

## WAY OF THE LORD CHURCH >>> OUR VISION | WHO WE ARE | WHERE WE'RE GOING

- *Why do we exist?* [**PURPOSE | THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS**]
  - *To have an intimate covenant relationship with God and reflect His glory throughout all creation.*
- *What is the main thing we are doing?* [**MISSION | THE GREAT COMMISSION**]
  - *To love and disciple every generation into the family of God*
- *How do we get there?* [**JOURNEY | THE WAY OF THE LORD**]
  - *We are inviting people to join us on the “way of the Lord,” which is a lifestyle marked by worship, discipleship, fellowship, and stewardship.*
  - *We are building an ark as a covenant family in the last days.*
- *Who are we?* [**IDENTITY STATEMENT**]
  - *We advance our mission of making disciples and seek to have global influence for believers to love God and love each other by serving church members, students, families, neighborhoods, cities and nations in the north metro area and the world (Acts 1:8) through education, training and discipleship for all ages – womb to tomb. We emphasize our competitive advantage by being relational, flexible in form, marrying Word and Spirit. We are sovereignly and provisionally sustained by the Lord as we raise up the next generation, honor our forefathers and mothers, and increase the service and engagement of the Body of Christ.*
- *How do we make decisions?* [**STRATEGY SCREEN**]
  - These are the criteria we use to determine whether a particular strategy is consistent with our identity:
    - *Fiscally Responsible*
    - *Unity in agreement and consensus*
    - *Holy Spirit direction*
    - *Aligned with our core values and God-given mandates to advance His Kingdom in these seven areas:*
      - Israel, Government (America), the Church, First nations people (Native Americans), Life (pro-life, pro-family, pro-marriage), the persecuted church, the conversion of Muslims, and healing.
- *How will we accomplish the mission?* [**STRATEGIES**]
  - Our ministries help us accomplish the mission:
    - All our “gatherings & meetings”
    - Home groups / Life transformation groups
    - Food shelf (which is ever expanding)
    - Children’s & Youth Ministries
    - Senior Ministry
    - Prayer (our 24/7 House of Prayer)

- Worship ministry
  - Outreach and missions (local & international)
  - Health ministry
  - ACTS Bible College
  - Northside Christian School
  - Classes / Education/Learning
    - Marriage, parenting, Financial Peace University, Alpha, Connect
- *How are we looking ahead toward the future?* [**LONG-TERM PLANNING**]
  - Implement “the way of the Lord” (ie, the four ships of worship, discipleship, fellowship, and stewardship) into the lifestyle of our community via consistent and focused Sunday morning preaching, with connection points in our home groups and life transformation groups.
  - Create opportunities and events to help our young ones arrive at our “mile markers” (See our Way of the Lord Discipleship Journey PDF)
  - Create “mile markers” for everyone (womb to tomb)
  - Pray, plan, and build toward a modified high school along with a K-12 homeschool co-op
  - Pray, plan, and build toward a “gap year program” where students would live in church members’ homes and then attend week-day classes on campus as well as serve the church and the wider-Body of Christ throughout the week
  - **Plan and build toward Wednesday night “Family Nights”**
    - This would include ACTS classes, marriage & parenting classes, AWANA or Sonlight Club, youth group, children’s ministry, outreach, etc., all happening at the same time.
  - The **building development team** is exploring options via **Vanman Architects** for redesigned, repurposed, flexible, and/or new spaces to make this happen.
- *Where are we going? When will we get there?* [**GOALS**]
  - *Organizational:*
    - Begin monthly Family Nights in Fall of 2024
    - Others will be made public soon
  - *Individual:*
    - Each person in the church picks one individualized goal for each “ship” over the 2023-2024 school year
      - Examples:
        - *Worship:* Physically be present in the WOTL HOP once per week during 2023-2024.
        - *Discipleship:* Read through the Bible in one year.
        - *Fellowship:* Join or start a life transformation group.
        - *Stewardship:* Serve in the nursery once a month.

# our purpose

To have an intimate  
covenant relationship with  
God and reflect His glory  
throughout all creation

**the greatest commandments**

# our mission

To love and disciple  
every generation into  
the family of God

**the greatest commission**



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*Church*

# our path

To follow and become like  
Jesus with lifestyles of worship,  
discipleship, fellowship, and  
stewardship

**the greatest journey**

# building an ark as a covenant family in the last days



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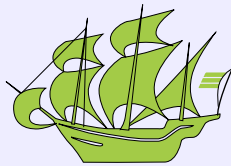
# THE FOUR SHIPS

TO NAVIGATE OUR JOURNEY ON THE WAY OF THE LORD TOGETHER



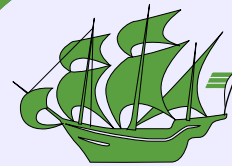
WORSHIP

BUILD THE ALTAR



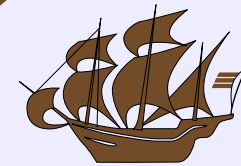
DISCIPLESHIP

BE LIKE JESUS



FELLOWSHIP

UNITE THE FAMILY

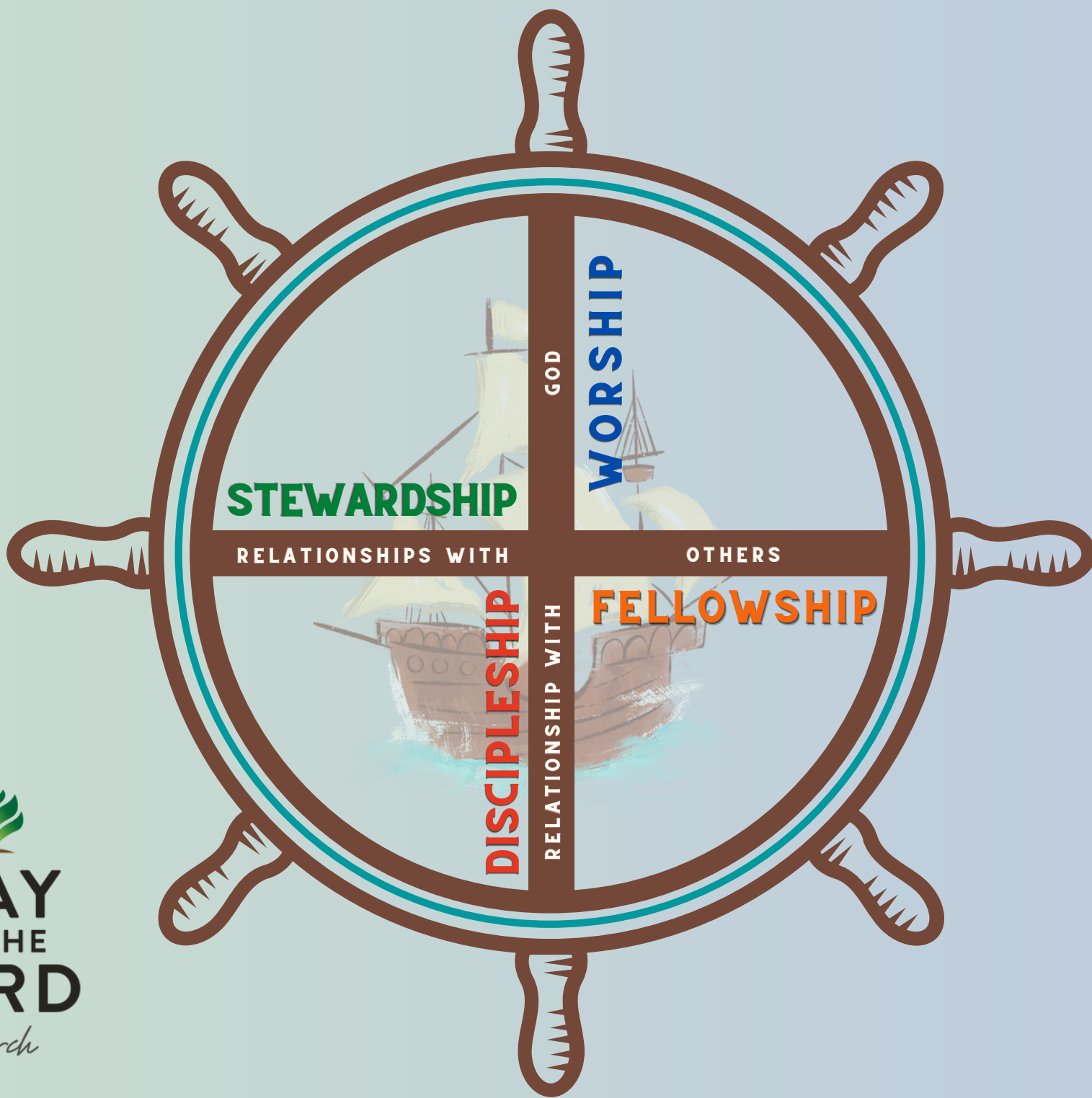


STEWARDSHIP

GENEROUSLY SERVE

WAY OF THE LORD CHURCH

BUILDING AN ARK AS A COVENANT FAMILY AT THE END OF THE AGE





# WORSHIP

*on the Way of the Lord*



HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE WAYS WE WORSHIP GOD INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A COMMUNITY.

1

## ABIDE WITH GOD

Set aside a scheduled time each day in silence and solitude to connect with God in worship, prayer, and His Word (John 15), especially on your Sabbath (Hebrews 4:9).



2

## HOUSE OF PRAYER

God promises to fill us with joy in His house of prayer (Isaiah 56:7). Consider taking a one-hour shift one day a week in our Way of the Lord House of Prayer.



3

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Experience the presence of God as a family or household through worship and meditating on His Word together (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4).



4

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

The church is defined as those called out of their homes to gather as a community (Hebrews 10:25). We do this on Sunday mornings at 10 AM and evenings at 7 PM.



5

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Prayer is the wind in our community's sails and the engine that makes our ship move (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Join us on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 PM.



# DISCIPLESHIP

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HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE WAYS WE FOLLOW JESUS AND GROW IN OUR APPRENTICESHIP WITH HIM.

1

## BIBLE READING PLAN

We encourage every person to have a daily and yearly Bible reading plan that promotes saturating in His Word (2 Timothy 2:15; Luke 4:4).



2

## LEARN ABOUT JESUS

Learn about the beautiful story God has written through our Foundations, Connect, Alpha, and ACTS classes (Colossians 3:16)



3

## BECOME LIKE JESUS

The end goal is to be formed in your inner being to become a person of love in God and take on the inner life of Jesus himself so that the teachings of Jesus become second nature (Matthew 22:36-40).



4

## LOVE LIKE JESUS

We are called to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). Start with loving your neighbor and invite them to dinner (Acts 1:8). See what happens!



5

## LEAD LIKE JESUS

Consistently be investing, mentoring, leading, and discipling one other person God has brought into your life (2 Timothy 2:2).



# FELLOWSHIP

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HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE WAYS WE GROW IN OUR LOVE AND DEPTH OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S FAMILY.

1

## LIFE GROUPS

We encourage every person to join a small group for the purpose of walking in the light, accountability, and healthy Godly relationships (1 John 1:7).



2

## HOME GROUPS

We make disciples in our families by doing life together (Acts 2:42-47).



3

## HOSPITALITY

We want to invite both our church family and our neighbors into our homes and share God's love together (1 Peter 4:9; Romans 12:13)



4

## LEAD A SMALL GROUP

Consider starting and leading a small group based upon your gifts, passion, and interests (Romans 12:3-8).



5

## DEEP FRIENDSHIPS

Close and intimate friendships are Godly and needed. Take time to invest in your deepest relationships (Proverbs 18:24; 27:5-6; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).



# STEWARDSHIP

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HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE WAYS WE WISELY UTILIZE AND GROW IN OUR GIFTS AND RESOURCES.

1

## SERVE GOD'S CHURCH

We encourage every person to join and serve in one of our ministries at church in some capacity (1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 6:10).



2

## DEVELOP YOUR GIFTS

We want each person to grow in their God-given spiritual and practical gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12).



3

## REACH OUT

Invest and participate yearly in our local and international outreaches and trips (Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14-15).



4

## GENEROUS LIVING

Share and steward the abundance of God's goodness and provision through tithing and giving to the needy (Leviticus 27:30; Proverbs 3:9; 2 Corinthians 8:7).



5

## FINANCIAL PEACE

We encourage each member to go through Financial Peace University to bring God's blessing into our finances (Proverbs 21:20; Deuteronomy 8:18).



# THE WAY OF THE LORD NEXT GENERATION DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

A JOINT COLLABORATION OF:  
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
WOTL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
WOTL YOUTH MINISTRY  
WOTL HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES  
ACTS BIBLE COLLEGE

1  
BABY DEDICATION



2  
SALVATION



3  
FIRST BIBLE



4  
WATER BAPTISM



5  
HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM



6  
SERVICE & OUTREACH



7  
RETREATS



8  
DISCIPLESHIP GROUP



9  
SHARING THE GOSPEL

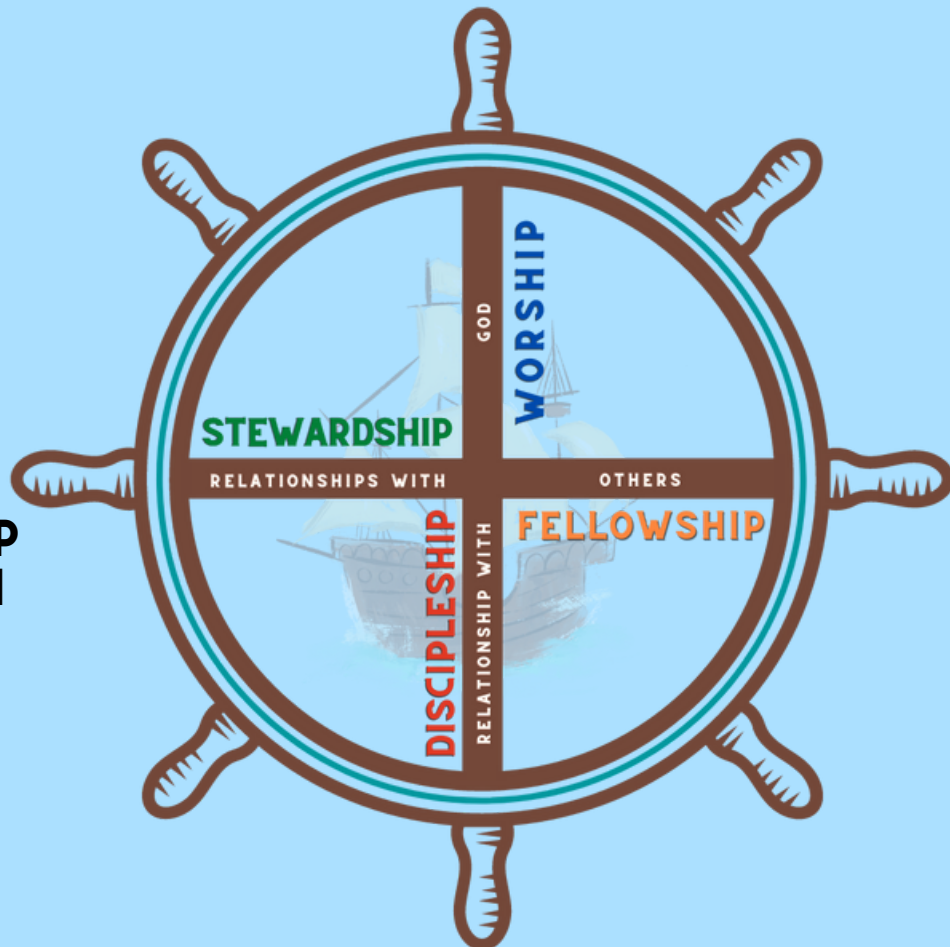


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GAP YEAR PROGRAM



THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

THE NEXT GEN  
MINISTRIES HERE ARE  
SETTING SAIL ON A  
UNIFIED COURSE FOR  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
ARRIVE AT THESE  
STRATEGIC DISCIPLESHIP  
DESTINATION POINTS IN  
THEIR JOURNEY OF  
FOLLOWING JESUS  
CHRIST



THE NAVIGATIONAL HEADING OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP PLAN  
IS ANCHORED IN THESE FOUR SCRIPTURAL SHIPS