

STARTING POINT



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Welcome to Starting Point.

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Who We Are:

Our Vision: to create campuses that offer hope and life change through Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: to make disciples who Love God, Love People, and Reach the World.

The mission is comprised of the two most important quotes of Jesus: the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

What We Believe:

About the Trinity

- We believe in one true God eternally existing in three distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) each of Whom is fully and equally God, possesses all of the divine nature and attributes, and is totally worthy of our worship and service (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-4, John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

About God

- We believe that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe (Genesis 1:27).
- We believe that God loves lost people and desires them to be saved (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9).

About Jesus Christ

- We believe that Jesus of Nazareth (as prophesied in the Old Testament and described in the Gospels) is the Messiah. He is God in human form. We believe the virgin-born Son of God died for our sins, was buried, rose from the dead, and is coming again. We believe He is both fully God and fully man (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2-3; John 1:1, 14; John 14:7-11; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 2:9).
- We believe in the literal, bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead as prophesied. We believe He was physically present with His followers before He ascended into Heaven to be with His Father (Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8).
- We believe in the literal return of Jesus as promised (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Peter 3:3-4, 10, 13; Revelation 19:11-16).

About the Holy Spirit

- We believe that when a person receives Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, he or she also receives the Holy Spirit who leads and directs the believer through God's Word and ministers to the believer, sanctifying, shaping, and guiding him or her to the truth (John 16:13; Acts 2:38; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

- We believe spiritual gifts are given to all believers by the Holy Spirit for works of service to benefit and build up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7; Ephesians 4:11-16).

About the Scriptures

- We believe that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men of God “were moved by the Holy Spirit” to write the very words of Scripture. The Bible is therefore without error (inerrant) in its original manuscripts. God has supernaturally preserved the Bible, and it is the sole and final authority for faith and life, providing encouragement, guidance, comfort, and instruction for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

About Mankind

- We believe that man was created in the image of God by direct act of God and for His glory. Because sin entered the world through the disobedience of Adam, man is born with a sin nature, is separated from God, and is incapable of saving himself by his own effort or merit. Man can only overcome sin through accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior (Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 43:7; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23-24, 5:6-12; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:8-9).

About Salvation

- We believe that Jesus Christ judges every person when they die. Because “everyone has sinned,” and “the wages of sin is death” (eternal separation from God), a person must confess his or her sins, repent and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in order to be cleansed from sin and receive eternal salvation (John 3:16; Acts 3:19; Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15).
- We believe that salvation is an irrevocable gift from God based upon His grace and not on our works (John 10:27-29; Ephesians 2:8-9).

About Baptism

- We believe that every believer should be baptized by immersion as a public symbol of his or her identification with Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 3:13-17, 28:19; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-4).

About Marriage

- We believe that God created and approves of marriage between one man and one woman by joining them in a “one flesh” union, which reflects Christ’s relationship with His Church (Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Ephesians 5:22-33).

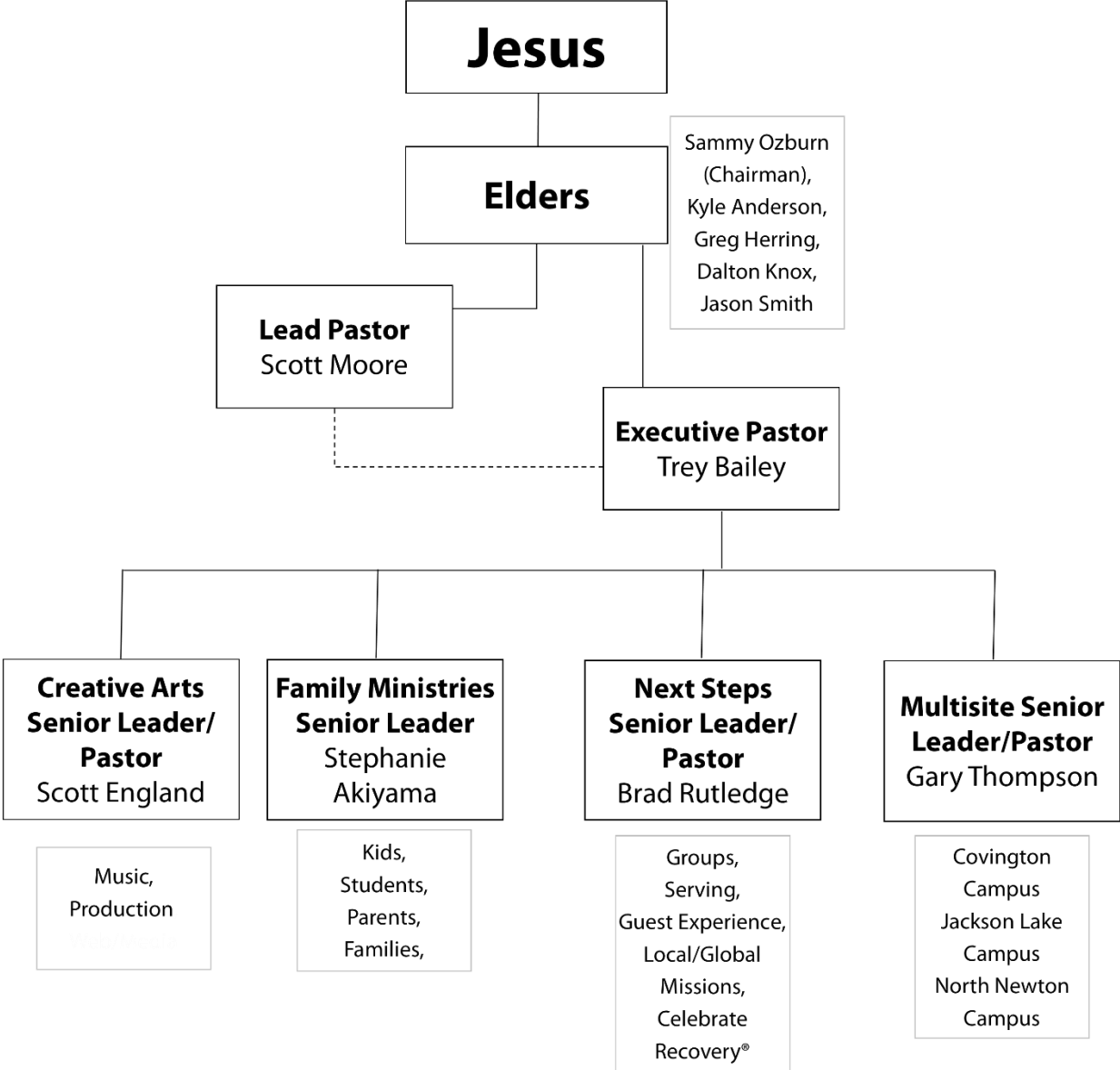
About the Church

- We believe that the Church is a body of believers united under Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. Members of the church must care for one another with the peace of Jesus Christ ruling through their hearts (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 3:15).
- The mission of the church is to make disciples who love God, love people, and reach the world (Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:35; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:8,11).

About the Lord’s Supper (Communion)

- We believe that the Lord’s Supper is a ceremony commanded by Jesus for believers to remember His sacrificial death for our sins. Before participating in the Lord’s Supper, a person should examine himself or herself and never forget the tremendous price paid by our Savior for our salvation (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

Our Structure:



Who You Are:

Our primary identity is a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12 (NLT)

Definition of Disciple:

Someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and committed to the mission of Jesus.

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.²⁰ 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 28:18-20 (NLT)

How Can We Partner Together?

Eastridge will help you grow as a disciple.

ATTEND:

You are a necessary part. You belong here.

I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.³You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.⁵Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5 (NLT)

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

SERVE:

“I get to...”

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

GROW:

Just like Jesus.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity...

Acts 2:46 (NLT)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn[a] among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 (NLT)

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

John 17:17 (NLT)

GO: Who's Your One?

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach 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.

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Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

So, Jesus told them this story: ⁴"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

Luke 15:3-7 (NLT)

Sunday Morning/ Celebrate Recovery®

Serving Team

Groups

Accountability

Discipleship

Next Steps:

What Are We Asking YOU To Do?

What Are YOUR Next Steps?

- Salvation
- Baptism
- Membership
- Connection
- Begin discipleship journey/training with classes

(See Membership Agreement)

Notes:

MEMBER PROFILE

Date that you completed the Starting Point Class: _____

How did you come to/hear about Eastridge? _____

Household Head

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle/Maiden: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Name or Nickname: _____ DOB: _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Cellular Carrier _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Email Address: _____

Date Accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior: _____

Date Baptized: _____

Do you serve in ministry here? _____ What area: _____

Are you in a Growth Group? _____ Leader's Name: _____

Spouse of Head

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle/Maiden: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Name or Nickname: _____ DOB: _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Cellular Carrier _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Email Address: _____

Date Accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior: _____

Date Baptized: _____

Do you serve in ministry here? _____ What area: _____

Are you in a Growth Group? _____ Leader's Name: _____



Children (under the age of 18)

Given Name:	Name Child is Called:	DOB:	Male/Female
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			

Please request my membership letter from _____
in _____.

City/State

Church Name

I have attended the Starting Point Class, agree with the materials covered, and look forward to growing as a disciple with the church body at Eastridge Church.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Signature

Print Name

Date

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