

Quail Springs United Methodist Church

Discipleship Plan

Areas of Emphasis

<p><u>Authentic Worship:</u> The community act of celebration where we join with others in public acts of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and the sacraments directed through actions and attitudes. We join with others who are physically present with us and those in the church universal to praise God. (Ephesians 2:18-22)</p>	<p><u>Transformative Education:</u> Transformative Education is not learning for learning's sake. Rather, it equips us with the knowledge and tools to be more effective Disciples of Jesus Christ, and it empowers us in our Christian service. This type of education would take the form of classes, seminars, immersion experiences, etc... which specifically translate acquired knowledge into Christ-like action. (Romans 12:1-12)</p>	<p><u>God-Honoring Relationships:</u> God-Honoring Relationships are relationships which are mutually beneficial and edifying to all involved and are centered around Christ. These relationships build a sense of unity and community in our lives and in the church from the common and shared experience of faith in Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:1-8 & Matthew 18:15-22)</p>
<p><u>Christian Service:</u> These are good works done not alone but in groups of at least two in the name of Jesus Christ. In doing so we are the hands and feet of Christ where we honor the imperative to love God with all that we are and our neighbor as ourselves. (James 2:14-26 & Luke 10:1-2)</p>	<p><u>Sacrificial Giving:</u> A devotional response to God and God's blessings which helps us to orient our lives toward God. It consists of the use of one's financial resources to support God's work in the local church and the community beyond. (Matthew 6:19-24)</p>	<p><u>Passionate Spirituality:</u> Religious practices that are often but not always individual expressions of devotion to God. These include prayer, reading the Bible, fasting, Sabbath rest, meditation, solitude, confession, celebration, spiritual direction, and submission. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-7)</p>

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Areas of Emphasis—Current Opportunities

<p><u>Authentic Worship:</u> Three weekly community worship services which are offered at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:10am on Sundays. (The 11:10am service time is temporary during our construction project.) Additional worship opportunities may become available in the near future.</p>	<p><u>Transformative Education:</u> Existing Wednesday night classes, Sunday school classes, and other disciple groups meet the criteria for transformative education. Future opportunities are currently in development.</p>	<p><u>God-Honoring Relationships:</u> The current opportunities we have to create God-honoring relationships are our existing small groups, dinner groups, and fireside ministries. Additional opportunities are also being developed.</p>
<p><u>Christian Service:</u> Current ongoing services opportunities which meet or have the potential to meet the criteria for Christian service includes outreach ministries, care ministries, mission trips and service projects, and other such volunteer opportunities at Quail Springs.</p>	<p><u>Sacrificial Giving:</u> Ongoing opportunities exist primarily through giving to support Quail Springs’s ministries during the worship services, but there are also numerous opportunities to support one of the many missional opportunities of Quail Springs.</p>	<p><u>Passionate Spirituality:</u> We currently encourage different Passionate Spirituality practices primarily through sermons. We also have opportunities that we offer from prayer to prayer vigils to use of the prayer labyrinth to fasting to spiritual direction to other spiritual disciplines and opportunities that become available.</p>

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Recommended Discipleship Starting Points and Growth Goals

<p><u>Authentic Worship:</u> <u>Starting Point</u>—I will participate in community worship services at Quail Springs unless I am sick or out of town.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u>—I will grow in my participation in community worship so that I am in worship at Quail Springs or another Christian Church weekly.</p>	<p><u>Transformative Education:</u> <u>Starting Point</u>—I will take part in at least a six-week educational opportunity a minimum of once a year.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u>—I will grow in my participation in transformative education so that I am engaged in Transformative Education opportunities weekly.</p>	<p><u>God-Honoring Relationships:</u> <u>Starting Point</u>—I will be involved in small group at least four weeks a year.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u>—I will grow in my participation in God-Honoring Relationships so that I am in an ongoing small group.</p>
<p><u>Christian Service:</u> <u>Starting Point</u>—I will be engaged in at least one Christian service opportunity annually with other members of the Quail Springs community.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u>—I will grow in my participation in Christian Service so that I am engaged Christian Service opportunities weekly.</p>	<p><u>Sacrificial Giving:</u> <u>Starting Point</u>—I will give a percentage of my income to Quail Springs beginning the day I begin the Discipleship Plan.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u>—I will grow in my Sacrificial Giving so that I will give a tithe, 10%, of my income to Quail Springs and will give sacrificially, over and above a tithe, to Quail Springs and other ministries/ organizations</p>	<p><u>Passionate Spirituality:</u> <u>Starting Point</u> —I will pray and read the Bible on a regular basis and attempt other forms of Passionate Spirituality.</p> <p><u>Growth Goal</u> —I will grow in my practices of Passionate Spirituality so I regularly pray, read the Bible, fast, observe Sabbath rest, meditate, celebrate the sacraments, and participate in other spiritual disciplines as regular components of my life and faith.</p>