



The
SOUTHPOINT
EXPERIENCE

A LOOK INSIDE



You're welcome here if you're...

- Dressed casually or dressed up
- Married, single, or single again; kids or no kids
- Curious about God & spirituality
- Doubting, hurting, struggling, broken
- New to the whole church thing & just starting out in your faith
- Been away for a while & ready to give it another try
- Seeking a new spiritual home
- A growing believer who wants to be used by God

We're a non-denominational church where you can Encounter God, Experience community & Explore meaning through inspiring music, engaging messages & youth programs.

Seeking something beyond yourself?

ENCOUNTER GOD

Needing to find peace? Spiritually restless?
Wondering what you can do to become a better person?
Need forgiveness? Struggling with habits or hurts?
Need wisdom for good decisions?
Discover faith here.

EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY

Are you going-it-alone, or are you enjoying real community? Does anybody care about you?
Are your kids making positive friendships?
Find belonging here.

EXPLORE MEANING

Do you have a cause worth living for?
Does life have purpose? Desire significance?
Want to help meet needs & make a difference?
Be of service here.

My wife, Penny, & I started this church in 1992, & we've seen thousands of people discover the Way, Truth & Life over the years. We're a non-denominational church where you can discover faith, find belonging, & be of service. I think you'll appreciate the engaging messages, uplifting music & casual atmosphere while feeling at home whether you've never been to church, or you've been away for a while.

A good church is good for your soul & good for your family! No matter what your age or stage of life, whether married, single, or single again, kids (they'll have a great time too) or no kids, you'll benefit from the help & hope offered. We don't pretend to have it all together. We're just people in the process of Going the Way, Knowing the Truth, & Living the Life that comes through Christ.

As you explore Southpoint, I hope you'll be challenged, encouraged, convicted, & strengthened. We're striving to be the kind of church described in the Bible - simply Christians from all kinds of backgrounds now united in faith. As you make God the center of your life & the core of your convictions, you'll find connection & meaningful purpose.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett".

Brett Kays
Lead Minister

P.S. I'd love the opportunity to meet you & give you a brief overview of church at:

SOUTHPOINT₁₀ - In just 10 minutes you can get to know us a little better. Offered once per month after each Sunday service. You can see dates & more info at Southpoint.Church. Or if you'd like to personally discuss our beliefs or your needs, please contact us.

LAUNCH Point - 1 hour to discover Christianity & community. This will help you connect to Christ & His Church as we explore the plan of salvation & what it means to be the Church. Offered once every other month after the second Sunday service with lunch. Free child care is offered for 10 and under.

Essentials - 10 weeks to get grounded in Christian faith & practice. Through teaching, discussion & daily readings, you'll cover Southpoint's Core Beliefs as well as key principles for spiritual growth & making an impact with your life mission. Offered 3 times per year (Jan / April / Sept).

Our Mission

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Jesus made the claim, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). This offer is both inclusive (for everyone) & exclusive (the only **way**

home to God). He alone offers the **truth** that sets us free & the abundant **life** that's forever. (Acts 4:12, John 8:32, John 10:10, 14:9).

He gave us "The Great Commission" to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). We believe everyone needs both salvation through Jesus (culminating in baptism) & to become more like Jesus (being taught to obey His Word). So our mission includes both parts of the Great Commission:

A disciple is someone TRUSTING Jesus for salvation & TRANSFORMING to be like Jesus.

TRUSTING = being saved by grace through faith with repentance in baptism
TRANSFORMING = striving to go the way, know the truth, & live the life of Christ.

It's pretty simple—bring people to Jesus & show them how to do, think & be like Jesus. What did the first Christians do? The first priority was telling people how to be saved (Act 1:8, 2:22-38). After they were filled with the Holy Spirit and added to the Church (Acts 2:41):

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching [Scripture] and to fellowship [gathering for mutual care], to the breaking of bread [communion] and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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 2:42-47

We desire to be an Acts 2 community of faith because this provides the pattern for what it means to be the church.

How do I get involved?

Getting people in to worship, into the Word, & out to the world.

1. SUNDAY SERVICES

Designed to be the meaningful & inspirational highlight of your week.

NEW HERE? - We'd love to meet you! Stop by the Guest Services desk to receive a gift.

We all need to pause from the regular routine & daily static to prioritize God, what's most important & lasting. Relax, it's a casual atmosphere where you don't have to "act religious." Enjoy a free cup of coffee, & find a comfortable seat. Don't stress, we're not doing strange stuff that only insiders are clued in to. For a little over one hour, we gather to glorify God & encourage one another through:

MUSIC - You're welcome to join in singing with the worship team. The words are displayed on the screen. Music helps many connect with God, expressing things words alone cannot.

MESSAGE - The Bible-based messages are about 30 minutes, showing you how to apply its teachings to everyday living, presented in an interesting way that's meant to be enjoyed, not endured.

COMMUNION - The Lord's Supper is open to all Christians, & is a weekly quiet time of prayer & reflection for all (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-29). When the elements of a small piece bread & cup of grape juice are distributed, which remind us the the sacrifice (body & blood) of Christ, eat & drink within a couple of minutes. Kids who have made their own commitment to Christ & been baptized can participate.

GENEROSITY - We don't ask guests to give. But for those who wish to, the offering is an act of worship through giving back to God in proportion to how He's given to us. We enjoy giving because we know it's going to meet needs & make a difference in a variety of ways! These gifts can be dropped in the Give Boxes at the back of the auditorium or at the Guest Services desk, given online on our website, through our app, or sent in the mail.

INVITATION - Need prayer? Have questions? Or are you ready to follow Christ, be baptized, or become a member of Southpoint? You can meet with a leader in the designated area when the invitation is made at the conclusion of the message or the service.

APP - Our app allows you to check in, request prayer, see upcoming events, watch past messages, and much more. We hope it provides you the tools you need to help you grow in your faith journey.

2. GROUPS & CLASSES

Life is better together - don't go it alone.

Everyone needs a group with whom they can spiritually develop by experiencing biblical community, studying Scripture, & praying together. In the early days of Christianity they not only gathered in crowds for worship & teaching, but met in "mini house churches" where they knew one another by name, developed real friendships, & practiced the "one another's" we see in the Bible (such as: love one another, pray for one another, serve one another, instruct one another, carry each other's burdens, etc.). Even Jesus gathered a group of 12 disciples to form a close-knit community. People can drift away from church when they feel disconnected & fall through the cracks. Friendships are the "glue" that keep you attached.

Groups are usually limited to a few people. Some do Bible exploration, while others may do a topical book study, or utilize video. The Group Leader will facilitate discussion with application questions. Groups may be for men, women, or mixed. They may be based on age such as Young Adults or Seniors. Some are focused on recovery issues such as "Living in the Light" (addictions), "DivorceCare," & "GriefShare."

Classes are not limited by size & are more focused on biblical or practical instruction by a teacher.

You don't have to be a Southpoint Member or a Christian to participate. No matter how little or how much you know about the Bible, you can relax knowing that everyone's at different stages spiritually. Try one to see if it's a good fit, but feel free to keep trying until you find one that's right for you.

They meet on a regular basis for a set number of months typically weekly or bi-weekly in the church building or in homes. New Groups & Classes form at different times, but most often in January & September.

- Search on our app (under Next Steps)
- Search online at southpoint.church/groups
- Talk to someone at the Guest Services desk
- Email groups@southpoint.church

Can I start my own Group?

Yes! We love to have new Group leaders. You must be a Southpoint Member, become an Apprentice Leader to receive on-the-job training, & complete some training.

1 Thessalonians 5:11, Acts 2:46-47, 4:32-35, 19:9, 20:7, 20, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Romans 12:10

3. TEAMS

Serving in the name of Jesus to meet needs & make a difference.

The church provides serving opportunities for you to carry out your ministry. Everyone has a calling to serve with their gifts, talents, skills & passions to meet needs in the name of Christ. That's what "ministry" is! Jesus said that even he "did not come to be served but to serve." Because God has equipped all Christians with spiritual gifts for kingdom service [1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6-8], we're able to continue the work of Jesus as His hands & feet today. We bless others in impromptu acts of kindness as well as intentionally & strategically volunteering in ways we're best gifted. You don't have to be a Southpoint Member to serve on most teams.

Sample Serve

Not sure what Team will fit you best? You can observe or help a team serving one time, & if it's not for you, just let us know & we'll help you find something else that is. Some opportunities are weekly, others are rotational & seasonal.

We can help you discover how you're wired & give you on-the-job training. Ephesians 4:11-12 says that God has given the church leaders who are to equip God's people for works of service so that the church may be built up.

Get Started:

- See the opportunities & sign up on our app (under Next Steps)
- Search online at southpoint.church/teams
- Talk to someone at the Guest Services desk
- Email team@southpoint.church

4. MEMBERS

Following Christ isn't just about believing, but belonging.

You don't have to be a Member to attend or participate here, but you cannot be a biblical Christian in isolation. Church membership isn't like joining a club, credit union or lodge which brings perks & privileges.

Becoming a church member:

- Expresses a desire to belong to one another in the body of Christ.
- Puts down roots in a church home instead of floating between churches.
- Says, "You can count on me to do my part & serve."
- Means receiving priority for hospital visitation, personal care, counseling, weddings, funerals, facility usage & resources. We can't help everybody with their needs, but we try to do so for members.
- Allows voting on major decisions: annual budget, approving new Elders, affirming a new Lead Minister, & any changes in the by-laws.
- Is required for positions of leadership.

As members, we:

- Practice hospitality by making guests feel welcomed & invited back. (Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2)
- Protect our unity by refusing to gossip or stir up dissension. (Ephesians 4:2-3, Romans 12:10) When a fire of negativity, hostility, or conflict breaks out, remember you're always carrying 2 buckets: one is filled with water & the other with gasoline. Which bucket will you pour?
- Support our leaders by praying for & encouraging them. If there's a problem, approach them for resolution. (1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:17)

To become a Southpoint Member:

- Make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ to a church leader - typically when the invitation is given at the conclusion of a Sunday message or service. This is for any who are making that profession for the first time, or for those who are already Christians.
- If not previously immersed, be baptized.
- Attend Launch Point - This one-hour session is offered every other month. You can sign up any time.
- Attend Member Orientation - You will be given a choice of dates that you can attend this one-hour session.

Our Membership Commitments

Members agree to abide by these:

- I profess the Core Beliefs.
- I affirm agreement with the Mission, Principles & Strategy of the church.
- I place myself under the Elders' oversight for accountability in living a Christ-honoring life.

Romans 12:5, 15:7, Ephesians 2:19, 1 Corinthians 9:22, 12:24-27, Ephesians 4:25, 2 Corinthians 8:5, Acts 20:28-30, 2 Timothy 4:2, Galatians 6:10

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Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these commandments which I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children, talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:4-7

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY & HOME CONNECTION

The Family Discipleship Journey is designed to help families and the church partner together to help **kids & students** take age-appropriate steps to become disciples of Christ who go the **WAY**, know the **TRUTH**, and live the **LIFE!** This tool suggests specific habits, resources, activities, classes, & milestones at different phases of your child's development. You can pick up a physical copy or download one at southpoint.church.




A place for kids to learn, grow, & have fun!

We offer age-appropriate classes for all kids from birth through 5th grade each Sunday. They'll experience solid teaching focused on helping them to know & understand Jesus' truth & promises through games, short videos, large group storytelling, crafts, music, & small groups. We also offer a unique environment for children with special needs during our 2nd service to accommodate their needs while still learning all about Jesus!

Safety is a top priority. All Southpoint Kids volunteers are required to pass a background check. Several of our volunteers are trained in CPR & First Aid. All volunteers are trained for emergency situations & each room is secure throughout each service. Along with our parent/child ID tags & security team, you can be assured your kids are safe & you will be notified if your child needs you!

If small children remain with you in the auditorium & become restless or noisy, as a courtesy to others, you're encouraged to take them to the Comfort Room at the back of the auditorium or to the lobby where the service can still be enjoyed.

Find the latest news on kids' classes & activities as well as weekly resources to help you grow as a family & have faith-building conversations at home!

Follow us on Facebook  or subscribe to get text updates

**Text
Updates**



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Facebook**



**Download the
Southpoint app**





A place to BELIEVE, BELong, BEcome something GREATER

How do you keep your student on the right path? You SHIFT them! Our middle & high school community is a group of imperfect people who see value in doing life together, learning to deal with real life issues, & love others like Jesus did.

Students gather on Sunday evenings: Middle School (6-8th grade) from 4-6 & High School (9-12th grade) from 6:30-8:30. Both experiences are tailored to help students connect with one another & identify & connect with Biblical truths through interactive messages, worship, & gender-specific, grade level small groups. Throughout the year, students can join in on extra activities like an all-nighter, serving opportunities, retreats, conferences, & a mission trip!

Want to know what's happening & get helpful resources specifically for the teen journey? Follow & subscribe!

Follow us on Facebook  or subscribe to get text updates

Middle School



High School



Shift Facebook



Text Updates



Our Core Beliefs

The Bible serves as our only authority in matters of faith & practice. While we do not hesitate to teach sound doctrine, & the “whole will of God” (Titus 2:1, Acts 20:27), only that which is expressly taught in the Scriptures can be made conditions of fellowship & obligation. Because we seek to restore the unity of the early church, we do not take “official” positions on many of the issues that tend to divide Christians unnecessarily. In disputable areas where we hold convictions that cause disagreement, we are free to do so graciously without binding opinions on others’ consciences (Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22; 1 Corinthians 13:2). With proper interpretation, we can restore pre-denominational unity in truth.

What were the essential, unifying beliefs of the early church? The Apostle Paul outlines the foundations of our “oneness”: *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* – Ephesians 4:3-6

GOD [HIM] We believe in one righteous, loving God in three persons, and that Jesus is God’s Son and Christ. (Matthew 16:16, 28:18-20)

- **One Father** – He is our Creator, Ruler, and Provider, who has revealed Himself and His will in His authoritative Word—the Bible.
- **One Lord** - Jesus is God, the Son—fully divine and fully human. He is the sinless Christ (the Messiah sent to be Savior), who died for our sins and rose from the dead, resulting in humanity’s salvation, and now reigns from heaven as our mediator.
- **One Spirit** - The Holy Spirit is God drawing sinners to Christ, living in the Christian to produce Christ-like character, and empowering us for service.

SALVATION [ME] We believe that everyone chooses to rebel against God, and needs forgiveness of sins and eternal life which comes through trust in Jesus Christ. (John 3:16, Acts 2:38)

- **One Faith** - Disobedience to God’s laws results in spiritual and eternal separation from God. The Gospel is the Good News of salvation offered by grace through faith with repentance in baptism, and lived out with the evidence of holiness and good works.
- **One Baptism** – The biblical occasion of immersion in water for identifying believers with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.

CHURCH [US] We believe that Christ is the head of the church which is His representation in the world today and is composed of all who have experienced salvation. (John 17:20-21, Acts 2, Romans 7:4, 1 Corinthians 1:2-10)

- **One Body** - The Church is the Body of Christ, whose members live under the New Covenant [Testament], gather to worship and build up one another, and carry out His mission to make disciples.
- **One Hope** - Jesus Christ will one day return to resurrect and judge the dead, and the Church will enjoy His presence forever.

Our Principles: What do we value?

1. CHRIST - Gospel Priority

Our Identity: Saints devoted to Jesus. Jesus first! Not Catholic, Protestant, or the Only Christians - Christians Only

Jesus is first in our lives & the center of our faith & our church, so nothing is more important than a saving relationship with Him. Our main concern is this question: "Have you made Christ your Savior?" The Gospel is the Good News that Christ alone is able to save us. It's what changes lives & provides our spiritual bond. We offer invitations to salvation at every service, & celebrate decisions for Christ.

Disciples practice:

- **loving Jesus above all!**
- **denying & dying to follow Jesus.**
- **Doing His will regardless of consequence or cost.**
- **Expressing relationships through praise & prayer** (confessing sin, seeking guidance & help).

Matthew 16:16-18, 1 Peter 2:4, 4:16, 2 Peter 3:18, Acts 4:12, 5:42, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 15:1-6, Luke 14:26, Luke 9:23, 2 Corinthians 4:5

2. WORD OF CHRIST - Biblical Authority

*Our Identity: Students devoted to Scripture
Where Scripture speaks, we speak; where Scripture is silent, we're silent.
In doctrine, unity; in opinions, liberty.*

Bible reading, study & teaching are the primary catalysts for spiritual growth. As God's infallible Word, it's the only divine authoritative truth for matters of faith & practice. Our concern is: "What does God's Word say?" Every message is concerned with sound doctrine. Both the Old Testament & New Testament form the entire written revelation of God, but the New Testament is the covenant given to Christians to live under. It's more properly called "the Word of Christ" delivered through His spokesmen—the apostles & prophets. The Church is built on this foundation.

Disciples practice:

- **Remaining in the Word of Christ.**
- **Having devotions** - through regular routines of reading & reflecting on Scripture.
- **Studying Scripture personally** - instead of skimming, using study resources.
- **Learning Scripture in gatherings & groups.**

John 8:31-32, Ephesians 2:19-22, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Titus 2:1, Acts 20:20,27

3. CHURCH OF CHRIST - Loving Community

*Our Identity: Siblings devoted to mutual care
A biblical Christian doesn't just believe, but belongs
Don't just go to church, be the church.*

There was no such thing biblically as an unchurched Christian. Church is more than where we go, it's who we are & where we belong. It's a catalyst for growth; we need help in the journey. We can't even function as Christians without carrying out the commands about exhorting one another. Our concern is: "Are you committed to participating in the Church?" The word "church" (in Greek) means "those who are called out" by God to belong to one another in fellowship. Some biblical pictures of the Church include the "family of God" (we're brothers & sisters), "body of Christ" (He's the head, we're His hands & feet), "bride of Christ" (a relationship of covenant faithfulness)," "temple of the Spirit" (He dwells in us individually & among us corporately), "a chosen race & holy nation" (spiritual Israel). Our bond in Christ transcends prejudices, ethnicities, nationalities, colors, & social statuses.

Disciples practice:

- **Gathering weekly for worship** - through inspiring encounters, experiences & events. On "The Lord's Day" a supernatural dynamic & spiritual synergy takes place as we refresh & realign for the week ahead.
- **Loving one another** - by fostering belonging, helping in times of emotional need, & caring for each other.
- **Getting equipped for work** - through biblical education & practical training to grow personally & enable discipling others.

Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Revelation 1:10, Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 22:37-40, 1 Peter 2:5, John 13:34-36, 15:8, 16, Ephesians 2:19, 4:12-16, 25, 1 Corinthians 12:24-27, 13:1-8, Acts 2:42-47, Romans 12:5

Our Strategy: What do we do?

A disciple is someone TRUSTING Jesus for salvation & TRANSFORMING to resemble Jesus.

TRUSTING Jesus means being saved by grace through faith with repentance in baptism.

- **Question:** How do I get right with God?
- **Source:** Gospel of grace (not works)
- **Process:** Reconciliation [2 Corinthians 5:16-20, Romans 5:8-11]
- **End Goal:** Assured of salvation

To see more, consult “The 3’s Plan of Salvation” on our website or in a brochure in the lobby.

TRANSFORMING means striving to go the way, know the truth, & live the life of Christ.

- **Question:** Am I becoming the person God wants me to be?
- **Sources** to help disciples develop:
 - > The Spirit of Christ for power - Surrender & seek the Holy Spirit’s help because He lives within you to enable you to live for Him.
 - > The Word of Christ for knowledge - Invest time consistently in the Bible to be guided into what’s true & right.
 - > The Church of Christ for edification - The saints are a crucial part of God’s plan for our progress. Draw strength from the environments, opportunities & resources.
- **Process:** Sanctification [Colossians 2:21-23, Romans 12:2]
- **End Goal:** A mature disciple

To see more, read “What We Believe” by Elliot Blount (at One Mind Books in the lobby).

1. Go the Way = ACT Like Jesus. Carry out the cause of Christ.

The Way of Christ: He went about doing good, meeting needs & making disciples. We represent Him in the world as we carry out His works. God wants to transform your purpose so you’ll impact the world!

- **Question:** Am I pursuing the right purpose?
- **Directed** toward: others through making disciples

SPREADING the gospel - Identity: *Missionaries devoted to reaching the lost through personal evangelism & missions* (church planting, compassion outreach, & global evangelism)
Taking as many people to heaven with us as possible

SERVING all - Identity: *Servants devoted to making a difference through good works & spiritual gifts to meet needs* (first for the Church then the community).
Being difference makers as the hands & feet of Jesus

SHARING resources - Identity: *Stewards devoted to meeting needs through sacrificial generosity to the local church* (to honor God, supply church needs & fund the cause of Christ locally & globally)
Partnering with God in the privilege of His work

SHEPHERDING flocks - Identity: *Spiritual guides devoted to discipling through caring for a few others* (in your family, a group, team, or community). *Helping those I know spiritually grow*

Matthew 20:28, 28:19-20, Mark 1:38, 2:17, Luke 4:43, 19:10, John 3:17, 6:38, 10:10

2. Know the Truth = THINK Like Jesus. Believe the word of Christ.

The Truth of Christ: He is the main message of the Bible which is our authority for faith. We learn to use Scripture as the grid for our worldview & our filter for decisions. God wants to transform your thoughts so you’ll believe what’s right!

- **Question:** Am I believing the right doctrines?
- **Directed** toward: God through sound doctrine

Strong biblical teaching keeps the church doctrinally sound. Right doctrine comes before right behavior. We boldly speak the truth with grace in love.

Colossians 3:16, John 1:14, 17, 9:39, 12:46, 18:37, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 4:15, 2 Peter 3:18

3. Live the Life = BE Like Jesus. Imitate the character of Christ

The Life of Christ: He is our model for godliness so we grow in Christlike character by obeying the New Testament as our authority for practice. God wants to transform your lifestyle so you’ll behave right!

- **Question:** Am I practicing the right precepts & precedents?
- **Directed** toward: self through virtuous behavior

Holiness
Love
Fruit of the Spirit
Character

Hebrews 12:14, Ephesians 4:24, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Matthew 22:37-40, 1 Corinthians 13, Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Peter 1:3-8, 1 Timothy 3:2-13,

Our Culture: How do we behave?

Next Generation Focus

We make youth our priority because the process of spiritual formation starts early & most make the decision to follow Christ before leaving high school. We want to mentor parents who mentor their children. Family discipleship is God's plan.

2 Timothy 3:15, Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:7, Ecclesiastes 12:1, 3 John 4

Meaningful Experiences

We seek to worship in Spirit & truth every Sunday through engaging & inspirational gatherings that exhibit a reverent yet joyful sense of transcendence in worship; appealing to the mind & heart; truth is communicated & applied; the Lord's Supper is observed.

- > Weekly communion (The Lord's Supper) was the precedent of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:42, 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:20, 25).
- > It is open to all believers, not just Southpoint members, as a "participation in the body of Christ" — a time of union with Him & His followers. (Matthew 26:19, 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-26)
- > Memorial — Jesus said as often as you do this: "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)
- > Proclamation of the Lord's death until He returns — affirming our belief in the Gospel.

John 4:24, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 12:28, Psalms 100

Appealing Expressions

We practice hospitality, invite informality, & offer accessibility to all regardless of background. We aim for excellent efforts to honor the Lord & be attractational to people.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23, 11:33, 14:26-40, James 2:1-4, Romans 12:11, Colossians 3:23

Compassionate Care

We demonstrate spiritual care through offering prayer, counsel, & personal contact. We help our members in need through our C.A.R.E. Fund (Church Assistance to Relieve Emergencies) & Christmas gifts. We bless our community through offering the weekly Open Arms Food Pantry, monthly Community Meals, seasonal "God Loves Downriver" service projects & collection drives.

Galatians 6:10, Acts 4:34 20:35, 1 Corinthians 12:25-26, 1 John 3:17-18, James 1:27, 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 5:3-4

Simple Structure

Christ is the head of the Church. Southpoint is self-governed & free from denominational control, hierarchies or headquarters because there were none in the New Testament. Local leaders are qualified by godly character & biblical beliefs. A group of Elders are the overseers [bishops] & shepherds [pastors] whose only authority comes from Scripture. They're approved by the congregation to be responsible for the direction, doctrine, & care of the church. We are Elder-guarded & staff-guided.

- The Lead Minister is an Elder, & oversees all staff.
- The Staff are hired to be the directors, equippers & administrators.
- The Deacons are volunteers chosen by the Elders to lead various teams on an annual basis.
- The Members vote on the annual budget, confirming Elders, calling of a Lead Minister, & any by-laws changes.

Hebrews 13:7, 17; Acts 14:23, 20:17, 28, 1 Peter 5:1-2, Philippians 1:1, Ephesians 1:22, 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 5:17

Financial Integrity

We have two principles:

- **Accountability:** We adhere to secure financial accounting procedures to make sure the funds given are handled properly & spent wisely. Our Finance Team is made up of financial experts who recommend an annual budget for the Elders' approval & congregational vote. Annual statements are sent for tax records.
- **Responsibility:** The members of the church are responsible to support the work of the church voluntarily. We don't rely on outside income or fundraising.

1 Corinthians 4:2, 16:1-2, Acts 4:35, 1 Timothy 5:17-18, Philippians 4:18, Romans 12:13, Matthew 6:21, Luke 16:10-12

Unity Minded

Christ is the core of our creed & we wear His name only.

- Protecting the unity of our church in the midst of personal preferences & disputable interpretations.
- Promoting fellowship in the midst of racial, social, & political diversities.
- Restoring pre-denominational faith & practice in the midst of divided religious opinions & man-made traditions.
- Acting in love toward other members, refusing to gossip or stirring up dissension.

John 17:20-21, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, Ephesians 4:1-6, Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

THE SOUTHPOINT STORY

- Mid-1980's While in college, Brett Kays believed that God gave him a desire to start a new church in a major city.
- 1991 A Michigan-based church planting mission offered the opportunity & some start-up funds to begin a church in the Downriver area.
- 4-19-92 After recruiting volunteers to help make phone calls to invite residents, & to serve temporarily, the church launched from scratch on Easter Sunday in Woodhaven High School with 257 in attendance.
- Fall 1992 Leveling out at about 100 in attendance, the church began to lease Weiss Elementary School in Woodhaven at the end of a dead end street, on a daily basis.
- 12-29-02 After 10 years of renting facilities, Southpoint moved into its own building on 8 acres in Trenton.
- 3-26-06 The building was expanded with a phase-two auditorium & additional rooms.
- 10-10-10 Launch of a second campus in Allen Park High School, making Southpoint 1 church in 2 locations.
- 12-13-13 Allen Park campus began sharing the facility of another Christian Church. Southpoint acquired the building in 2015.
- 11-8-15 Launch of a third campus in Huron High School, making Southpoint 1 church in 3 locations.
- 4-13-18 Allen Park campus acquires a larger building on Outer Drive.
- 7-24-19 Huron campus is released to become an independent church.
- 9-4-23 Allen Park campus is released to become an independent church.



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