



## CAMPUS MINISTRIES

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## MISSION & OUTCOMES

The Office of Campus Ministries creates opportunities for students to engage in meaningful Christian worship, discipleship, and spiritual formation.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION OUTCOMES

#### **Being | Students nurture a personal and communal relationship with God.**

- Identity | *Students find their identity in Christ and view themselves as image-bearers and children of God.*
- Character | *Students cultivate Christlike character.*
- Community | *Students develop meaningful relationships in Christian community.*
- Practice | *Students learn and engage in practices that foster healthy spirituality.*

#### **Knowing | Students grow in knowledge of God, self, the Church, and the world.**

- Scripture | *Students learn the story of God as told in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.*
- Calling | *Students grow in awareness of their spiritual gifts, skills, and abilities toward discerning God's call on their lives.*
- Diversity | *Students grow in awareness and appreciation of diverse expressions of the Christian faith.*
- Wisdom | *Students grow in wisdom to think and act faithfully in a complex world.*

#### **Doing | Students respond to God's reconciling work in their lives and the world.**

- Worship | *Students actively engage in a life of worship and service.*
- Leadership | *Students develop skills and gain experience in Christian leadership.*
- Justice | *Students enact Christ's gospel of peace and justice.*
- Disciple-making | *Students invite others to learn and follow the person and way of Jesus.*

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## INVOLVEMENT

Whether you are most likely to connect with God through quiet prayer or exuberant worship, through community service or through purposeful study, life at Messiah offers a wide array of opportunities for pursuing spiritual growth.

## **Student Ministries**

The Student Ministries is a student-led organization providing a variety of peer-to-peer ministries where students nurture their faith as they connect with God and one another. Opportunities offered through Student Ministries include things like Bible studies, life groups, prayer ministry, faith exploration groups, and special events. Through intentional mentoring and discipleship, Student Ministries leaders are equipped to engage in Christian spiritual formation while gaining leadership experience on campus.

## **Worship Community**

The Worship Community is a team of students that receives training and mentoring in worship leadership and coordinates the liturgies and music for campus worship services, including chapel, as well as other retreats, conferences, and events.

## **Powerhouse**

Powerhouse is a student-initiated service of worship held in Hostetter Chapel on Thursday nights at 8:30 pm. Students join in Hostetter every week to worship through song, prayer, and reflection in a powerful experience of corporate fellowship and praise.

## **Local Churches**

Students are highly encouraged to be involved in a local church during their time at Messiah. Information on a number of local churches is available through the Campus Ministries website at <http://www.messiah.edu/info/20056/church>, including many that provide a shuttle service from Messiah's campus. The Grantham Church, located near the main campus entrance, has a long-standing relationship with the University.

## **CHAPEL**

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Messiah University's chapel program is designed to support students' Christian spiritual formation. It is also a place where members of the Messiah community consistently gather as a worshipping community in expression of our Christian faith. As an educational program of the University, chapel is never intended to replace a student's participation in the life of a local church.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, many members of the Messiah community gather for a chapel service with prayer, diverse expressions of musical worship, and a scripture-based message. A smaller chapel service is offered on Tuesday evenings, often developed in collaboration with

campus partners, to explore the implications of Christian faith for life and society. Additionally, various educator-led small groups convene in smaller venues called 4x4s for Bible studies, book studies, the practice of spiritual disciplines, and an array of discussions regarding Christian life and culture. These 4x4s take the place of larger chapel services for eight Thursdays each semester.

## **CHAPEL ATTENDANCE POLICY**

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Chapel attendance is an educational requirement for all full-time Messiah University undergraduate students. Residential students are expected to attend 14 approved chapel opportunities each semester. Services and gatherings offered in various venues on most Tuesday mornings and evenings as well as on Thursday mornings when classes are in session.

1. The university uses an app called iAttended for students to record and track their progress toward the semester chapel requirement. Once students download the iAttended app and register under their Messiah email, they scan a QR code at the end of each chapel service for credit. Chapel attendants are available at each exit to assist students. Doors on most venues will be locked five minutes after the scheduled start time. After the doors are locked, students will not be admitted, and they cannot claim chapel credit. Students can check their progress toward their chapel requirement through iAttended.
2. If a student is a full-time commuting student carrying at least 12 credits, the student's chapel requirement is 7 chapels per semester.
3. If the following conditions apply, a student may request chapel exemption or reduction for a semester:
  - a. The student is engaged in a credit-bearing semester-long internship, clinical, or student teaching experience that directly conflicts with chapel times.
  - b. The student is employed off campus for 25 or more hours per week.
  - c. The student has parenting obligations for their own children that prohibit chapel attendance.
  - d. The student is ill or absent from the university for two (2) weeks or more. This exemption must be accompanied by an excuse from the student's doctor or the Engle Center.
4. The request for chapel exemption or reduction must be completed within the first four weeks of each semester. Offices that coordinate

student internships, nursing clinicals, and teacher education may submit a list of students for a semester-long exemption or reduction. Full exemption is automatically granted to students who are studying with off-campus programs for the semester. No chapel exemption is necessary or available for missing a particular chapel opportunity (e.g. sickness, field trip, on or off-campus obligation).

5. If a student has not completed the chapel requirements as stated above, the student will receive notification that he/she has been placed on chapel probation for the following semester with the following consequences:
  - a. A fine of \$15 will be assessed for each attendance short of the required 14. (Chapel fines support student benevolence funds and spiritual formation opportunities.)
  - b. An active chapel probation status may negatively impact one's eligibility for service in a student leadership position.
6. A student involved in deception regarding any of the chapel attendance policies (e.g. sharing a QR code, illegitimate exemption request) will incur a fine of \$210 (\$15 for each of that semester's 14 required chapels). The student will also be required to meet with a representative of the Campus Ministries office and will be placed on chapel probation for the following semester.
7. Appeals regarding a student's chapel attendance deficiency or chapel probation status should be made in writing and may be submitted to Campus Ministries (CampusMinistries@messiah.edu) within 10 business days of receipt of the relevant notification from Campus Ministries. Decisions of Campus Ministries may be appealed in writing to the Dean of Students.