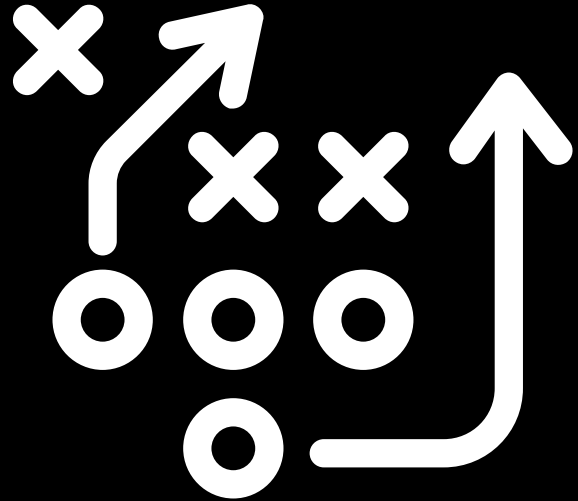




THE CORNERS CHAPEL

HOST TEAM





We're so glad you are a part of the host team here at TCC! Let's take a few minutes to walk through what that means, and how to do it well. It is our hope that at the end of this playbook, you'll feel ready and equipped to serve the local body in this way. ***Please review the Host Training Video for a full run through of requirements and need-to-knows.***

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THE WHY

Our Service Hosts serve as a banner for our church's welcoming and diverse culture. For first time guests, hosts may be one of the main touch points of the fun-loving and exciting environment we are trying to foster at TCC. The host moments during service allow information to be more digestible and break up each element of the day.

We usually try to have **two Service Hosts**. This is to create a dynamic and conversational atmosphere that reflects the relational culture of The Corners Chapel. The goal is also for this to make announcements and transitions feel more engaging. The natural back-and-forth between two hosts helps information feel more personal and approachable while keeping the tone lively and fun. By sharing the stage, our hosts demonstrate teamwork and connection, setting the tone for the welcoming environment we strive to create every Sunday.





SUNDAY EXPECTATIONS

On Sunday mornings, we ask the following of our Hosts:

- 1.** Please arrive for the 8:50am Production Huddle in the Worship Center by 8:45am.
- 2.** Come having already run through your announcements several times, being comfortable and familiar with the content.
- 3.** While there is no formal dress code, we ask that you refrain from wearing clothing with messaging unless it features overtly Christian messaging. Additionally, avoid wearing hats.
- 4.** Take a minute later in the week to review your host moment from service on our YouTube page, under "live". This will allow you to take note of what you did successfully, and aspects which may need improvement next time.



THE GIVING TALK

WHY & HOW WE DO IT

We do the giving moment at the end of the service, similar to how we approach communion, **as a response** to what we've just heard, learned, and sung about. It's not an obligation, but an opportunity to give from a place of joy, responding to the truths of who God is and what He has done for us. By placing this moment after singing and the sermon, we emphasize that giving is a continuation of worship—a tangible way to express gratitude and trust in God.

We also believe it's important for our hosts, not just pastors or elders, to lead this moment, showing that cheerful giving is something anyone can do. It's a privilege for those who call this church home to join in God's mission through generosity, knowing that God uses their giving to make ministry happen.

BIGGEST GIVING TALK MISTAKES

1. Not doing it. You might not think it's necessary to explain the offering every week, but there's someone there who doesn't know why giving is important.

2. Ad-libbing it. The pastor plans the sermon. The music team rehearses the songs. And explaining how people can give to the ongoing mission of your church isn't the time to make things up on the spot. Plan these moments.

3. Rushing it. When you tell people about giving, give them time to get ready. You might not do it, but some people write checks in church. Some people might be going to the website on their phone or writing it down. Give people a few moments before we move to the benediction.



KEY COMPONENTS OF EACH GIVING TALK

1. Transition from Worship through Preaching and Song to Worship Through Giving.

- After a sermon reflection or a moment of worship, it's important to smoothly guide the congregation into the next part of the service: giving. This helps maintain the flow of the service and emphasizes that giving is a continuation of worship.
 - *Example: "Now we're going to transition into a quick time of talking about worship through giving. If you're a guest, please feel no obligation to give. This is a privilege for those who call this church home. We're just glad you're here."*



2. Remind the church why giving is important.

- It is important to help the congregation understand that giving is not merely a financial transaction but a spiritual practice and an act of worship. It also connects their generosity to tangible outcomes in ministry and mission. If possible, tie it into the mission, vision, or discipleship flightpath.
 - *Example #1: "When you give, you're giving through us, not just to us. Your giving helps us fulfill our mission: to see lives transformed by the Word of God so that all the corners of the earth will know that Jesus is Lord."*
 - *Example #2: "Your generosity fuels ministry here in Nordonía and beyond. It helps us gather each week, disciple kids and youth, support missions like our partners in Mozambique."*

3. Provide clear instructions on how to give

- This ensures that people know exactly what to do if they feel led to contribute. Mentioning multiple options makes giving accessible to everyone.
 - *Example: _ "There are two simple ways to give: You can give in person by placing your offering in the box at the back of the room. Or you can give online at our website: thecornerschapel.com/give. If you're writing a check, please make it out to 'The Corners Chapel.'"*



Good Example 1: Authentic & Simple

"As we close, I want to take a moment to talk about giving. If you're a guest with us today, please feel no obligation to give. We're just honored to have you here. But for those who call this church home, giving is a way we get to worship God and be part of what He's doing. And it's important to remember, when you give, you're giving through us, not just to us. Your generosity helps us serve our community, care for families, and support missions here and around the world. If you'd like to give, you can do so in two ways: by placing your offering in the box at the back of the room or online at thecornerschapel.com/give. And checks can be made out to The Corners Chapel. All of that information should be on the screen, but thank you for your faithfulness and generosity."

Good Example 2: Personal & Reflective

"Before we head out of here, I want to remind you of why we give. Giving is a privilege for those of us who call this church home. It's an act of worship and a tangible way we partner in God's mission. If you're a guest, please don't feel any obligation to give. We're just glad you're here. For those who do give regularly to and through the church, thank you. Your generosity allows us to host events like our ESL ministry and support our mission partners around the world. I saw on our social media page last week a picture from our ESL ministry at the ministry center and was just so thankful for what God is doing in this community and its your generosity, church family, that makes this possible. So, there are two ways to give: in person using the box at the back of the room or online at thecornerschapel.com/give. And checks can be made out to The Corners Chapel. All of that information should be on the screen behind me. So, let's continue to worship God with our generocity as we head into this week."

Good Example 3: Encouraging & Vision-Focused

"Hey church, as we prepare to head home, or to lunch or wherever you're headed, I want to thank you for being part of what God is doing here, and remind us of one of the ways this all happens each week - and that's through our giving. If you're a guest with us with us today, we want you to know that you're welcome here. Please don't feel any obligation to give. Giving is a privilege for those who call this church home. But for those who do call this church home, God uses your giving to make ministry happen. It helps us disciple kids, gather for worship, and support missions like our Mozambique trip last summer. And really it's through your giving that lives are transformed in all the corners of the world. So, if you feel led to give, you can do so in two ways: by using the box at the back or by giving online at thecornerschapel.com/give. And checks can be made out to The Corners Chapel. Thank you for being part of this mission."

SAMPLE GIVING SCRIPTS



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(Seriously please don't do these)

Bad Example 1: Too Short with No Information

"Okay, so now it's time for giving. You can give in the box or online. Thanks."

- **Why it's bad:** This lacks context, heart, and clarity. It gives no explanation about why we give, doesn't acknowledge guests, and misses the opportunity to connect giving to worship.

Bad Example 2: Overly Apologetic

"Hey, before we leave, we have to talk about giving... I know it can be uncomfortable, and if you're a guest, please don't feel like you have to give anything. Honestly, it's fine if you don't give at all. We just sort of need to mention it because, well, running a church costs money. Anyway, there's a box in the back or you can give online if you want."

- **Why it's bad:** Not only is this awkward, but it makes giving seem like a burden instead of a joyful response. It also undermines the church's mission and value by focusing on expenses rather than ministry impact.

Bad Example 3: Trying to be too funny

"Alright folks, it's that time! You know, the time where we pass the plate—except we don't pass a plate, we've got a fancy box in the back and, of course, the magical internet where you can give all your money online. But seriously, if you're new, don't worry, we're not trying to shake you down or anything. This is just for the regulars who keep the lights on around here. Thanks dudes and dudets."

- **Why it's bad:** While humor can help ease tension, this script leans too heavily on jokes, making giving feel like a casual or even awkward obligation rather than an act of worship.

Bad Example 4: Overly Complicated with Christianese

"Now we're entering into a sacred moment of reciprocal worship through the act of sacrificial stewardship. As the Holy Scripture teaches us, this is an opportunity to sow into the storehouse. Whether you bring your tithe to the offering box or render your gift through the digital portal, know that your obedience is a fragrant offering to the Lord."

- **Why it's bad:** Do I need to explain this one?

Make It Your Own

While these scripts and guidelines are here to help, we want you to speak from the heart. Use your own words, but keep the key points in mind: welcome guests, explain the importance of giving, and clearly communicate how people can give.



Practice Makes Progress

We strongly encourage you to practice your message before Sunday. Familiarize yourself with the key points and run through what you want to say out loud. The goal is to feel comfortable and confident so that your message is clear and genuine.

- Tip: Try practicing in front of a mirror or with a family member or friend.
- Tip: Aim for around 40 seconds to 1 minute. We want to communicate effectively without rushing or dragging out the message.

You are making a Kingdom Impact

Thank you for stepping into the role of host and leading our church family in this important moment of giving. We know it's not always easy—it can feel awkward or challenging to talk about money in front of others. But what you're doing is so much more than announcing logistics; you're helping to create a culture of joyful generosity and faithful stewardship. By sharing from the heart and guiding others to see giving as an act of worship, you are making a real, eternal, Kingdom impact. Your words matter, and through your willingness to serve, lives are being transformed, ministries are being fueled, and the mission of the gospel is advancing.

We're grateful for you—thank you for being a vital part of what God is doing through our church.

KEY MOMENTS

These are three key moments we want to highlight consistently—welcoming new people, inviting them to take next steps, and pointing them toward prayer. Use these talking points to keep your announcements clear, warm, and purposeful.

New Here Table

The New Here Table is designed for anyone who considers themselves “new” to The Corners Chapel, whether it’s their very first Sunday or they’ve been checking things out for a few weeks. It’s a simple, no-pressure space where guests can fill out a short New Here Card, receive a small gift, and take their first step toward getting connected. The goal is to make new people feel seen, welcomed, and valued.

Sample Script Line:

“If you’re new or even just still checking us out we’d love to meet you at our New Here Table after service. You can fill out a quick card, grab a gift, and we’d love to say hi.”

The StickSix Challenge

The StickSix Challenge is our way of encouraging people to give The Corners Chapel six weeks to really get to know us. We believe it takes that long to experience the heartbeat of our church, meet people, and see what we’re all about. If after six weeks someone feels this isn’t the right place, we’ll gladly help them find and plug into another gospel-preaching church. But if after six weeks it does feel like home, the next step is to stop by The Outlet to learn how to get connected.

Sample Script Line:

“We want to invite you to take the Stick Six Challenge—come for six weeks, really get to know us. If we’re not the right church, we’ll help you find one that is. But if it is, your next step is The Outlet, where you can get plugged in.”

Prayer Room

At the close of service, we want to make sure everyone knows that prayer and conversation are available. The Prayer Room is a quiet, welcoming place for anyone who wants prayer, wants to process what God is doing in their life, or simply wants to talk with someone about next steps. Hosts should use clear, consistent language so people know exactly where to go: **“through the doors to my right and your left.”** This phrase should become familiar and easy for our church family to repeat and remember.

Sample Script Line:

“As we wrap up today, if you’d like prayer or just want to talk with someone about a next step, our Prayer Room is open right after service. You can find it just through the doors to my right and your left.”

Benediction (Huddle/Game)

The benediction is more than just a closing prayer. It’s a sending moment. We remind the church that what happens inside these walls is preparation for what happens outside of them. That’s why the Host says each week, “This in here is just the _____! Now it’s time to go play the _____!” and the congregation fills in the blanks by yelling out “HUDDLE!” and “GAME!” This call-and-response reinforces that Sundays are the huddle where we’re equipped, and the rest of the week is the game where we live sent on mission.

Sample Script Line:

“As we wrap up, remember—this in here is just the... [pause for congregation: HUDDLE!] Now it’s time to go play the... [pause for congregation: GAME!]”