

The
DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

at Collierville United Methodist Church

FIELD GUIDE

A spiritual growth guide for our guests and members

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WELCOME

A disciple at Collierville UMC is a follower of Jesus Christ who shares the hope and love of Christ to the world.



This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. ~ Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)

Name _____

After reviewing and praying over the following pages, write your next "Faith Steps" for each spiritual growth area below.

MY FAITH STEPS IN

WORSHIP: _____

DISCIPLESHIP: _____

MISSIONS: _____

EVANGELISM: _____



SEARCHING

- Attend worship or watch online



EXPLORING

- Attend or participate in worship
- Re-read the Scripture during the week



GROWING

- Attend or participate in worship weekly
- Take an action step from the message
- Discuss how God spoke to you
- Serve in worship
- Pray for the worship services



MATURING

- Lead out of your spiritual gifts, examples:
 - Become a Certified Lay Servant (see back)
 - Pray with the preachers or band before worship services
 - Serve on a worship team

SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR WORSHIP

Helping
Leadership

Wisdom
Servanthood

For spiritual gifts definitions and testing:
www.umc.org/what-we-believe/explore-your-spiritual-gifts



SEARCHING

- Attend the Newcomers Class
- Try a Sunday school class or small group
- Search the New Testament
- Learn about who Christ is



EXPLORING

- Seek to understand what it means to be Christ-like
- Attend a Sunday School class or a small group
- Attend women's or men's ministry events
- Explore personal spiritual practices (see page 7)
- Explore your spiritual gifts (see below)
- Attend a spiritual retreat



GROWING

- Seek to be Christ-like
- Adopt personal spiritual practices (see page 7)
- Serve at a spiritual retreat
- Join a small group or Sunday School class
- Participate in an in-depth study
- Develop your spiritual gifts (see below)



MATURING

- Adopt daily spiritual practices (see page 7)
- Partner with God to share Christ's life and teachings
- Integrate Christ's life and teachings into your life
- Attend "Academy of Spiritual Formation" (see back)
- Encourage others in their faith walk
- Serve as a leader or teacher

SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Discernment
Shepherding

Faith
Teaching

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SEARCHING

- Notice local needs
- Pray for others



EXPLORING

- Share Christ's love through service
- Attend a local or regional day mission project
- Donate to missions
- Explore church mission



GROWING

- Lovingly serve another as the hands and feet of Christ
- Deepening love of neighbor, near and far
- Expanding our love of another through mission opportunities



MATURING

- Lead out of your spiritual gifts, examples:
- Allow God to actively love through you to transform lives
- Lead or organize a mission activity
- Serve in mission beyond your comfort zone

SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR MISSIONS

Compassion
Healing

Giving
Servanthood

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SEARCHING

- “Like” CUMC website on social media
- Who are your Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors (FRANs) to pray for



EXPLORING

- “Check-in” on social media at worship or a church event
- Comment on social media about your church
- Begin to intentionally recognize new people in church and extend hospitality



GROWING

- “Share” a church social media post or weekly events email
- Pass along information to others about a church event
- Listen to others’ faith stories
- Share how you have benefited from a ministry
- Share how God is changing you



MATURING

- Lead out of your spiritual gifts, examples:
 - Invite someone to a church event or worship
 - Share your faith story

SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR EVANGELISM

Apostleship
Leadership

Evangelism
Compassion

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

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 your-self. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.’” ~ Matthew 22:37-40

TO GROW IN LOVE OF GOD:

Individual Practices:

Prayer: Pray daily seeking to deepen your prayer life: learn and practice intercessory prayers, praying with scripture, centering prayer, meditation, praying the Hours, chanting the Psalms, the Lord’s Prayer, walking a labyrinth, journaling; pray however you can. Scripture: Read and study the scriptures, participate in Bible studies, or small groups, be open and attentive to God’s Word.

Worship: Take time to prepare your heart for worship and attend worship services. Listen expectantly for a Word from God. If you are out of town, find a place to worship.

Other spiritual disciplines: practice fasting, attend spiritual formation retreats, go on a pilgrimage, practice Sabbath, and read spiritual classics.

Communal Practices: Offer the sacraments of communion and baptism renewals. Offer spiritual formation and Bible study options in Sunday school or small groups. Offer communal prayers during worship. Offer healing services. Teach and model spiritual disciplines.

TO GROW IN LOVE OF SELF:

Individual practices: Live as a beloved Child of God. Honor your body by practicing healthy eating and exercises. Get the rest you need. Pay attention to and take care of your body, mind and spirit. Practice gratitude. Practice self-acceptance. Take a Sabbath, go on a silent retreat, attend a healing service.

Communal practices: Offer healthy eating options at communal events, encourage rest and sabbaticals from leadership roles. Have leaders that model self-care.

TO GROW IN LOVE OF NEIGHBOR:

Individual Practices: Practice forgiving, reconciling relationships. Seek to grow in love of and acceptance of all others. Learn mercy, compassion, humility, gentleness, generosity and practice those gifts. Pay attention to those who are in need and offer appropriate care and resources. Find ways to engage the hungry/homeless to offer support. Pray for and visit those who are incarcerated. Serve in the local community or abroad, as you are able.

Communal Practices: Seek justice for all who live on the edges of society, provide resources and support in the local community, work to end oppression and discrimination, be intentional about getting to know our neighbors, expand our idea of neighbor. Sponsor mission trips to expand our love for those in need locally and abroad. Offer inclusive community events.

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VISION

Reaching out to transform lives by extending God's love to all.

MISSION

"To Know Christ and to Make him Known"

CORE VALUES

- **SCRIPTURE:** Led by God's Word
- **LOVE:** Growing in God's Grace
- **HUMILITY:** Walking with God
- **SERVANTHOOD:** Living as God's Servants
- **MISSION:** Reaching out in God's Love, Justice and Mercy

SEE THESE OTHER RESOURCES FOR MORE INFO

- Visit our website at colliervilleumc.org/books for more in the areas of Worship, Discipleship, Missions, and Evangelism.
- Visit our **church library** located up the ramp from the Common Cup Coffee Shop. Books, DVDs, audio CDs and more are available at no charge.
- **Academy of Spiritual Formation.** Since 1983, the Academy of Spiritual Formation has offered an environment for spiritually hungry Christians that combines academic learning with experience in spiritual disciplines and community. Visit academy.upperroom.org or contact **Carol Ingram** at carolgram53@gmail.com
- **Certified Lay Servant.** Lay servants are equipped to serve the local church in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. Visit umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/lay-servant-ministries



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