

# Starting Point

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I'm thrilled you're joining us today to learn more about our growing family at Daybreak! Our goal today is to make your time with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible. So whether you're new to church or been here for years – relax! You're among friends.

This is no “hard sell” or infomercial. Whether you share our beliefs or not, feel free to ask questions or just sit back and soak it in. We're here for the long haul so if there's a way we can help you take a next step in your spiritual journey, let us know. That's what we're here for!

Joining a local church is a great step in growing your faith, and I hope that our time together today will enable that step. Daybreak isn't a perfect church by any stretch – but we are a safe place to explore faith, meet God, connect with others, and serve the community. So welcome! I'm thrilled you're here and look forward to the adventure ahead with you.

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## THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS

So now you ... are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Ephesians 2:19 (New Living Translation)

Key Truths:

1. The church is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God expects you to be a \_\_\_\_\_ in a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is a \_\_\_\_\_.



## THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS

That I will commit myself to \_\_\_\_\_ and to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT MAKES DAYBREAK COMMUNITY A FAMILY?

4 Things Unite Us...

- Our **Salvation** (What God has done for us)
- Our **Statements** (Why we exist as a church)
- Our **Strategy** (How we fulfill our purposes)
- Our **Structure** (When and where we fulfill our purposes)

# Workshop Outline

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*Get ready! There's a lot of material in a short amount of time. But please feel free to ask questions at any time! There may be a few things that you will want to read or reread on your own. If you need further clarification or have additional questions, please call or e-mail Pastor Dave (610.850.3454 or [dave@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:dave@enjoydaybreak.com)).*

# Intro to Daybreak

## Our Beginning ...

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## Part 1: Our Salvation



*So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians-you are one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:26-28 (New Living Translation)

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing why they are here on this earth. They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God's purposes for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, "What is the meaning of my life?"

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.  
Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasures.

Some look for happiness by gaining prestige or power.

But real happiness comes from discovering my purpose from God!

## I. WHY AM I HERE?

### 1. GOD MADE ME TO \_\_\_\_\_ ME!

God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love!" Jeremiah 31:3

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure."

Ephesians 1:4-5 (New Living Translation)

### 2. WE WERE CREATED TO HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD AND TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE REST OF GOD'S CREATION! THIS MAKES US SPECIAL.

"So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. God blessed them and told them, 'Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters over the fish and birds and all the animals'" Genesis 1:27-28 (New Living Translation)

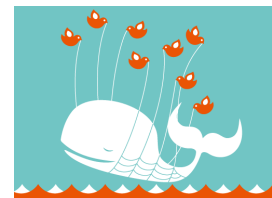
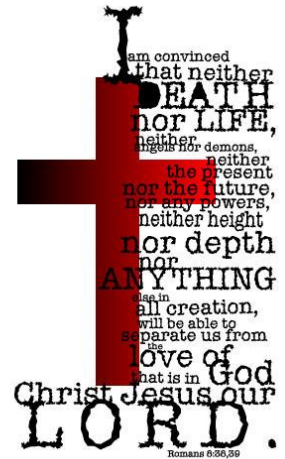
"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1 Timothy 6: 17

"My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." - Jesus in John 10:10

### 3. WHEN WE KNOW AND LOVE GOD, AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH HIS PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES, IT PRODUCES TREMENDOUS \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR LIVES.

JOYFUL BENEFITS:

A clear conscience	Romans 8:1
Life and peace	Romans 8:6
Help with weakness	Romans 8:26
Purpose	Romans 8:28
Confidence	Romans 8:31
Security	Romans 8:39
Fulfillment	Philippians 4: 19
Power and Strength	Philippians 4:13
Freedom	John 8:32, 36



This is the kind of lifestyle God intends for us to live. Why then aren't most people really happy?

## II. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

### 1. PEOPLE HAVE A NATURAL DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND IGNORE GOD'S PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING.

"Look out for number 1. Do your own thing."

"If it feels good then do it, regardless of what God says about it."

"It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

### 2. THE BIBLE CALLS THIS ATTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_.

*"All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own."* Isaiah 53:6 (New Living Translation)

*"If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth."* 1 John 1:8 (New Living Translation)



Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

*"The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God."* Isaiah 59:2 (Living Bible)

*"For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."* Romans 3:23

When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives - marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD.

*"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."*  
Proverbs 16:25 (NLT)

Even when we know that our deepest need is God, we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

"My mother was a Christian so ..."

"It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere."

"I'll give up all my bad habits."

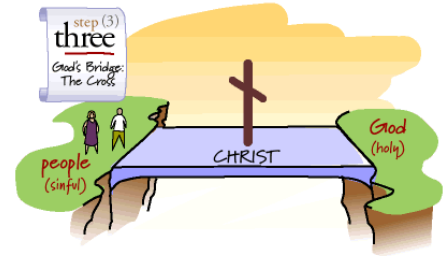
"I'll work real hard and earn it."

"I'll be religious and go to church."

### III. WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

Jesus Christ said, *"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!"* John 14:6

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!



#### **JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!**

"The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
Romans 6:23

#### **God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him!**

"God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still separated from God by sin, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"God is on the one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind." 1 Timothy 2:5

**God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.**

### IV. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD HAS NOT BEEN FIRST PLACE IN MY LIFE AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE MY SINS.

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong."* 1 John 1:9

2. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR MY SINS AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN AND IS ALIVE TODAY.

*"If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your hearts that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be*

saved." Acts 4: 12

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. DON'T TRY TO EARN IT.**

*"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO MY LIFE AND BE THE LEADER ("LORD") OF MY LIFE.**

*"To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! - not a physical rebirth ... but from the will of God!"* John 1:12-13

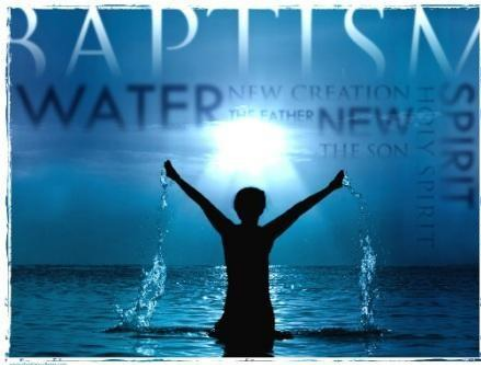
*"Jesus says, 'Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in ...'"* Revelation 3:30



**YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMPLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD:**

"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."

*"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."* Romans 10:13



# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

## I. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

### 1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY \_\_\_\_\_

*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."* Mark 1:9

### 2. BECAUSE CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

*"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.'" Matthew 28: 19-20*

### 3. IT DEMONSTRATES THAT I \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS. I REALLY AM A \_\_\_\_\_

*"...many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized."* Acts 18:8

*"We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands."* 1 John 2:3

## II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

### 1. IT ILLUSTRATES CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND RESURRECTION.

*"Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... and He rose again."* 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."* Colossians 2: 12

### 2. IT ILLUSTRATES MY \_\_\_\_\_ AS A CHRISTIAN.

*"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17

*"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead ... so we may live a new life!"* Romans 6:4

Baptism doesn't make you a believer. It shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you. Only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring-it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

### III. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION

**1. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS BAPTIZED THAT WAY.**

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."* Matthew 3: 16

**2. EVERY BAPTISM IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ WAS BY IMMERSION.**

(Example) *"... then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water ..."* Acts 8:38-39

**3. THE WORD "BAPTIZE" MEANS "TO \_\_\_\_\_ WATER."**

The Greek word *baptizo* means "to immerse or dip under water."

**4. IT BEST \_\_\_\_\_ A BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!**

Martin Luther ... "I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies."

John Calvin ... "The word 'baptize' signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church."

John Wesley ... "Buried with Him alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church."

### IV. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

**EVERY PERSON WHO HAS \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST.**

*"Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized ..."* Acts 2:41

*"Simon himself believed and was baptized ..."* Acts 8:13

*"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News ... and the name of Jesus Christ,*

*they were baptized, both men and women."* Acts 8:12

At Daybreak Community Church we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

Some churches practice a baptism of confirmation for children. This ceremony is intended as a covenant between the parents and God on behalf of the child. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose of believer's baptism is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

At Daybreak, it is a membership requirement that every member must be baptized the way that Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were "baptized" and "confirmed" as children.

One note: We do have an important service for children similar to the above baptism of confirmation. This is called a child/parent dedication service. This service is not a baptism, but is intended as a time where parents make a covenant between themselves and God to raise their children to love and serve the Lord. These services are very important and are often one of the highlights of the year.

## V. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

### **AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!**

*"Those who believed ... were baptized ... that day!"* Acts 2:41

*"Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, 'Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The man answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him." Acts 8:35-38*

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you decide to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect," you will never feel "good enough."

### **CAN MY FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?**

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed their trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. Young children who wish to be baptized must understand their commitment to Christ as well as the meaning and significance of baptism.

## **WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN I AM BAPTIZED?**

Anything that is modest and will not distract from the service is appropriate. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and something for your wet clothes.

## **HOW WILL THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE DEVELOP AND WILL I HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING?**

The service will begin with a short presentation on the meaning of baptism and the joy we have in seeing each person taking this significant step. Pastor Dave or another leader will introduce you and then you will be given the opportunity to briefly share how you came to know the Lord, and what this day means to you. You will then be baptized by total immersion three times forward, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You will then leave the baptismal font, pool, lake or other place to dry off and watch the others. Afterwards, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration together. You will then receive a certificate of baptism. We encourage you to invite all your friends and relatives to attend your baptism.





# THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called "ordinances") as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

## I. WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)



A. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread..." (vs. 23)*

B. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of me.'" (vs. 24)*

C. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup, is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.'" (vs. 25)*

D. IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back." (vs. 26)*

## II. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

**ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY \_\_\_\_\_** (Mark 14:22-26)

*"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment upon himself." 2 Corinthians 11:29*

## III. HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER?

*"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be*

*guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

1. Self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:27)
2. Confessing my sins (1 John 1 :9)
3. Recommitment (Romans 12:1)
4. Restoring Relationships (Matthew 5:23-24)

#### **IV. WHEN AND HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?**

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. We will observe it approximately every six weeks and at other special times during the year.



## Part 2: Our Statements

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

### OUR MISSION/PURPOSE STATEMENT

(Why we exist as a church)

**Our mission is to shine out Jesus' light and help people change to become His fully devoted followers.**

"Jesus said to the people, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'" *John 8:12*

"You are the light of the world-like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." *Matthew 5:13-16*

"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.'" *Matthew 22:37-40*

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:19-20*

A fully devoted follower of Christ is someone whose life is characterized by ...

**GRACE** Received it. Come to the end of self and trusted in Christ alone. Been baptized, demonstrating their following Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9

**GROWTH** Grace is only the beginning. A person is actively pursuing a life-long process of growth through prayer, worship and Bible reading.



<b>GROUP</b>	Committed to participating in community, both large group and small group for inspiration, teaching, encouragement and accountability.
<b>GIFTS</b>	A person recognizes that we all need each other and are all specially designed by God. He seeks to discover, develop and utilize those God-given gifts.
<b>GREAT GIVING</b>	Use all my resources and material possessions for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

(Who we want to become)

A place for new beginnings for thousands of pre-Christians

A church experiencing God in dynamic worship

A church offering life-changing small groups

A church ministering to kids in fun, creative, life-shaping ways

A church offering relevant life-development workshops

A church serving the community

A church sending missions teams all over the world

A church starting new thriving churches

## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH



**In essential beliefs – we have unity.**

*“There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”* Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

**In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty.**

*“So why do you condemn another Christian? Why do you look down on another Christian? Remember, each of us will stand personally before the judgment seat of God...So don’t condemn each other anymore. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not put an obstacle in another Christian’s path...So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.” - Paul in Romans 14 (NLT)*

**In all our beliefs – we show love.**

*“If I...can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)*

## **THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE:**

### **ABOUT GOD**

We believe that there is one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – each of whom possess equally all the attributes of deity. God created everything out of nothing and by His sovereign power continues to sustain all things. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

### **ABOUT THE BIBLE**

We believe that the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New testaments, is entirely originated with God and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. There, Scripture speaks, at the same time, with the authority of God while also reflecting the backgrounds, styles, and vocabulary of the human authors. The Scriptures are inspired by God, and are without error. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

### **ABOUT JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus Christ is the eternal son of God. He is fully human and can identify with our needs and struggles, yet fully God, and therefore able to save us from sin. He is equal to the Father. He lived a sinless life of perfect obedience to the will of the Father and voluntarily offered Himself as the sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. After three days He arose from the dead and thereby demonstrated His power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and will return again someday to earth, personally and visibly, in order to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

## **ABOUT SALVATION**

The central purpose of God's revelation is to call humanity into fellowship with Himself. All people were originally created to have fellowship with God, but they defied and rebelled against God, choosing their independent way, and have, therefore, been alienated from God. This fall into sin has resulted in the corruption of the human nature and the need for saving grace. Salvation is the free gift of grace available to all people. It is not earned through a life of good works, religious involvement, or self-improvement. Only by trusting in Christ and personally appropriating this gift through faith can one find forgiveness from sin and eternal life. God wishes all to be saved and is grieved when people go against His will and reject Him. He has, however, sovereignly chosen to give every person a free will and will not force anyone to believe in Him or follow Him. When God has begun a saving work in a person's heart, and as they follow the Scriptural admonitions to abide in Christ and persevere in their faith, God gives the assurance of His presence and power.

## **ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

The essential accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, indwells everyone who accepts Jesus Christ into his/her life. We are then shaped by the Holy Spirit to live lives of growing godly character. This character development is a gradual process and will not be completed in this life, yet our consistent progress should be evident to those around us. The Holy Spirit shows us the areas of our lives that hinder our relationship with Him or with other people, and He gives the direction and power we need to move towards positive change in our lives. He helps us exchange hurtful habits for helpful habits and makes us more like Christ. The result of allowing God to shape our lives and develop within us a growing godly character is greater joy, freedom, peace and fulfillment.

## **ABOUT ETERNITY**

People were created to live forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. After death there will be a resurrection of the body so that each person can stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Here the eternal destiny of each individual will be determined. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. This is hell. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for the good works they have done in the name of Christ.

## **ABOUT THE CHURCH**

When a person is united with Jesus Christ by faith, they become members of His body, the church. There is one true universal church comprised of all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as

Savior and Lord. The Scripture directs all believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of God's Word, to observe communion and baptism, fellowship, service to the body through the use of one's talents and gifts and outreach to the world. Under the care of the church leadership, the church's members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

## **KEY SCRIPTURES:**

**About God:** Genesis 1:1,26,27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

**About the Bible:** 2 Timothy 1:13, 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 12:6; 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5

**About Jesus Christ:** Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

**About Salvation:** Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12, 14:16, 15:1-6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-27; Revelation 2:7,11,17,26, 3:5,11,12,21

**About the Christian Life:** Titus 2:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Ephesians 2:10, 4:22-24ff; Colossians 2:6-7; Matthew 5:48

**About Eternity:** John 2:25, 3:16, 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 1:8; 2:44,46; Luke 16:19-31

**About the Church:** Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 4:1-16; Romans 12:4-8

## Part 3: Our Strategy

Daybreak's goal is to help people change to become Jesus' fully devoted followers. This requires that we move people to deeper levels of spiritual commitment. We will do this by encouraging people to move through the following steps in the journey of dynamic life development.

### THE JOURNEY

#### Connect

Enjoy connecting with God and new friends through Daybreak's weekend celebration services as well as other fun events. Begin to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus' love for you. Connecting with Jesus and others is the crucial first step.

#### Grow

Join one of several small groups that meet weekly / biweekly in various homes and other spots. Groups assist you in building stronger friendships and growing deeper in your relationship with God. Also, take advantage of various workshops offered throughout the year that will help you grow deeper in your relationship with God. ("How to Read and Understand the Bible" / "How to Pray" / "How to Live an Ordinary Day with Jesus?" etc... ) Also, help yourself to a variety of free resources (located on the Resource Side Table) offered at Daybreak that will help stimulate your thinking and challenge you to passionately pursue God and His ways.



### LIFE GROUPS

Life groups are an essential component to the life and ministry of the church and to our personal spiritual growth.

Life groups were a key component to the life and vitality of the early church.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were

being saved.” Acts 2:46-47

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.” Acts 20:20

### **Benefits of Being in a Life Group**

1. They provide multiple points of entry into the church by extending ministry to multiple communities. We can then invite friends and neighbors to our small groups as well as to our Sunday Celebration Services.
2. They provide an excellent way to make new friends and develop deeper relationships with Christ.
3. They are the best way to care for people.
4. They accelerate the spiritual growth of individuals and the church as a whole.
5. They properly shift the work of ministry to each member. As a result, we find joy as we make a difference in the lives of other people, and we also find our needs effectively addressed.

These groups are designed to meet every week at a mutually convenient time for group members. Prayer, study and personal application of the Bible to life, and encouragement are three key components of the group experience. Many different types of groups can be started. Leaders will be trained and encouraged in leadership meetings held bi-monthly.





*Groups provide a great environment where you can grow closer to new friends and closer to God!*

*Here are the current life groups available:*

**Lisa's Group for Ladies —Mondays @ 7 pm**

Meeting at the Daybreak Den (156 W Ridge Pike, Limerick) every 1st and 3rd Monday. Contact Lisa (610.495.7740 or ltomarelli@enjoydaybreak.com). Current study: "BOUNDARIES" by Henry Cloud & John Townsend

**Men's Accountability Groups**

Meeting at various times throughout the week (Sunday PM, Monday PM, Tuesday AM). For more info contact Dave Hakes (610.850.3454 or dave@enjoydaybreak.com).

**Dan & Janet's Group — Wednesdays @ 7 pm**

Meeting at Dan & Janet's (Limerick) Contact: Dan & Janet Ottey (610.495.8880 or danottey@yahoo.com). Current Study: "CRAZY LOVE" by Francis Chan

**Kevin & Danielle's Group —Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**

Meeting at Kevin & Danielle Grando's (Schwenksville) every other Wednesday evening. Contact Kevin & Danielle Grando (610.287.5676 or kdgrand1@hotmail.com). Current Study: REVELATION

**Karl & Jay's Group—Thursdays @ 7 pm**

Meeting at Jay & Becky Essick's (Pottstown) or Karl & Kathy Neumann's (Collegeville) every other Thursday evening. Contact Karl Neumann (KK.neumann@hotmail.com) or Jay & Becky Essick (610-970-9235 or JBEssick21@verizon.net). Current Study: Sunday Message Topics

**Matt & Michelle's Group —Thursdays @ 7 pm**

Meeting at Matt & Michelle Vera's (Collegeville). Contact Matt & Michelle Vera (610.454.0582 or mdvera@verizon.net). Current Study: TOUGH QUESTIONS by Judson Poling

**Dave & Christina's Group—Starting Soon!**

For more info about joining this newly forming group contact Dave or Christina (610.850.3454 or dave@enjoydaybreak.com)



For more info contact the group leader or the church office  
(610-489-8080 or info@enjoydaybreak.com)

*Join one today!*

## Serve

Take the bold step and volunteer to serve in one of our exciting ministry spots listed below. Take the “*Serve it Up*” workshop to discover your spiritual gifts, passion and niche for serving Christ. Enjoy the thrill of making a huge difference in the lives of others!

# Opportunities for Serving @



### ☐ **Set-up Team**

—gets everything set for our young portable church, meeting in Spring-Ford High School. The team comes in at 7 a.m. on Sunday mornings and sets up chairs, equipment, KidZone areas, tables, etc. This hands-on ministry is for action-oriented, love to jump-in kind of people! (Contact John Courchesne: 610.247.1305 or [johncourchesne@hotmail.com](mailto:johncourchesne@hotmail.com))

### ☐ **Tech Team**

—includes sound system, lights, computer and video ministry needs for our Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service. (Contact Keith Smith: 610.310.5999 or [ks\\_smith79@hotmail.com](mailto:ks_smith79@hotmail.com))

### ☐ **1<sup>st</sup> Impressions Team**

*Greeters & Hosts*—give people warm and inviting smiles, info packets and directions as people arrive for our service each week. The team also helps serve refreshments (lots of yummy donuts!). (Contact Christina Hakes: 484.431.4303 or [christina@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:christina@enjoydaybreak.com))

### ☐ **Prayer Team**

—gathers on Sunday mornings around 9am at the High School in order to pray together for the morning service, all the ministry zones and the people that will be making an impact. If you sense a special calling to pray for others, you'll find this to be a powerfully meaningful time! (Contact Tina Ortiz: 610.718.5615 or [peaceandblessings1@verizon.net](mailto:peaceandblessings1@verizon.net))

☐ **Daybreak Band and Worship Team**—an energetic team of musicians committed to playing and singing with passion and authenticity with the purpose of helping people connect with Jesus in meaningful ways! Open to numerous instruments and vocalists. The team practices weekly and ministers at Daybreak's 10 a.m. Sunday service. (Contact John or Steph Courchesne: 610.247.1305 or [johncourchesne@hotmail.com](mailto:johncourchesne@hotmail.com))

☐ **Drama Team**—puts on attention-grabbing dramas that help focus the audience on the topic and big ideas in our creative worship services! (Contact Dave Hakes: 610.850-3454 or [dave@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:dave@enjoydaybreak.com))

☐ **KidZone**—a highly hands-on kids' program, ministering to approximately 30 to 50 children each week. Kids enjoy creative dramas, videos, games, singing, small groups and prayer

together. It's fun and life-changing! KidZone volunteers serve on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Contact Kevin or Danielle Grando: 610.287.5676 or [kidzone@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:kidzone@enjoydaybreak.com))

- ❑ **Nursery**—a warm and caring environment for little ones, from birth to two years old. Provided for young parents at Daybreak's 10 a.m. Sunday service. (Contact Kevin or Danielle Grando: 610.287.5676 or [kidzone@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:kidzone@enjoydaybreak.com))
- ❑ **LAUNCH! & BreakOut**—impacts youth with the love & truth of Christ. LAUNCH! meets a couple of times each month for discussion, teaching, and fun interaction. (Contact Kevin or Danielle Grando: 610.287.5676 or [launch@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:launch@enjoydaybreak.com))
- ❑ **Outreach Team**—meets for planning and then actively coordinating the Community Kindness Events throughout the year. People with ideas AND a bent toward action make this a great team to play on. (Contact John & Lori Morgan: 610.495.6846 or [outreach@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:outreach@enjoydaybreak.com))
- ❑ **Details Team**—help make vital, nitty-gritty administrative tasks happen. Copying, filing, sorting, punching, folding, stacking, mailing, running...you name it, they make the details happen! (Contact Robin Shaner: 484.369.8129 or [RAR6797@comcast.net](mailto:RAR6797@comcast.net))
- ❑ **Creativity Team**—brainstorms and pulls together all the plans for Sunday services. People on this team pull together music, drama, props, movie clips and all sorts of zany ideas to help each service vibrantly link God's truths to everyday life. (Contact Dave Hakes: 610.850.3454 or [dave@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:dave@enjoydaybreak.com))
- ❑ **Life Group Leaders**—give caring oversight & encouragement to a group of 8 to 12 other people. They lead them in gathering weekly for life-on-life discussion of God's Word, praying together & other fun fellowship. A group leader "pastors," helping coordinate heart-to-heart ministry in their group members' lives! (Contact Dave Hakes: 610.850.3454 or [dave@enjoydaybreak.com](mailto:dave@enjoydaybreak.com))

*I'd like more information about serving in one of the above ministry areas.  
Please have someone contact me with more information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Shine

Engage in the ultimate adventure – sharing your faith in Jesus Christ with other people! Take the workshop, “Just Walk Across the Room” for training and tools for helping point people to Christ. Then lead out in special community outreach events, small groups for seekers, mission trips, or even a church plant in a nearby community.

Daybreak helps people move toward greater devotion to Christ through these 4 steps, the 4 Commitments and Small Groups.

## THE 4 DAYBREAK COMMITMENTS

### 1) The Connection Commitment

Is a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.” (Ephesians 2:19)

“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.” Romans 12:4-5

### 2) The Growth Commitment

Is a commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_ necessary for spiritual growth.

“But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18.

### 3) The Service Commitment

Is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in \_\_\_\_\_ God and others.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

“There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:5,27

#### 4) The Shining Commitment

Is a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' light to others.

"You are the light of the world ... Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all." Matthew 5:14-15

"...You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:1



## CORE VALUES

***We believe in the miraculous, life-changing power of God.***

We expect God to do great things in our lives and the lives of others as we each personally seek a vibrant, authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

***We believe that other people matter immensely to God, so they should matter to us.***

This compels us to build strategic relationships with people and share Christ's love and grace with them. We also train others in sharing Jesus' good news.

***We believe that contagious, whole-hearted devotion to Christ should be the normal passion of every believer.***

Following Jesus is a process of growth in personal holiness and commitment to Him.

***We believe that teaching God's Word is the catalyst for genuine, dynamic life transformation.***

Lives are changed as people hear the truth and respond passionately & obediently to God.

***We believe that ministry for Christ must be culturally relevant while remaining true to the teachings of the Bible.***

This includes the use of music, drama, printed materials, facilities, the internet and other contemporary media-all for dynamic communication of God's life-changing message.

***We believe that variety and diversity are healthy in the church.***

We seek involvement from people of varying age, ethnic background, and marital status. We

seek for people of all backgrounds to connect with Christ, receive His grace and become devoted followers.

***We believe that phenomenal life-change takes place in small groups.***

Loving friendships, authenticity and meaningful accountability can be cultivated best in a small group environment.

***We believe the church should work together as a unified community.***

This includes the vital concept of teamwork in accomplishing ministry. We help people discover, develop and use their spiritual gifts for Christ's kingdom. We also train people in using their time, talents and financial resources for God's work in our church and around the world.

***We believe the church grows as leaders lead & deliberately create a leadership climate.***

We identify, train and develop Godly leaders to reach their maximum impact for Christ.

***We believe the church should pursue excellence for God's glory.***

Such excellence must include high quality, passionate creativity, sharp evaluation, thoughtful change and loving intensity in every facet of ministry.

## Part 4: Our Structure

“For God is not a God if disorder but of peace ... be sure that everything is done properly and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:33,40 (NLT)

### OVERVIEW

The structure of the church should not be determined by culture, business practices or anything else except the Scriptures.

The Nature of the church helps determine its structures.

**1. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_**

“They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord’s Supper and in prayer.” Acts 2:42

**The top priority in a fellowship is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.” Ephesians 4:3

“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.”  
Romans 14:19

**Any attitude that causes disunity is sin.**

Col. 3:15; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Tim. 2:14; Prov. 17:14; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil 1:27, 2:1-3; Col. 2:2;  
Phil 4:2; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 Cor. 14:33; John 13:34; 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 division or disunity.**

“... it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together ... I hear that there are divisions among you...” 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

**2. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. (NIV) You should be like one big happy family.” 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

**Therefore we operate on the basis of love not rules.**

“Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers.” 1 Timothy 5:1

“A pastor must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?” 1 Timothy 3:4 (NIV) also see: Gal. 6:10; Heb. 2:10-12; 1 Peter 4:17.

**3. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ .**

1 Cor. 12:27; Eph 5:23; Eph 1:22-23; Col. 1:18,  
2:19

We are a body, not a business! We are an organism-not an organization!

**Therefore, we function on the basis of gifts not traditions.**



We should be willing to let go of traditions if they are not effective in advancing the cause of Christ! We should not do things “because that’s the way we have always done them.” Creativity, innovation, and new ideas should be encouraged! Creative ideas that don’t work should be seen as “excellent mistakes” and should spur us on to try again.

Every believer has different spiritual gifts. These gifts should be identified and utilized. New ministry activities and ideas are encouraged.

“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.” Romans 12:4-6 (NLT)

**In an organization “maintenance” becomes the focus. But in the church, which is an organism, “ministry” becomes the focus.**

At Daybreak we want a simple structure so as to maximize ministry and minimize maintenance.

“He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

**The people are the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**The pastor(s) are the \_\_\_\_\_.**

It is not possible for the Pastor to address all the needs of a growing congregation by himself. In fact, this model of ministry is unbiblical and harmful. A church becomes healthy when each member sees the important role he/she plays in meeting the needs of the people around him/her. Every Christian is called to minister and the Pastor is called to equip people so they can care for one another. Care giving takes place in several ways:

Life Group leaders and apprentice leaders care for the needs in their groups.

Life Group members care for each other.

Open Hands team members make regular calls, send cards, answer questions and help members and attendees.

Every member who is aware of a need can reach out with Christ’s love.

When we all work together with loving care and compassion, the church is built up, needs are met and God is glorified. This is the way the Body of Christ was designed to function!

We look forward to seeing dozens of new ministries started and operated by our members. These will take the form of small group ministries-e.g a group that focuses on prayer, a group that focuses on new moms, a group ministers in a nursing home, a group that ministers to a specific age of children, a group that serves as greeters ...

#### 4. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_

John 10:1-30; Matthew 25:33; 26:31

Implication: The church is led by \_\_\_\_\_.

“Again Jesus said, ‘Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” John 21:16-17

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the same church leaders:

POIMEN  
PRESBUTEROS  
EPISCOPOS

“To the **elders** among you ... Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing ... eager to serve.”  
1 Peter 5:1-2

“Paul sent to Ephesus for the **elders** of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: ‘You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**. Be **shepherds** of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.’” Acts 20:17-18, 28

We are developing a leadership team of individuals who have leadership and shepherding gifts; who are aligned with the biblical qualifications for elders; who have a positive, team-oriented relationship with the pastor, staff and other leaders; who are committed wholeheartedly to the Lord and His work at Daybreak.

## PARTNERSHIP

Daybreak Community Church is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church. For more info on the BIC see [www.bic-church.org](http://www.bic-church.org). The denomination gave us financial support to help us get started back in 2000. A basic breakdown of the denomination is as follows:



## **The Atlantic Conference**

There are several conferences in the church which cover geographical areas. We are in the Atlantic conference, which consists of about 50 churches that fellowship together to reach the northeastern United States with the love of Jesus Christ.

## **The General Conference**

This consists of 240+ churches that fellowship across Canada and the United States.

## **The Brethren in Christ Church**

In total there are over 1200 churches worldwide, in 18 countries, supporting 50 missionaries. The goal is to continue to evangelize and plant churches in nations which God has opened to our ministry.

## **The Advantages of Being a Part of the Brethren in Christ Church**

1. It allows us to identify with other Christians around the world. When you enter the membership of Daybreak Community Church you become a member of the Brethren in Christ church. This connects us with a group of solid Christians who have faithfully served the Lord for over 200 years and who now have effective kingdom building ministries all over the world.
2. It allows us to participate in ministry beyond our immediate sphere of influence through what is called Cooperative Ministries.

**Question:** Why have you not positioned yourself as a denominational church?

**Answer:** The goal of Daybreak Community Church is to minister across denominational lines. We are glad to be connected to the BIC church, but we desire to be a Community Church that ministers in a contemporary style to people from a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds in the greater Philadelphia area. The title "Brethren in Christ" is not well-known, except in parts of Canada and central Pennsylvania, and a denominational title, in our area, does not help accomplish this goal. Also, we want people to evaluate us based on their experience of our congregation rather than a denominational label.

## WHY MEMBERSHIP?



It's about ownership. At Daybreak, becoming a member represents a significant shift in mindset – from “I attend this church” to “This is *my* church.”

In many churches, membership is merely a token expression that signifies a person regularly attends a Sunday service. Some administrative responsibilities may come along with that (i.e. voting for an annual budget) but the effect is basically nominal. The statement made by this style of low-commitment membership is, “I attend here.”

At Daybreak, however, we've designed membership to be highly relational – it's about how we commit to care for and serve one another, in and out of the Sunday service. It's a mutual dedication to a shared mission, and a willingness to do life together. This style of high commitment membership says, “This is my family.”

“You are a member of God's very own family and you belong to God's household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19

In becoming a formal member of Daybreak Church, you're making two other important statements.

### 1. You can count on me!

Membership is a means of giving yourself wholeheartedly to something you believe in. It says, *“I not only applaud what you are doing, but you can count on my active participation in fulfilling the mission of this church.”*

It means you're willing to serve strategically on Sundays in order to accomplish our mission of shining out Jesus' light and helping people change to become His wholly devoted followers. During the week, you may lead or participate in a small group. In everyday life, you may invest in friendships with unchurched people and invite them to “come and see.”

Membership also says:

### 2. I'm committed!

It's a way of signifying that you're giving yourself unreservedly to a living relationship – one that will have its ups and downs, much like a marriage. Saying “I'm committed” is a very countercultural action in a commitment-phobic world where “living together” provides you with an easy exit if the relationship no longer suits you. We're not a perfect church – and there will inevitably be growing pains and disappointments in our

journey together. It's at those moments when our mutual commitment to Jesus Christ – and one another – will pull us through the challenging times.

At Daybreak Community Church we recognize the need for formal membership. We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

**A Biblical Reason** – Christ is committed to the church,  
“...Christ is committed to the church, and He gave His life for it.” Ephesians 5:25

**A Cultural Reason** – It is an antidote to our society.  
We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything ... a job ... a marriage ... our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers.” Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always brings character.

**A Practical Reason** – It defines who can be counted on.  
Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Even our country takes a census to identify its people. Membership identifies our family.

**A Personal Reason** – It produces spiritual growth  
The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you are not committed to a specific church family. Membership is a step forward in personal discipleship.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER?

At Daybreak Community Church, we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every growing Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in our Membership Commitment.

### THE DAYBREAK COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

Having received Christ as my Savior and Lord and been baptized as a believer, and being in agreement with Daybreak's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Daybreak Community Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

#### 1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

- **by acting in love toward other members**

- **by refusing to gossip**
- **by following the leaders**

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

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus." Romans 15:5*

*"... have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart." 1 Peter 1:22*

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29*

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13: 17*

## **2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH**

- **by praying for its growth**
- **by inviting unchurched people to attend**
- **by warmly welcoming those who visit**

*"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

*"... Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them (compel them, urge them) to come in, so that my house will be full." Luke 14:23*

*"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (LB)*

## **3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**

- **by discovering and using my gifts and abilities**
- **by being equipped by my pastor(s) to serve**
- **by developing a servant's heart**

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

*"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12*

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus ... who took on the very nature of a servant ..."* Philippians 2:3-7

#### **4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH**

- **by attending faithfully**
- **by living a Godly life**
- **by giving regularly**

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another ... "* Hebrews 10:25

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel."* Philippians 1:27

*"A tithe of everything from the land ... belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD."*  
Leviticus 27:30

*"On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collection will have to be made."*  
1 Corinthians 16:2

## **WHAT A MEMBER CAN EXPECT OF DAYBREAK**

### **You're a Priority**

To begin with, being a member allows Daybreak's leadership to more clearly identify the core people who have been entrusted to our care. New members are the ones we are primarily accountable to God for watching over and "shepherding" (nurturing, caring, training, guiding, teaching, counseling, and correcting). It's not that we won't care for others or will turn our backs on them (we're *not* an exclusive club!) – but when resources are limited and help is needed, our members receive first priority (1 Timothy 5:8).

### **Spiritual Care & Counseling**

Here are some of the specific things that Membership will allow us to do for you. You can expect that Daybreak's leadership will:

- Know your story. Track your spiritual journey & encourage you to take next steps (i.e. baptism, small group involvement, leadership, etc...)
- Provide pastoral care during times of crisis, confusion, or loss.
- Prioritize you to receive counseling

### **Equipping and Life Events**

We'll also make it our priority to:

- Help you use your gifts and find just the right place for you to serve others.
- Provide leadership training for you (if you're a small group leader or on a ministry team).
- Perform weddings, marriage mentoring, baby dedications, & other special stage-of-life events.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## Four Requirements:

1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?

Yes                      When?

Where?

2. Have you been baptized after you committed your life to Christ?

Yes                      When?

Where?

or  I want to be baptized at Daybreak in an upcoming baptism celebration.

3. Have you completed the "Is this Church for Me?" & "Is Membership for Me?" workshops?

Yes

4. Do you desire to abide by the Daybreak Membership Commitment?

Yes

Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME TO THE DAYBREAK FAMILY!