspired to participate in a life group, help with our weekend gatherings, or serve alongside us in the community.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that loving and worshiping God is something that has come natural for us as we learn more about his amazing grace and unconditional love. We let our lives be a form of worship to God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We purpose to infuse everyone with confidence in themselves and in God. We believe in our college students and appreciate the unique voice and ideas they bring. We have Life Groups for college students along with plenty of other opportunities to be a part of the community.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a pretty diverse church, not only in race, but also age, and socioeconomic. Our goal is that every person who comes would feel loved and completely accepted.

## Calvary Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
Address:	2120 Lexington Ave N Roseville, MN 55113
Phone:	651.487.2855
Email:	vonn.dornbush@calvarychurch.us
Website:	<a href="http://www.calvarychurch.us">www.calvarychurch.us</a>
Senior Pastor:	Rich Schoenert
College Ministry Pastor:	Vonn Dornbush
Service Times:	Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	TBD; ask Vonn for more information
Transportation:	RC Steps 10 a.m. (Starting Sept. 11)

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

The church is a community marked by its maturity. The process of spiritual maturity focuses on heart transformation, including the renovation of our inner thinking, character, and attitudes. The goal is to become more like Jesus Christ. We may have opportunities for college students to serve.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our hope is that college students will find Calvary a place where they can Belong, Become like Jesus, and be a Blessing to the world. Our desire is that those who are believers would engage in our five purposes: Establish People in Community, Encourage Christ-Like Maturity, Equip for Ministry, Extend God's Kingdom, and Exalt God in Worship.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to the life of our church. We believe that true worship is a lifestyle, not a Sunday morning church service. Our hope is that those who make up Calvary Church would live lives that bring glory and honor to God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are facing the challenges of engaging people outside of the Bethel community. To break down these barriers, Calvary is hosting a college luncheon periodically, and offers a small group opportunity. Ask Vonn for more information.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We offer a Spanish service and are in the process of integrating these families into the life of our Church as a whole. We also have a strong Anuak Community at Calvary. Our hope is that the demographic of our church would more and more reflect the diversity around us. We are excited about this challenge.

## Central Baptist Church

Denomination:	Baptist
Address:	420 Roy St N Saint Paul, MN 55104
Phone:	651.646.2751
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Website:	<a href="http://www.centralbaptistchurch.com">www.centralbaptistchurch.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Ron Saari
College Ministry Pastor:	Chuck Sorlie & Shawna Horn
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We are a church that strives, by God's grace, to express the love of God to all who pass through our doors. Located in the Midway area of St. Paul, our motto is "God's Love...Alive in the Midway". Our child care, children's and youth programs are community endeavors to meet the needs of our community. We have a rich history as an urban church, stemming from our beginnings, over 100 years ago, as an immigrant Swedish Baptist Church. We honor our past, embrace God's leading in the present and await His plan for our future. We invite you to join us for a time of worship and fellowship.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Welcome - Purpose & Vision. Central seeks to be a church in the main stream of the Evangelical tradition that teaches people to balance personal spiritual growth and development with acts of mercy, justice and grace.

We engage in ministries for the whole person which we believe are implicit in the gospel message.

We are committed to racial reconciliation, concern for the vulnerable of society, and fairness and justice in economic development.

We cooperate with the Midway coalition of churches.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

It is central to the life of our church and from it flows the desire to serve, give and to be God's love in our community.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

This year we have begun an Urban House for college students desiring to live and serve within a community within the city. We believe this will serve students in a creative, encouraging and supportive way, as they strive to excel while in school and within the community as God's liaison and servant.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Like all churches we need to grow. Being an urban church we are fortunate to have been challenged with this task for many years. Do we always do it right? Of course not. Do we desire to integrate the gospel within the context of our community and congregation and have our ministry and congregation be more and more representative of our geographical community around us? Absolutely.

## Central Presbyterian Church

Denomination:	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Address:	500 Cedar St Saint Paul, MN 55101
Phone:	651.224.4728
Email:	<a href="mailto:office@cpcstpaul.org">office@cpcstpaul.org</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.cpcstpaul.org">www.cpcstpaul.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Dr. David Colby
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

As followers of Christ, we are all called to deeper discipleship. Discipleship that is broad, and all-encompassing, requires a community of faith that provides support and challenge.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

To be good stewards of their time and talents in all areas of life to love and serve God.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to our life together. In a historic sanctuary, worship features good preaching, excellent music that is largely traditional but with an eclectic variety.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face unique as well as common challenges. Like many others, college students have to balance competing priorities. Like others, college students are exploring vocation and what will happen next. But college is a special time when students are away from parents and encountering new ideas and possibilities. While we do not have a college ministry per se, we do provide resources for these questions.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a fairly diverse downtown church. We have wealthy and very poor in our church, older members and a growing number of younger members, about 15 percent of our membership is non-white. We do a good job of making people feel welcome and included; the next step for us and most churches is to help people make a lasting and deep relationship with Christ.

## Church of the Cross

Denomination:	Anglican
Address:	201 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave N Hopkins, MN 55343
Phone:	952.933.3686
Email:	<a href="mailto:info@ofthecross.org">info@ofthecross.org</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.ofthecross.org">www.ofthecross.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Christian Ruch
College Ministry Pastor:	
Service Times:	Hopkins site: 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Roseville site: 4:30 p.m.
Transportation:	Roseville site only. Please call during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is the means by which we follow our Lord Jesus Christ. Discipleship occurs within Christ's body (the Church) through corporate worship and relational discipleship. In addition to strengthening the faith of individual believers, discipleship unites believers to each other and inspires them with compassion for the lost.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Faith in Christ is demonstrated through participation in corporate worship, giving freely of one's time and financial resources, and being Christ's witness in the world. The church comes together in worship so that it may then go forth into the world as witnesses to Christ and His transforming work. The expectations of the church must be consistent with its mission.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to the life of our church. As God's people join together in worship, Christ is present by the power of the Holy Spirit and His presence dwells within His people. All of our ministries are infused with that same worshipful and incarnational reality.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are challenged by disconnection from friends, family, and church community and the effects of social and spiritual isolation. Our church seeks to serve as an adoptive family to anyone who is disconnected or isolated from others. Though we have some age-specific activities, our priority is to foster community across generational and socioeconomic lines.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

In relation to the broader community, our church is generationally, economically, and racially diverse. As a member church of a missionary outreach of the Anglican Province of Rwanda, our congregation has a heightened awareness of the diversity of the Church and we celebrate its global and multi-generational character.

## Church of the Open Door

Denomination: Independent  
Address: 9060 Zanzibar Lane N  
Maple Grove, MN 55311  
Phone: 763.416.5887  
Email: [ktaylor@thedoor.org](mailto:ktaylor@thedoor.org)  
Website: [www.thedoor.org](http://www.thedoor.org)  
Senior Pastor: David Johnson  
Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

## Colonial Church of Edina

Denomination:	Congregational
Address:	6200 Colonial Way Edina, MN 55436
Phone:	952.925.2711
Email:	<a href="mailto:info@colonialchurch.org">info@colonialchurch.org</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.colonialchurch.org">www.colonialchurch.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Daniel Harrell
College Ministry Pastor:	Brian Jones
Service Times:	Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Aug. 28 & Sept. 4) 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. (beginning Sept. 11)
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Colonial Church understands discipleship to take place as a result of intentionally walking with Christ. An intentional walk includes a balance between worship, Bible study, small group involvement, and service. We believe as we engage in these aspects of a community of faith and through the work of the Holy Spirit, people begin to be developed into disciples.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Honestly we don't expect anything. We hope that people will be inspired to engage their relationship with Christ in real and meaningful ways as an active part of our community and in all the areas of their lives.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship stands at the center of our life at Colonial Church. Worship is where the community gathers in a common and communal way and from worship, people engage the other ministries of the church based on interest and God's call in their lives.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are facing a myriad of decisions as they are trying to being to make a life for themselves. College students are making decisions about relationships, vocation, life style and their futures and we believe Christ has something to say about what that looks like. We do not have a specific college ministry but many college students engage our community through our sports ministry, music ministry, and youth ministry.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Colonial Church engages our local and global neighbors through outreach and mission opportunities. We are theologically diverse but not very racially diverse due to our location in a southwest suburb on Minneapolis.

## Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church

Denomination: Presbyterian (USA)  
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Saint Paul, MN 55102  
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Email: [office@dapc.org](mailto:office@dapc.org)  
Website: [www.dapc.org](http://www.dapc.org)  
Senior Pastor: H. David Stewart  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Dayton Avenue considers spiritual formation a continuing process that we work on together. We have an adult Sunday School that meets during the school year that studies contemporary living based on the Revised Common Lectionary used in the service. On the first Sunday of the month we have a "First Sunday Forum" covering a variety of social issues with speakers.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

DAPC has no "expectations" of our participants beyond a wish to live a Christian life and share with others.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is the center of our church life. At first glance we seem to be a traditional liturgical church, but on examination we strive to be part of the world through use of many sources for our liturgy from the Christian church worldwide and incorporate music and singing from baroque to contemporary gospel. Our pastor of 25 years still preaches a thoughtful, contemporary sermon that addresses contemporary life and issues.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Our pastor works closely with all youth to be a participant in their Christian life and leads spiritual and social meetings.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church is unique in that it is a very diverse congregation consisting of half minorities. There are mixed race couples, single parents, and married couples. In the 1960's, Dayton Avenue adopted the rainbow as a symbol of their commitment to acceptance of all people and the commitment to social justice and peace.

## **Eagle's Wings Community Church**

Denomination: Non-denominational  
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Website: [www.ewccb.org](http://www.ewccb.org)  
Senior Pastor: Brian Bram  
College Ministry Pastor: Brian Bram  
Service Times: Saturday 9 a.m.  
Transportation: Please call the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We focus on discipleship and spiritual formation in community. We strive together to grow closer to God and become more like His Son. We help one another to be accountable to the standards God has set.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

As a new church plant we are mostly focused on group discussion. We are committed to building community and developing the gifts God has given to us.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We are currently in a building and planning phase in the life of our church. Rather than having all the decisions pre-set by one individual, we are encouraging group input through discussion. Easter Sunday of 2012 is the planned first celebration service.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

One challenge college students face is lack of opportunity in ministry at their local church. Often, especially in mega-churches, all the "spots" have been filled. Being a church start-up, we have plenty of opportunity for students to share their gifts.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The main overarching theme in our church is a diversity of thought. Our hope is that by promoting diversity of thought through our discussion groups we will naturally develop all other kinds of diversity. Our main challenge is to get that message out to a wide range of community members.

## Elim Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
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Website:	<a href="http://www.elimchurch.com">www.elimchurch.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Kevin Hanson
College Ministry Pastor:	Dave Walden
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 11:45 a.m.
Transportation:	RC Steps 10 a.m.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At Elim Church, we believe spiritual formation is interwoven into the life of our community. While we have many opportunities to study and grow, we believe an essential discipleship step is participation in the life of the community. We grow as we serve our community together.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

In addition to growing deeper in the disciplines of the Christian faith, we offer many opportunities to serve at Elim Church. It is our hope Elim regulars would serve in our Hope Avenue homeless ministry, Kidz Klozet or Unlimited clothing ministries, Elim Preschool, Praise Team or many other ministries. We are committed to inner city service.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We hope our worship serves as a highlight of our week together. We long for music that will connect across generational lines, a study of the Word going both deep and wide and a worship time together that is truly an expression of our motto "Elim: An Oasis in the City."

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We want to be a place where students find not only a home away from home, but a place to discover where their next home and direction might be found. Our students join together for a light lunch, study and fellowship each week following worship. As in all other things we do, we want to be an oasis place for students while at college.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

With our increasingly diverse, inner city location, Elim Church is constantly exploring ways to better reflect our neighborhood. Elim hosts both Tree of Life Church, a predominantly African American congregation and Comunidad Cristiana Elim, one of Converge Worldwide's newest Hispanic Church plants. We long to be a multi-everything sort of place!

## Emmanuel Covenant Church

Denomination:	Evangelical Covenant Church
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Phone:	651.757.3471
Email:	info@emmanuelcovenant.com
Website:	<a href="http://www.emmanuelcovenant.com">www.emmanuelcovenant.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Chris Studenski
Service Times:	Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Second Sunday every month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service
Transportation:	Not available.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We envision a worshipping community where everyone is growing in their relationship with God. We inspire curiosity among those who aren't deliberately following Jesus, we help those who are curious to place their trust in God's Word & His Salvation and we coach devoted believers towards full maturity in Christ.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

As a guest we encourage you to come, worship and experience God with us. We do invite our church family to participate in our five I's: In Christ, In Community, Involved, Investing, and Inviting.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

In the broader sense of the word, everything we do (if done in a God-honoring way) is a form of worship.

Worship ascribes to God the honor and praise that is rightfully His alone and brings our lives into righteous alignment with His will. We express worship through our singing and through our care for the community around us.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We know that during the college years, students are discovering their faith as their own. We also understand the balancing act between church involvement, studies, and campus activities. We provide monthly gatherings and service opportunities that allow students to connect with other young adults and the ECC church family.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We desire to be a church family that allows people from all ages, backgrounds and stories to worship and serve together.

## Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Denomination:	Mennonite
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Website:	<a href="http://www.emmanuelmennonitechurch.com">www.emmanuelmennonitechurch.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Mathew Swora
Service Times:	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We embrace the historic Anabaptist understanding of discipleship: "No one can know Christ without following Him, and no one can follow Him without knowing Him" (Hans Denck). Discipleship means to take up our crosses and follow Christ, embracing both the joy and the struggle of relationship with God, our brothers and sisters, and the world.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We welcome all for worship and fellowship. But membership means a commitment to our mission of personal transformation, costly discipleship, service, peace-making, and loving engagement with the world.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Just as the worship of God without obedience and justice is a sham, so are justice and discipleship lifeless and unsustainable without the worship of God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We have members and teachers with unique and loving experience and insight into the emerging neo-pagan context, plus others who have undergone a deepening of their evangelical faith to include matters of social justice and simple, hospitable life styles, from their immersion into our urban, multi-cultural context.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

EMC is a relatively young church, and our charter members include Ethiopian and Eritrean Mennonites. Many of our members and attendees have international service and mission experience. Our native languages include Dutch, Vietnamese, Amharic, Tigrinya, Yamba, German, plus many others with Spanish, French, Arabic, Fulani, and Bambara as second and third languages. Our worship style mixes contemporary, traditional, and international elements.

## Faith Baptist Church

Denomination:	North American Baptist
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Website:	<a href="http://www.faimhpls.org">www.faimhpls.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Kerry Bender
College Ministry Pastor:	Mark Jaspers
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	9:15 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We develop disciples through small groups as well as encouraging individuals to participate in a variety of multi-generational ministries. College students can interact with senior aged adults as well as with young children resulting in opportunities to be discipled and to be the discipler.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our expectations are that individuals would want to be part of a multi-generational ministry in an urban environment. We expect those who need healing and to be ministered to would make this known and allow the church body to minister to them. However, those who are "healthy" and ready to minister would be expected to jump in. Prayer, tithing, service, and regular worship are all part of this.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is more than what we do every Sunday morning and Sunday nights at Jacob's Well on the 2nd Sunday evenings of the month; it is our interaction with a community that needs to know Christ, it is our encouraging and lifting one another up. In other words, worship is living life well for God; this begins with worship (singing, preaching, etc.) and it leads to worship.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are facing the reality of making their faith their own while incorporating that faith into a broader community. A student's faith community can often become monolithic -- made up of the same age group, the same economic class, etc. Faith can help students in this area because of its strong commitment to evangelical preaching, contemporary worship, while maintaining a multi-generational congregation in an economically and ethnically diverse community.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We have been successful in diversifying worship style, music, ministries, etc. while not compromising the gospel. Historically we were a German Baptist church with a 126-year history. Because of this history, we struggle in our attempt to reflect the ethnic diversity in our neighborhood. We have tried to overcome this by opening our church to multiple neighborhood events. This has helped, but ethnic diversity continues to be a goal and a struggle for us.

**Faith Christian Reformed Church**

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Website: [www.faithcrcmn.org](http://www.faithcrcmn.org)  
Senior Pastor: Archie Vander Hart  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m. (Sept-May)  
College Sunday School: Sunday 9:10 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

## First Calvary Baptist Church

Denomination: Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077  
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Website: [www.1stcalvary.com](http://www.1stcalvary.com)  
Senior Pastor: Mike Verway  
College Ministry Pastor: Chris Pitts  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe discipleship is a process not an event. We teach and practice progressive sanctification by encouraging accountability and expositional teaching of the Bible.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect those in our church to fulfill the "one another" statements of the New Testament. Our mission is to glorify God by striving to produce loving, serving disciples of Jesus Christ. Our vision is that every member of First Calvary Baptist Church should identify his or her specific role in the fulfillment of the mission; praying and planning toward the future while working and relying in the present.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

The most important event in our church's life is the Sunday morning worship.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

As has been true of every generation, this generation must learn to apply God's truth to its world. To do so requires knowledge of the truth and the character to embrace it. Our College / Singles' ministry and our "A Family for Students" ministry seeks to promote this.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We live in a very diverse part of the metro. We are surrounded by multiple languages and people groups. We desire to reach them but our success has been limited.

**First Christian Church Mahtomedi**

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Mahtomedi, MN 55115  
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Senior Pastor: John Johnson  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

## First Covenant Church

Denomination:	Evangelical Covenant Church
Address:	810 South 7 <sup>th</sup> St Minneapolis MN 55415
Phone:	612.927.3122
Email:	tbratulich@1stcov.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.1stcov.org">www.1stcov.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Dan Collison
College Ministry Pastor:	Todd Bratulich
Service Times:	Sunday 10 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Transportation:	CLC Circle 9:25 a.m., beginning Sept. 11

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our ministries focus on both the inward and outward journey of faith. We desire to grow deeper in relation and reliance upon God and one another. We want to grow in unity and diversity. We want to ask hard questions and not settle for overly-simplistic answers. We want to develop meaningful, transformative, peer, and intergenerational relationships in which we can nurture one another and participate in the life and mission of God together.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect that our community would choose to be authentic, engaged, open to transformative relationships and willing to serve our community and world. We expect to move beyond consumer Christianity and join in God's restorative work in the world. We expect to look beyond own preferences and perspectives, and open ourselves to new and diverging voices that might shape our journey and provide a more robust expression of faith in the 21st Century.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship goes beyond Sunday morning. As the Body of Christ we are called to reflect and draw attention to God's truth, goodness, and beauty with our whole lives and in every relationship. In our corporate worship, we desire to reflect the diversity of our city and God's Kingdom, and therefore engage in a variety of worship styles from modern expressions to black gospel, classical, and liturgical.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face numerous challenges requiring grace, wisdom, community, and a deep sense of our beloved identity. At First Covenant, you will not find flashy programs, but rather a genuinely diverse community of faith willing to join one another on the journey. To help facilitate this, we offer a Sunday morning college gathering after worship, intergenerational mentoring, ongoing service opportunities through our Homeless Shelter and other partnering ministries, retreats, study groups, and mission opportunities, etc...

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

As a downtown church, we have a unique opportunity to reflect the diversity of the Kingdom of God. Though the journey is long and requires much work, FCC is rapidly becoming a multicultural faith community. We are privileged to have Gospel musician Robert Robinson leading our multi-racial gospel choir. With mentoring from leaders in reconciliation such as Brenda Salter-McNeil and Curtiss DeYoung, we are committed to this journey as we explore, learn, and heal together.

## **First Evangelical Free Church**

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**Senior Pastor:** Todd Olson  
**College Ministry Leaders:** Brad and Chris Keller  
**Service Times:** Sunday 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
**College Sunday School:** Sunday 9 a.m.  
**Transportation:** RC Steps 8:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 4

## **Fridley Covenant Church**

Denomination: Evangelical Covenant Church  
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Fridley, MN 55432  
Phone: 763.571.1657  
Email: [office@fridleycov.org](mailto:office@fridleycov.org)  
Website: [www.getrestored.org](http://www.getrestored.org)  
Senior Pastor: Mark Ellingson  
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

"Put up or shut up". We have plenty of opportunities to serve others and the Lord on a regular basis. Our Manna Market, for example, serves the hungry right here in Fridley by providing a meal and a week's worth of groceries to pick out and take home.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We embrace people where they are. Some may need to take the next step of obedience in giving up something that impedes their relationship with God. Another may need to discover that God loves them and wants a first-time relationship with them.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to everything the believer does and is. We worship God in daily activities and then corporately once a week on Sundays.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

In light of the Manna Market mentioned above, we find that college students really sense the need to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Diversity is what it is. Although we have people from lots of different countries at our church, we don't pat ourselves on the back thinking we are better than others.

## The Gallery Covenant Church

Denomination:	Evangelical Covenant Church
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Website:	<a href="http://www.gallerycovenant.org">www.gallerycovenant.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Pastor Brad Kindall
College Ministry Pastor:	Pastor Julie Jane Capel
Service Times:	Sunday 10 a.m. (Prayer at 9 a.m.)
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

The Gallery Covenant Church is a community of people coming to Christ, finding their identity in Christ, reconciling with each other and participating with God in the restoration of His creation. When a person has found his or her story intertwined with God's story, he or she should be constantly being formed and reformed by God. We believe that this most often happens while participating in intentional community and while serving.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We are a new (3 years!) community actively seeking to love God and love others. We put a premium on using our resources as such, thus, 50% of the money that comes in our doors goes directly back into the community. We back up our monetary support with manpower. Regular attendees should worship with us on Sunday mornings, serve with us, and tithe so that we can actively put our money where our mouths are.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

The image of our creator God has been placed within us. Therefore, we seek to give voice to the creativity implanted within us, and we seek to use that creativity for His glory in our daily lives and in our worship gatherings. We believe that the good news of God's kingdom impacts every area of a person's life and culture. We reject unfounded categories that divide the world into uniquely sacred or purely secular.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

As a new church plant we are only beginning to do specialized ministry, therefore, college students are fully integrated into the life and breath of our community. Giving them the opportunity to help lead worship services, be involved in Compassion/Mercy/ Justice ministries or our new Masterpiece Project, or even be on boards! Age-wise it is a relatively young community, specializing in holistic and creative ministry.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

It is in our DNA that we believe the reconciling work of Christ knows no inequality between gender or race; therefore, we seek to be a community of racial and gender reconciliation. Although we fulfill the definition of multiethnic and multigenerational, both are growth areas for us, but we excel in having varied socioeconomic, political, and educational diversity.

## GracePoint Church

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Website: [www.exploregracepoint.com](http://www.exploregracepoint.com)  
Senior Pastor: Jared Carlson  
College Ministry Pastor: Nick Rennich  
Service Times: Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month – free lunch  
Last Thursday of month – Bible Study 7-8 p.m. (location varies)  
Transportation: CLC Circle 10:10 a.m.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is a primary value at GracePoint church. We strive to build disciples through three main venues: the preaching of God's Word (teaching), small group ministries (community building), and service and outreach opportunities.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Commitment – We believe that the form of participation will take many (and varied) forms for each individual. We want people to be committed to actively seeking where God wants them to be plugged into our community...and then do something.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is at the heart of GracePoint. We have a vibrant and dynamic worship team that leads our service in a time of glorifying God, but we also have a desire to worship in our everyday lives. We believe worship is truly that which happens between Sundays.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College is a unique and wonderful time for personal formation. At GracePoint, we're seeking to be intentional about the spiritual formation of college students. CAYAC (College Age and Young Adult Class) is our new and growing college group. We've begun with about 30 students (ages 19-25), and we'd love to have you participate in this exciting ministry!

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

GracePoint is not unlike many other churches. We have a wide spectrum of people, races and cultures. We are proud to welcome all walks of life into our church and enter into meaningful worship and community.

## Hope Community Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge, Evangelical Free Church of America
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Website:	<a href="http://www.hopecc.com">www.hopecc.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Cor Chmielecki
Service Times:	Sunday 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Transportation:	Not Available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Through loving relationships and the community created at Hope Community Church, we aim to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who would engage in knowing Jesus Christ through study and service. We highly value the smaller groups (mentorship relationships, small and cell groups, etc.) that can help facilitate these kinds of life long, authentic, God-centered friendships.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We believe that as believers, we are on the offensive in a spiritual battle and therefore we will seek to go into the kingdom of darkness to do as much damage as we possibly can. We value kingdom of God related prayer, outreach, children's ministry, community service, church planting, and leadership development to accomplish this.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

In the entire universe, there is nothing more important than God. God's glory is the radiance of all that He is, and is what we are created to enjoy. Therefore, all of our ministries and efforts are about glorifying God and we will aim to worship God in all that we do--not just in our corporate worship alone, but through the rest of our lives as well.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We know that life as a college student is often busy, and because of that, we try to offer as many opportunities as possible for students to get connected into our community. We offer three services on Sunday, small groups throughout the week, and multiple ministry events and opportunities throughout each semester.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The reason we desire to minister to others is because ALL people matter to God. Therefore we will be relevant by being contemporary and removing any unnecessary obstacle to help people see Jesus Christ. There are ways in which we are seeking to learn and grow in a more diverse manner, but we believe that as we reach out in love with the Holy Spirit, we will be equipped to love and minister to all.

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Website:	<a href="http://www.elmiragrothemiracle.org">www.elmiragrothemiracle.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Judith VanOsdol
College Ministry Pastor:	Pr. Judith VanOsdol/Warren Croft
Service Times:	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Bilingual Service English/Spanish)
College Sunday School:	Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship includes prayer, scriptural study, outreach, and living our call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. As an immigrant community, justice, poverty, hunger and work with at-risk youth are very much our calling. God continues to call and raise up disciples to proclaim God's saving grace and love through word and deed. It is God in Christ who calls us to discipleship; we follow in faith.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Prayer, participation and sharing through generous giving is encouraged, through giving of each one's time, talent and treasures. We have an awesome music program, educational and worship spaces, and many who have no financial resources to share give of their talents and service in our music ministry, youth, Christian education, teaching, leading Bible study, etc. Leadership development is central to our discipleship paradigm.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to our faith journey. God calls us and we are fed, nurtured, restored, renewed and sent to serve. Since our community includes both documented and undocumented immigrants whose families have been split by deportations, distance and poverty, this is a community with a great deal of pain and grief. Our very high-energy and joy-filled worship makes a huge difference for people who have suffered as have many of El Milagro folks.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Our students not only attend, but lead! Students live a critical time in their faith journey-- spiritual, career and life choices; their questions, struggles, joyful and creative presence is a blessing! As a small congregation, we have no formal college-age programs, but students find a home here and stay on many times. The emphasis on vocation-- God's calling to engage one's gifts in service and daily life is central to our faith journey.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

A more diverse congregation than El Milagro would be difficult to find! Folks from Latin America, the Caribbean, Haiti... youth are African American, Latino and Anglo; folks who speak no English, and others who speak NO Spanish! We believe our amazing diversity to be a blessing. Demographically young with many children, young adults, families and singles-- a student alone would not feel out of place. ALL should feel at home in God's house.

## Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Denomination:	Missouri Synod
Address:	14980 Diamond Path Road Rosemount, MN 55068
Phone:	651.423.2580
Email:	admin@osfamily.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.OSfamily.org">www.OSfamily.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Neil Ristow
Service Times:	Sunday 9 a.m. (Traditional) & 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary)
College Sunday School:	Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Disciples are followers of Christ, and we believe disciples grow in their faith, by gathering together, studying and living God's word.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

All of the above. It's not enforced, but the power of prayer, the responsibility and joy of tithing, and the command to serve are all taught.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship through music is a part of each service, but worship in scripture, communion, tithing, and living a life pleasing to God are all taught and encouraged on a regular basis.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We hope to create programs, as we grow, for college students, but at this time, we encourage them to get involved in the contemporary music team, to work with our youth and feel at home among us.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

LCOS has very strong German/Swede roots, but as college students have been getting involved with the music worship band, we've enjoyed students of American Asian descent and Spanish backgrounds join our team. This is exciting and we hope that our church community will continue to grow in heritage backgrounds.

## **Majestic Pines Community Church**

Denomination: Christian and Missionary Alliance  
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Mahtomedi, MN 55115  
Phone: 651.653.4950  
Email: [sue@thepineschurch.org](mailto:sue@thepineschurch.org)  
Website: [www.thepineschurch.org](http://www.thepineschurch.org)  
Senior Pastor: Jim McDonald  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our understanding of discipleship is that it is the responsibility of every believer to grow in their walk with their Savior and Lord. However, for various reasons this often does not happen and so the church (church leadership) here at MPCC challenges its constituency thru the Sunday morning service, small groups, SS classes & youth meetings to open themselves up to the working of the spirit within the life of each individual believer.

Eph 4:11-13

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

I would like to believe that those who attend here regularly would support the church by praying for MPCC in all of its various ministries, tithe to the church and serve in as time and gifting allows. Obviously, if individual spiritual formation is happening in the church, it will be a natural outpouring of spiritual growth to see prayer, tithing and service as a regular part of the church community.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

While every corporate event is designed to bring God glory & honor, it is the Sunday morning service and activities that are the focal worship points of church life here at MPCC. It is at this time that the corporate body comes together to express their love for their Creator, Savior & God, worshipping Him in song, prayer, testimony, giving of tithes & offerings & hearing the Word preached.

I Cor 10:31

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

This generation of college students is facing a world that is changing at a rapid pace. The challenge of the church is to equip them to stand firm on the foundation of an unchanging God while slammed with the realities of an ever changing world. MPCC is presently seeking way to reach out to Students at Century College, which is very close to our community.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Besides the age diversity, there is limited ethnic diversity which has gone very well and with which I am very pleased. The church membership has been and is open to accepting ethnic diversity. In fact, in just the recent 2-3 weeks a new outreach & ministry has begun.

## Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church

Denomination:	Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA)
Address:	8585 Rice Lake Rd Maple Grove, MN 55369
Phone:	763.420.6485
Email:	phils@mgefco.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.mgefco.org">www.mgefco.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Russ Berg
Service Times:	Sunday 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11 a.m.
Transportation:	Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

It starts with someone placing their trust in Christ and choosing to live according to God's standards. Then it is being engaged in accountable relationships and responsibility in ministry while being committed to a regular study of God's word, worship and prayer, both in the individual and corporate setting.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

They have an evident love for God that shows in their love for others. They believe the local church is the hope of the world and invest in being a part of a local expression of God's church by sharing their time and resources in service and in the tithe. They find a place of responsibility in ministry as a part of the collective mission of the church to share hope with our world.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is part of every ministry at our church. In regards to worship through music, we offer two different service styles on Sundays. One being a "KTIS-like" service and the other being a service mostly defined by worship artists such as Hillsong, Starfield, etc. We have also have worship teams for Sr. High and Jr. High Ministries and are in process of forming Children's ministry worship teams.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

They really want their lives to count for something significant but are often caught in the ambiguity of what that looks like. As a result you often have very passionate and gifted students who are stuck in apathy because they don't want to engage in anything that would be considered mildly-insignificant. Aside from weekly services, we actively engage in community outreaches and have partnerships with organizations such as Robbinsdale Women's Center, Cross Food Shelf, etc.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

As a church located in the Maple Grove area, we represent our community's diversity very well. I am a staff member who is not your typical Minnesotan Swede, due to the fact that I was born to two Filipino parents. We also have very strong ministries across a huge range of generations - everything from a healthy children's ministry, to hugely populated young married to our large groups of Seniors.

**Mercy Hill Church**

Denomination: Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide  
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2400 Lindbergh Dr.  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
Phone: 763.230.6337  
Email: [info@mercy-hill.com](mailto:info@mercy-hill.com)  
Website: [www.mercy-hill.com](http://www.mercy-hill.com)  
Senior Pastor: Aaron Sorenson, Drew Johnson  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

## **New Brighton Christian Church**

Denomination: Non-denominational  
Address: 1500 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
Phone: 651.633.7152  
Email: [office@nbcc.cc](mailto:office@nbcc.cc)  
Website: [www.nbcc.cc](http://www.nbcc.cc)  
Senior Pastor: Ron Hanson  
College Ministry Pastor: Reggie Camarse  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We encourage people to commit fully to Christ and to walk daily in his footsteps. We want to be followers, not fans.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect every follower of Christ to have an active prayer life, to attend worship regularly, as well as a teaching class or a small group, and to support the church with their time, talent, and treasure.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to New Brighton Christian Church. Ideally, we see everything we do, in every phase of our lives, as an act of worship.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We have a small group specifically for young adults, most of whom are still in college or recently graduated. This has served as a great source of support and encouragement.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We welcome new friends from a variety of denominations and ethnic groups.

## **New Life Church of Woodbury**

**Denomination:** Non-Denominational  
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Woodbury, MN 55129  
**Phone:** 651.459.0444  
**Email:** [nlc@newlife4u.org](mailto:nlc@newlife4u.org)  
**Website:** [www.newlife4u.org](http://www.newlife4u.org)  
**Senior Pastor:** Mark LaFollette  
**College Ministry Pastor:** Matt Swigart  
**Service Times:** Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
**Transportation:** Not available

## North Haven Church

Denomination: Converge/ BGC  
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North St. Paul, MN 55109  
Phone: 651.777.1384  
Email: [rob@northhavenchurch.org](mailto:rob@northhavenchurch.org)  
Website: [www.northhavenchurch.org](http://www.northhavenchurch.org)  
Senior Pastor: Darrell Benhardus  
College Ministry Pastor: Rob Johnson  
Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
College Sunday School: Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Transportation: Please contact the church during the week to arrange transportation.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our Vision is to CONNECT at a deeper level to Christ by intentionally pursuing a growing relationship with Him, to each other by purposefully building loving relationships, to our community by actively working together to introduce families to Christ.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Provide a place for connection, community, and involvement in ministry.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

North Haven is marked by a diverse community. Emphasis is placed on ministry within and outside the church community.

## Oak Haven Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
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Phone:	763.434.6013
Email:	ohcinfo@oakhavenchurch.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.oakhavenchurch.org">www.oakhavenchurch.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Tim Walker
College Ministry Pastor:	Dan Thannum
Service Times:	Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study:	Guys - Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Girls - Sundays at 6:30 p.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Discipleship is both a process and a journey through which we open our hearts to a deeper connection with God. We are not bystanders in our spiritual lives; we are active participants with God, through corporate and private worship; large group and small group studies, and personal reading and meditation upon God's Word. Our desire is to help people become like Jesus.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

The work of the Church is prayer. We encourage people to remember this, with the understanding that when we pray we are asking God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We expect people to give of their financial resources as well as through their physical abilities. God has given us resources and abilities to use generously for the work of His Kingdom.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship through music of praise and adoration is a primary to expressing the worth and worthiness of God. Worship is done privately through song and prayer. It is our expression to God's love and goodness. We do this in both a contemporary and traditional manner.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students today are looking for a place to grow in their belief; to belong and to become. They are looking for purpose and significance. We have a group called "Unshaken" led by college students who want to connect with God and other people better.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our diversity is seen primarily in age. We have a core of middle aged believers. We are providing more of a traditional flavor of worship at our early service and a more contemporary flavor of worship at our second service. We are mostly a middle class congregation, who have more recently begun to reach out to our surrounding community, some of them not necessarily well off financially.

## Oak Hill Baptist Church

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
Address:	4141 University Ave NE Columbia Heights, MN
Phone:	763.789.4337
Email:	ohbchurch@msn.com
Website:	<a href="http://www.OakHillBaptistChurch.org">www.OakHillBaptistChurch.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Paul Widen
College Ministry Pastor:	Jeremiah Rice
Service Times:	Sunday 10 a.m. Saturday 7 p.m. – see directory page for The Point @ Oak Hill
Transportation:	Available only for Saturday night service – see The Point @ Oak Hill

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Oak Hill is a relational community. We believe that spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance assist in spiritual formation. We also believe that some of the greatest lessons are "caught," not "taught." We believe in life-on-life relationships as we worship, service, struggle, and rejoice side-by-side.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We seek to glorify God as we pray for one another (often via email), fellowship in homes and our church building, and serve through midweek dinners for the neighborhood, an Awana club with over 50% non-church kids, a food distribution ministry called Angel Food, and a clothing closet called Lydia's Closet. Oak Hill is a loving, serving, accepting place where we expect one another to use their skills/gifts/talents to enrich the team.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

At Oak Hill, we choose to set aside times (services) for specific worship to God -- because he alone is worthy of our praise. At the same time, we believe that a life lived to show God's greatness is also worship. We talk a lot about bearing the fruit of the kingdom -- living a life that is evidence of God's incredible renewal! THAT is worship!

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Our congregation is in an established church in a rapidly changing first-ring suburb of Minneapolis. We have been intentionally seeking to expand our relevance to young adults and are currently planning a Saturday evening worship service that we intend to launch in October. This will include theological training applied to life situations as well as a contemporary worship band to lead young people to the heart of God.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Because Oak Hill is in Columbia Heights, our community is diverse. We have experienced the struggle of cultural differences -- and we welcome that struggle! We recognize that we must continue to develop leaders of different cultural backgrounds that is different than the traditional white church that Oak Hill was 10-15 years ago and we're excited that many families with different stories have chosen to become a faith-community under the banner of Jesus Christ!

## The Point @ Oak Hill

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
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Phone:	763.789.4337
Email:	info@findingthepoint.com
Website:	<a href="http://www.findingthepoint.com">www.findingthepoint.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Jeremiah Rice
College Ministry Pastor:	Jeremiah Rice
Service Times:	Saturday 7 p.m.
Transportation:	CLC Circle, 6:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 3

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At The Point, we focus on three characteristics of Jesus' life: unconditional love, sacrificial service, and an honorable lifestyle. We believe that these are the marks of a disciple and the best means of experiencing God's kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

The Point is a community of people seeking after God. As we provide meaningful opportunities to experience God, we desire that attenders would make an intentional investment toward relational community. Service opportunities, volunteering at church, financial support, or joining a LifeGroup are some ways in which individuals may participate in the Point community.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is the reason for everything that we do. Our music style is very contemporary, but our music is only one means of giving worship to God. The character of a Christ-follower is essential for giving worship to God. Expressions of unconditional love, sacrificial service, and an honorable lifestyle are the worship we give to God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

The style of our service is geared toward twenty-somethings who want to experience God in meaningful ways. Sermons at The Point are intensely biblical and practical for daily life, addressing struggles, integrity, and influence. Every service concludes with a Text-In Q&A. Individuals are able to text their questions at the moment of their curiosity, knowing that they will be addressed on-the-spot that evening.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

The Point is situated in an urban neighborhood. Various ministries (clothing distribution, midweek meals, food shelf, children/youth programming) reach out to hurting, needy people from diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. In the future we desire to engage a greater number of those individuals in our weekend worship services. The Point is excited to partner with students who would strengthen the reach of these ministries.

## Presbyterian Church of the Way

Denomination:	Presbyterian (USA)
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Email:	info@pcotw.org
Website:	<a href="http://www.pcotw.org">www.pcotw.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Todd Allen
Service Times:	Sunday 8:45 a.m. (Traditional) & 11 a.m. (Contemporary)
College Sunday School:	Education for all ages at 10 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At Presbyterian Church of the Way (PCOTW), we understand discipleship as a life-long journey of active learning and seeking that nurtures and encourages continuous growth in our Christian faith and our relationship with Christ and prepares us for worship, mission, and ministry.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Our expectation for those regularly attending in our community of faith is a commitment to prayer, purpose, and participation.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We come together in worship to be encountered by God - our joys, doubts, questions, and struggles. Worship empowers us to respond by lifting up the needs of the world in prayer, and allowing our lives to be shaped by God's Spirit as we are sent to share in God's love and service in the world. We seek to explore the word of God and open ourselves to God's leading in creative and varied ways.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Students face many of the same challenges that many of the rest of us face. We constantly seek to explore spiritual growth, personal mission, current issues in the church and society, world culture, and ways to live as Christians on the 21st century. Our education classes, begin to help us explore these very topics. All of our programs are open to everyone. In addition, we continually seek to begin new programs that will benefit us.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

As stated in our mission statement, *Presbyterian Church of the Way is a growing, Christ-centered, caring, loving, and learning community, rejoicing in our faith, expanding discipleship, reaching out to others, inviting diversity, and calling for full participation in the ministry.*

## Providence Reformed Baptist Church

Denomination: Reformed Baptist  
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Minneapolis, MN 55417  
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Email: [stnutter@gmail.com](mailto:stnutter@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.reformedbaptistmn.org](http://www.reformedbaptistmn.org)  
Senior Pastor: Steve Nutter  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We understand discipleship, or formative discipline, as involving the teaching and modeling of the precepts and principles of the word of God for the purpose of facilitating growth in grace and increasing conformity to the image of Christ. This comes chiefly through a diligent and believing use of the public and private means of grace (prayer, Bible reading, public worship, soul-stimulating Christian fellowship).

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect of our members regular attendance at and hearty participation in the public worship services of the church. But we don't have the same level of expectation of visitors as we do of members.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to the life and ministry of our church. All other ministries serve this ultimate purpose.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

The particular kinds of challenges facing college students range from career choice and vocational preparation to learning how to be mature, responsible, God-fearing adults. For Christian college students this also means finding avenues to serve God while they are involved in the matrix of college life and studies.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Not sure what you mean by 'diversity'. Our church, though small, is racially and economically diverse. We seek to reflect in the composition of our church the image of Christ displayed in its richly diversified expression the racial, economic, and cultural backgrounds the members who make up His body.

## Real Life Church

Denomination: Assemblies of God  
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Roseville, MN 55113  
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Website: [www.reallifechurch.net](http://www.reallifechurch.net)  
Senior Pastor: Pete Drake  
College Ministry Pastor: Dave Mann  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe God created people for relationship with Himself and with others, and that His kingdom grows primarily through relationships. We are dedicated to fostering relationships that positively promote spiritual growth into the likeness of Jesus Christ (discipleship) through these five avenues: Christian fellowship, Biblical teaching, lifestyle worship, service to others, and Spirit-filled witness.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

#### CONNECT

Our Sunday Morning CONNECT Service is about bringing people into an atmosphere that is understandable, yet also inspiring and challenging.

#### GROW

Our goal is to see people move from Sunday attendance to regular participation in a community with others.

#### GO

Seeing people move from being a "spectator" to being an active part of the life change that happens around here at Real Life is what GO is all about!

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We are in the process of developing this area at Real Life Church. We offer a small group meeting that occurs on Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

**River of God**

Denomination: Assemblies of God  
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North Saint Paul, MN  
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Email: [info@riverofgod.org](mailto:info@riverofgod.org)  
Website: [www.riverofgod.org](http://www.riverofgod.org)  
Senior Pastor: Denny McGrane  
College Pastor: Audra Kirch  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
Transportation: Not available

## River of Life Church

Denomination:	Christian and Missionary Alliance
Address:	4294 Hodgson Rd Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone:	651.484.8737
Email:	<a href="mailto:info@riveroflifemn.org">info@riveroflifemn.org</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.riveroflifemn.org">www.riveroflifemn.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Jim Medin
College Ministry Pastor:	Nick Ruport
Service Times:	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	9:19 a.m. for adults Small Groups on Wednesdays 8 p.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

River of Life's understanding of discipleship is that it is meant to be an intentional part of the church. We are striving to provide our college-age community with small groups to dig deeper into Scripture and prayer, and opportunities to serve Shoreview and the surrounding areas through our RiverCrew and Union Gospel Mission. We also seek to integrate students into the larger ministry & fellowship of the church.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

God is real, and it is our desire, as a passionate but imperfect people, to love Him and help others love Him on such a deeply personal level that this intimacy transforms our lives. We expect that each attender use the various gifts and blessings they have received from God for His glory.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is in everything we do. From our morning worship service to our other various ministries (college, youth, children, etc...), we hope that all we do is worship to God (our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King)!

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face numerous challenges such as struggling to find where they belong, what they believe, but also WHY they believe? Those struggles and questions are difficult, but through our social events, prayer & small groups, & opportunities to serve and reach out, the challenges can be resolved!

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

As part of the Christian & Missionary Alliance we seek to "Be Light" to our local and global neighbors as we partner with missionaries, Union Gospel Mission, & The Great Commission Fund. We are diverse economically and inter-generationally and desire to grow in all areas of diversity.

## Rose Hill Alliance Church

Denomination: Christian and Missionary Alliance  
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 Roseville, MN 55113  
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 Email: rhac@rosehillcma.org  
 Website: [www.rosehillcma.org](http://www.rosehillcma.org)  
 Senior Pastor: Rev. David J. Smith  
 College Ministry Pastor: Rev. Rick Wallace  
 Service Times: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Aug. 28 - Sept. 11)  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (beginning Sept. 18)  
 Transportation: CLC Circle 9 a.m. (Aug. 28 - Sept. 11)  
 CLC Circle 9:10 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. (beginning Sept. 18)

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus and into membership in His family, build them into maturity, train them for ministry and send them out in mission, in order to glorify God. We intentionally guide people from community into congregation and into the core. We aim for life transformation in three key areas: Live in Christ, Love like Christ, Serve with Christ.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Protect the unity of the church - Share the responsibility of the church - Serve the ministry of the church - support the testimony of the church.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We offer two Sunday worship services that express the different worship voices of our congregation and engage us to be more missional in inviting others to join us. Daybreak at 8:30 a.m. is blended. Wellspring at 11 a.m. is progressive. In all we seek to engage the mind, will, emotion, and body in worship.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are often separated from their families and their home churches. We try to provide a home away from home for college students. we offer a monthly meal, provide transportation and give opportunities for students to use their gifts to serve God and others. College students often question their beliefs as they strive to own their faith. We provide a discussion oriented Bible Study on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our church is intergenerational. Age doesn't matter. Everyone is important. Our church has an international flavor. We are one. Our church partners with Christian Student Fellowship from the University of Minnesota. In partnership with CSF we host quarterly International Family Nights. Our church family desires to grow in our ability to reach international students and their families.

## Roseville Covenant Church

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Website: [www.rosevillecovenant.org](http://www.rosevillecovenant.org)  
Senior Pastor: Dr. Mark Hovestol  
College Ministry Pastor: Pastor Rollie Mossberg  
Service Times: Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
College Sunday School: 10 – 10:45 a.m.  
Transportation: RC steps @ 9:45 a.m.

## Stadium Village Church

Denomination: Presbyterian (USA)  
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 Senior Pastor: Kathleen Macosko/ Lowell Busman  
 College Ministry Pastor: Gretchen Christopherson  
 Service Times: Sunday 9:30am & 11 a.m.  
 College Sunday School: Sunday 11 a.m.  
 Transportation: TBD

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We focus on three levels of discipleship training - large group settings like worship services, small groups and Bible classes, and life-to-life discipleship groups in which mentoring and practicing the spiritual disciplines including Bible study, prayer, memorization, and witnessing are practiced.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Regular attendance to worship services, participation in a small group, being discipled, tithing, witnessing, and other spiritual disciplines are encouraged. We emphasize serving internationals. With over 50,000 students at the U of M, the mission field is right next door with people from all around the world.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that worship is the main purpose of every follower of Christ. Worship takes many forms, and we seek to worship God through music, prayer, teaching, fellowship, and in service to people around us. Our musical worship is mostly contemporary.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We believe that college and university students face many challenges, and that one of the main needs is to have fellowship with other believers who can help in walking with Christ. We offer Bible studies and education classes--but more importantly deep fellowship with other believers who can support and encourage one another. We also invite people to enter into a discipling relationship to be equipped to make more disciples.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a multi-ethnic church with a special heart for international students and scholars. We seek to help people from around the world come to know God. We seek to train internationals to be able to serve when they return home. We are constantly seeking to do better at reaching people with the gospel--regardless of their background.

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Denomination:	Catholic
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Website:	<a href="http://www.stjohnnb.com">www.stjohnnb.com</a>
Senior Pastor:	Fr. Michael Skluzacek
College Ministry Pastor:	Libby Dupont or Fr. Michael Johnson
Service Times:	Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.
Transportation:	Take the Bethel shuttle to Fountain Terrace. St. John the Baptist is across the street from the bus stop. (Bethel Shuttle not available for Sunday morning services.)

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

As Catholic Christians, we enjoin upon our members those things that have been handed onto us from Jesus Christ through the Apostles – To know, love, and serve the Lord through our participation in the Sacraments and service to neighbor.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

The Precepts of the Catholic Church are: celebrate the Lord's resurrection by going to Sunday Mass, lead a sacramental and prayerful life, support the mission of the Church, fast and abstain on days of penance, and evangelize.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

The celebration of the Mass is the heart of our Church. At the end of each celebration of the Mass, we are dismissed into the world "to love and serve the Lord." Then, during each Mass, we bring this love and service to the Lord as an offering.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

The goal of faith is to know the one who is Truth and the goal of college is to learn truth. Our world wants to say that these truths should not inform each other, yet as Christians they must. For Catholics, we offer regular celebration of the Sacraments and adult education opportunities and, for all Christians we offer a quiet place to pray, to help us in our pursuit of Truth.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Though primarily a Caucasian community, we do have families from all over the world. In our diocese we do have chaplains for Vietnamese, Hmong, African, African American, Native American, Hispanic, and other immigrant communities that we would be happy to help anyone get in touch with.

## Substance Church

Denomination: Non-denominational  
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Website: [www.substancechurch.com](http://www.substancechurch.com)  
Senior Pastor: Peter Haas  
Service Times: 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. (Northwestern College Campus)  
Transportation: Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

We believe that the two most significant factors in spiritual formation is the amount of intimate Christian friends you have and whether or not you have ownership in a ministry.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect the people that attend our church to be involved in the church community outside of Sunday morning service. We also expect that once they have made Substance their home church, that they would serve the church in some capacity with either time, volunteerism, or with financial generosity.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is one of the distinctive driving ministries of Substance Church. The progressive nature of our worship makes it very attractive as well as passionate.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

We believe that college students desire community. They can either find it at Church or somewhere else. We have 210 small groups that meet during the week and a large portion of those participating are college age students. We also give a chance for college students to take ownership in their church.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

70% of our church is under the age of 30. We have a very young congregation as a whole. We are very effective at reaching college kids and young families. We could grow in the area of reaching older generations.

## Waite Park Church

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Website: [www.waiteparkchurch.org](http://www.waiteparkchurch.org)  
Senior Pastor: Kory Kleinsasser  
Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.  
College Sunday School: Sunday 11:20 a.m.  
Transportation: West Lot 9:30 a.m.

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

The end result of discipleship is to "get over yourself." We believe Jesus when He says, "whoever wants to find life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it." Discipleship means I allow God to weed out the things that shouldn't be there, so God can fill me.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Just to get involved and participate. Be a part of the community--the give and take.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central. Everything we do comes from God so if we want to become what God wants us to become, we start with Him. Worship is a re-focusing on God.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Connecting. Finding their place in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is much larger than just college students and a good bit of discipleship is learning to love people who are different than we are. Our Sunday morning discipleship is sermon-based, so after worship, we have discussion/application groups for all ages.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We have begun to partner with an Ethiopian congregation. Although they worship separately in their own language, our kids have Sunday School together and we are working to integrate more and more. The bulk of our diversity is being a multi-generational church by design. When we learn to understand each other, we can see people who are different from us as gifts, rather than annoyances or barriers.

## Woodbury Church of Christ

Denomination:	Church of Christ
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Senior Pastor:	Mike Smith
College Ministry Pastor:	Patrick Doherty
Service Times:	Sunday 10 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 9 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Our understanding of discipleship is reflected in our mission "to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus who make a difference for Christ in their communities." Following the "Simple Church" model, all of our activities support a three-step discipleship process: Love God, Love Others, Serve.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

We expect our members to grow in our discipleship process: to regularly worship with the church on Sundays (Love God), to participate in a small group (Love Others), and to be involved in at least one ministry (Serve).

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is central to our life together as rescued people. It is the starting point and the fuel for our growth as disciples.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students grapple with new ideas, test their old beliefs, and encounter diverse worldviews. In our preaching and teaching, we try to be sensitive to an honest search for answers. We do not present easy, "canned" solutions; we wrestle with the hard questions. Our college class is designed to meet the challenge of multiple perspectives head-on.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

Our congregation reflects the diversity of our community. In addition, we have specific ministries to non-English speaking Hispanics, to the deaf, and to Hmong teens in urban Saint Paul.

## Woodbury Community Church

Denomination:	Conservative Congregational Christian Conference
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Website:	<a href="http://www.woodburycommunitychurch.org">www.woodburycommunitychurch.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Brian Schulenburg
College Ministry Pastor:	John Kimball
Service Times:	Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
College Sunday School:	Sunday 11:45 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

Woodbury Community Church exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. We believe that disciples are people who love God, love others, and make disciples. We believe that disciples are best made in the context of community and offer small groups and ministry opportunities to help you grow in your walk with Christ.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

God has given all of His children spiritual gifts, and our desire would be for you to use the gifts that He has given you to honor Him. We offer many opportunities for you to plug into your community and get involved in making disciples across the street and around the world.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

We believe that worship is something that happens seven days a week. We worship God corporately through prayer, singing, studying God's Word and service. We worship God individually by how we live our life for His glory.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students face a number of challenges. Woodbury Community Church draws college students from five different universities and a number of young professionals. We seek to disciple college students through small groups meeting on different campuses, service projects, a diverse church body with generations that worship, study and serve together. Each Sunday we offer a sermon based small group, complete with meal at 11:45 following our 10:30 service.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We are a diverse suburban St. Paul church that reflects the diversity of our area. We're heavily involved in Refugee Ministry and World Missions and seek to continue to grow more and more ethnically diverse.

## Woodcrest Church

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Senior Pastor:	Jerry Schommer
Service Times:	9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

At Woodcrest disciples are developed through spiritual disciplines, authentic spiritual friendships, and worship experiences. As a church our end goal is to connect the heart of people to God and it is our understanding that discipleship extends to facilitating this at personal, familial, and community levels will have the greatest holistic result.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

Woodcrest understands that each member is in a different season of life with differing experiences of Christian community as well as with differing availability to tithe and serve. It is Woodcrest's desire to connect God with His people's heart, which is done through prayer and fellowship, friendship and worship. We expect members to connect with God through these means.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Woodcrest believes that hearts are connected to God as we obey the word of God preached, sing songs of praise, give generously to the cause of Jesus Christ, share our faith story in the worship setting. As we fully participate in the corporate worship gathering, we declare the worship gathering to be a significant discipleship priority.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

Woodcrest enables a Truth-empowered community through which college students will find an opportunity to draw close to the heart of God. College students would be enabled to do internships or serve particularly in the areas of youth ministry and children's ministry, which will develop their characters and provide experience necessary for their lives after Bethel.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

We believe that God's message is for all people groups and we enable no favoritism. The area in which our church is located is not as diverse as other locations, but we extend ministry to anyone.

## Wooddale Church – The Gathering

Denomination:	Baptist General Conference/Converge Worldwide
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Website:	<a href="http://www.wooddale.org">www.wooddale.org</a>
Senior Pastor:	Leith Anderson
College Ministry Pastor:	Jill Fox
Service Times:	Sunday 6 p.m. (during school year)
Transportation:	Not available

### **What is your church's understanding of discipleship (spiritual formation) and how do you develop disciples?**

A core value of Wooddale Church is discipleship as it is commanded in Scripture. Wooddale Church seeks to develop purposed disciples of Christ through personal time and meaningful interaction. Discipleship programming includes One to One Spiritual Mentoring, small groups, community learning, and service learning experiences.

### **What do you expect from those who regularly participate in your church community?**

The expectation of those attending Wooddale Church is to be active participants in the Body of Christ through service in the community, participation in the Wooddale family, and giving proportionally to what they have. We hope that Wooddalers live a lifestyle of service and generosity with both their time and talents, not just at Wooddale but in the world.

### **What place does worship have in the life of your church?**

Worship is not solely a service time or lifting our voices, but a lifestyle of bringing honor and glory to God! Our desire at Wooddale is to lead the way in living worship filled lives, in all things, through all ministries, pointing people to the King of Kings.

### **What particular challenges are college students facing and how does your church equip them for those challenges? What specific programs do you have for college students?**

College students are currently heading into a difficult job market and facing huge life decisions. At Wooddale we believe that people are more than what they do. Through small groups, One to One Spiritual Mentoring, Bible studies, and volunteer opportunities, we strive to see young people discover and experience their passions and find their place in God's plan.

### **Tell us about your church's experience in the area of diversity. What has gone well? In what areas of diversity do you need to learn and grow?**

At Wooddale Church we seek to be a Body where all people are welcomed and can find family. We are expanding our ministries to uphold this desire and are learning from those areas about how to grow and reach out.