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© BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH



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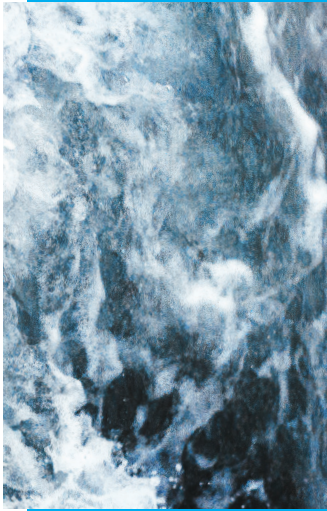
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THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME
SALVATION IN THE NAME

OUR
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PART 1: BAYSIDE'S STORY

*"Let there be real harmony among you so there won't be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."
- 1 Corinthians 1:10*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bayside Community Church exists to help people:

KNOW _____

FIND _____

LIVE IN _____

DISCOVER _____

THE GOAL OF MYBAYSIDE

The goal of MyBayside is to help you learn more about your church and how you can get connected so you can be a part of what God is doing at Bayside.

HOW DOES BAYSIDE HELP PEOPLE KNOW GOD?

WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

*"Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised. Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming."
- Hebrews 10:23-25*

The purpose of the Weekend Experience is to provide a life-giving church environment where anyone can experience the love of God, find a friend, and be encouraged by God's Word.

WE ACHIEVE THIS BY:

1. Creating environments where everyone feels welcomed and at home
2. Providing a safe and fun place for children
3. Celebratory worship (Psalms 122:1)
4. Presenting the Word of God in a practical way

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SHARING CHRIST WITH OUR COMMUNITY

We named our church Bayside **"Community"** Church for two reasons. One, we wanted people to feel a sense of _____ and _____ when they attend. And two, we believe the church should be a church for the community. We don't exist to stay within our four walls, but believe we should take the message of Christ to our local communities and the world.

WE ACHIEVE THIS THROUGH

- **Global Missions**

Bayside Missions exist to connect us with others in order to build the Kingdom of God. Come make a difference with us and share in what God is doing around the world.

- **Local Outreach**

We invest in and partner with our local communities to spread the love of Jesus.

- **Online Experience**

Our desire is to make easy for people to experience the love of Christ, even if they can't make it to church.

The last thing Jesus said to the disciples was "go into all the world and preach the gospel." We are called to preach the gospel, which is simply telling others the good news of Christ. We can accomplish this by telling them of what God has done in our lives, inviting our friends and families to church, and serving others. **We want to make it hard for people in our community to go to hell by making it easy for them to come to church.**

Mark 16:15, Romans 10:13-14

**What percentage of people
in our community do not
attend church?**

**What percentage of people
would attend if invited?**

INVEST & _____

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

THE BIBLE IS OUR AUTHORITY

The sole basis for our belief is the Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, without error, and the final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

2 Timothy 3:16, Proverbs 30:5

THE TRINITY

As the Bible teaches, there is one God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each possessing all the attributes of deity. *Deuteronomy 6:4, Genesis 1:1-3, John 1:1-5, Genesis 1:26*

WE ARE GOD'S CREATION

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace to end our alienation from Him. *Genesis 1:26-31, Romans 5:12, Colossians 1:21-22*

SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT, BUT WE MUST ACCEPT IT

Salvation comes only through God's grace—not human effort—and must be received personally by repentance and faith. *Romans 10:9, 2 Peter 1:3*

JESUS DIED FOR US

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the Cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit. He will return to earth to consummate history. *2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, John 3:16*

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit draws sinners to Christ and equips believers for personal growth and service to the church. *John 16:7-11, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Galatians 5:22-23*

THE CHURCH

The church's role is to glorify God and serve those in need. *Acts 2:46-47, Philippians 2:4*

HEAVEN AND HELL ARE REAL

At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment. Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

IN ESSENTIAL BELIEFS—WE HAVE

"There is one Body and one Spirit... there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..." - Ephesians 4:4-6

IN NON-ESSENTIAL BELIEFS—WE HAVE

*"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."
- Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22*



IN ALL OUR BELIEFS—WE SHOW

"If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains—but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." - 1 Corinthians 13:2

LIFE AS A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

The Bible clearly outlines what the life of a Christ-follower looks like. Based on the Word of God, we believe...

1 The Bible Is Our **AUTHORITY**

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right." - 2 Timothy 3:16

2 Christ-Followers Should Be Water **BAPTIZED**

"As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?' And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him." - Acts 8:36-38

3 Christ-Followers **LEARN, GROW** and **ACT** like Jesus

- **COMMITMENT:** Committing to a relationship with God through the Word and Prayer.
- **INTENTIONALITY:** Being intentional in our relationship with others as we seek to serve and love them.
- **GENEROSITY:** Being generous to give of our money, time, energy and resources.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

- Colossians 2:6-7

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4 Christ-Followers **TITHE**

- Tithing is an act of faith and obedience, recognizing that God is their provider.
- Tithing 10% of income specifically is biblical, but it isn't about the money - it's about a generous heart.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." - Proverbs 3:9-10

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

5 Christ-Followers **MAKE DISCIPLES**

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19

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PART 2: GROWTH TRACK

MY BAYSIDE

The goal of My Bayside is to help you learn more about your church, and, more importantly, how you can get connected and be a part of what God is doing.

MY FAMILY

The goal of My Family is to help you connect with others in your church family. We believe that we should be more than just a friendly church. We want to be a place where you can find genuine, life-giving friendships because we believe life change happens in the context of relationships.

MY PLACE

You were created with a purpose and God wants to see you use it. Discover how God has uniquely gifted you and find your place to serve at Bayside. My Place takes place on the third weekend of every month.

MY FREEDOM

The goal of My Freedom is to help you hear from God in a new way and learn how to live in the Freedom He has for you. My Freedom is a 7-week small group that begins the fourth weekend of every month and ends with Freedom Weekend.

PART 3: STRUCTURE

*"For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace...Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."
- 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*

The structure of the church should not be determined by culture, business practices or even denominational traditions.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH DETERMINES ITS STRUCTURE

1. The church is a _____.

"They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the fellowship." - Acts 2:42

A top priority in a fellowship is _____

and _____.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:3

"So let us concentrate on the things that make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together." - Romans 14:19

Any attitude that causes disunity is sin.

Other Scriptures: Col. 3:15; 1 Cor 1:10; 2 Tim 2:14; Pr 17:14; 2 Cor 13:11; Phil 1:27, 2:1-3; Col 2:2; Phil 4:2; 1 Pet 3:8; 1 Cor 14:33; John 13:34-35; 2 Tim 2:23; Rom 15:5-6; Rom 12:16-18; Col 3:13-14; Ps 133:1

A good structure promotes unity and downplays _____.

*(Often) "your meetings do more harm than good" (because)
"I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you." - 1 Corinthians 11:17-18*

Voting tends to _____ division.

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2. The church is a _____ therefore, we operate on the basis of _____, not rules.

*"You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds."
- 1 Peter 3:8*

3. The church is a _____; therefore, we function on the basis of _____ gifts, not elected offices.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We (each) have different gifts, according to the grace given us." - Romans 12:4-6

**WE ARE A BODY, NOT A
BUSINESS**

**WE ARE AN ORGANISM—NOT AN
ORGANIZATION**

**4. The church is a _____; therefore, it is
cared for and led by _____.**

*"Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Do you really love me?' 'Yes Lord,' said Peter.
'Then take care of my sheep.'" - John 21:16-17*



ACCOUNTABILITY IN A NONDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

THE ROLE OF THE MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team, directed by the Lead Pastor, oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church.

Campus Pastors

Each campus has a local campus pastor leading the local ministry team.

THE ROLE OF ELDERS

Trustees (Non-Staff Elders) They are the corporate board and serve the church by approving the annual budgets and other major financial commitments of the church.

Leadership Team (Staff Elders) They serve the congregation and the Ministry Team for the development of the spiritual life of the church. They are responsible to model a godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the pastors, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes and counsel church members as described in Titus 1:6-9.

Both Non-Staff and Staff Elders may contact the Overseers if a potential discipline situation of the Lead Pastor arises.

THE ROLE OF OVERSEERS

The Overseers are pastors of respected congregations who love Bayside and its pastor and are willing to provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called in to help in accountability matters relating to the Lead Pastor if requested to do so by the Elders.

MINISTRY TEAM

ELDERS

OVERSEERS

PART 4: WHAT NOW?

What it means to be a member

The difference between "attenders" and "members" can be summed up in one word: _____

THE BAYSIDE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having attended My Bayside and being in agreement with what I have heard today, I agree to the following...

1. I will commit to Knowing _____

- By attending faithfully
- By reading the Word of God and developing a daily prayer life
- By tithing to my local church

2. I will commit to Finding _____

- By acting in love toward others
- By belonging to community
- By developing healthy friendships

3. I will commit to Living in _____

- By growing in my relationship with God
- By walking in forgiveness
- By learning to hear God's voice

4. I will commit to Discovering _____

- By identifying my gifts and talents
- By connecting them to my purpose
- By serving the local church





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