

ministry guide

Newton Church of the Way
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welcome | about us

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Vision:

To share Biblical truth in a culturally relevant way for people that genuinely seek to know the one true God by following and worshiping The Way, Jesus Christ.

Mission:

To seek, invite and welcome people into the unconditional love of God and share with them the Good News about Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're so glad you're here and we would love to connect with you. There are lots of ways to connect with us! Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to say hello! You can also fill out a Connection Card that can be found in the seat backs of the chairs or fill out a Connection Card online!

We want to get to know you!

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how can I plug in now?

How Can I Get Plugged in **NOW**?

These are ministries that anyone can join at any time. No need to wait until the next class or group starts!
It's easy to get plugged in NOW.

Small Groups

CONNECT with God and others, SERVE together, and INVITE new people into your group.

At The Way, we want to be people who live out our mission and vision and embody our core values. We realize that this happens by being connected and in fellowship with God and with other believers. Small Groups are one way to create community with other followers of Jesus. These groups also provide an entry point where anyone can join at any time because we should be continually welcoming and inviting new people into fellowship.

What will these groups look like?

Diversity: These groups should be just as diverse as our church, which should be just as diverse as our community. This may mean that there are people in your group who are very different than you in many ways. That's okay! We love the diversity in the body of Christ, and we want to embrace that diversity in our small groups. These groups will intermix the entire body of Christ that meets at The Way.

When/How often will we meet?

Once a month for nine months (September – May) with your group. In May, all group commitments come to an end, and new groups will be formed the following September for those who choose to sign up for a group.

What will we do when we meet? Below is a general format for a group time together.

Food and fellowship

Devotions and discussion

Pray together

Discuss upcoming service opportunities for your group

Contact Marcy if you have questions or register online for a group and someone will be in touch with details! **It's a new ministry year so we ask that you register for a small group even if you were in one last year.**

Sermon Discussion Group

Attend the 9am service to hear the sermon and then dig in more during the sermon discussion group. All are welcome any Sunday! No registration needed.

- Leaders: Bruce Engbers
- Sept. 17th - May 2023
- Sundays after the 9am service with holiday breaks
- The Way Cafe

Discipleship/Leadership Development Classes

The following classes provide opportunities for you to grow in your faith, alongside others in fellowship and community. High commitment level required.

Systematic Theology

Systematic Theology provides an orderly study of who God is, what He has said, and how that can apply in our lives today. It allows us to understand the Bible more clearly, grow in our relationship with God, and understand the Biblical basis for church doctrine. We'll get together as a group and wrestle through the tough concepts, those that are essential to faith, those that are foundations of a "reformed" church, and those that have divided believers. But most of all, we'll get together humbly, knowing we don't have all the answers, to become closer to God and to worship Him by seeking His counsel, based His Word.

- Length: 26 weeks plus breaks for holidays
- Books can be purchased online or at Choices Christian Living Store in Newton located on the west side of the square.
- Book needed, Systematic Theology 2nd Edition by Wayne Grudem published in 2020
- workbooks are \$20 and are purchased through the church office, available at the 1st class
- Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | The Way Cafe
- Begins September 19, 2023
- Led by Julie Jones

The Journey

Discover your epic tale. This is an intense study of

- Who is God?
- Who am I?
- What does God desire to do through me?

This incredible life-changing journey focuses on Biblical, personal, relational and practical foundations for growing as a disciple in Jesus Christ with particular emphasis on character and calling. Participants meet weekly for 24 weeks in small group/ large group settings that encourage accountability, safe relationships, thoughtful reflection, honest conversation and prayer. If you commit to this journey, your view of God, yourself and what God wants to do through you will be challenged and revealed in amazing ways. **This year, we have two class options, Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings. The class you register for is the class you will stay in for the duration of the class, 22 weeks plus holiday breaks.**

- Led by Tim and Kari Hemann
- Mondays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Discipleship Center
- Begins September 18, 2023

- Led by Cody Daugherty
- Tuesdays | 9:00am - 11:00am | Discipleship Center
- Begins September 12, 2023

- Cost: \$275 if registered by August 28. Price after deadline is \$285. Payment plan is available, contact Marcy for more info. Register by August 28 for ontime arrival of material.

A Way of Life

Building on the experience of The Journey, A Way of Life invites us (again in community with fellow travelers) to: (1) a fuller understanding and practice of a life attentive to God, (2) a deeper and more confident sense of God's unique calling in our lives, and (3) a way of structuring and ordering our lives toward a lifelong apprenticeship with Jesus.

- Led by CJ and Pam Osborn
- Thursdays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Back Children's Ministry Room Discipleship Center
- Pre-Requisites: You must take The Journey first.
- Begins September 14, 2023
- Cost: \$275 if registered by August 28. Price after deadline is \$285. Payment plan is available, contact Marcy for more info. Register by August 28 for ontime arrival of material.

Walking with Others

Walking with Others is for those who share the Apostle Paul's deep concern – helping others grow up in every way...into Christ (Ephesians 4:15). You will be challenged to take a next step in your development – learning to guide other adults toward a deeper maturity in Christ.

As you discover throughout The Journey and A Way of Life, you have a unique mix of experiences, gifts, talents, strengths, personality, education, history, and character. The Spirit has been graciously crafting you into a shape fitting for the body's functioning and flourishing (Romans 8:3-12). Your life is not your own; it is a gift you offer to others and to the Lord. How then is this gift of your unique life to become a gift for others?

Walking with Others will invite you to:

- Understand more deeply that God is a developmental God and we are his developmental people.
- Become a developer of others.
- Pay attention to your lifelong apprenticeship with Jesus.
- Embrace your role as a change agent in the world and in your community.

- Led by Eloise Froah and Kathi Talsma
- contact Marcy, marcy@theway146.com for specific class days.

• Cost: \$275 if registered by August 28. Price after deadline is \$285. Payment plan is available, contact Marcy for more info. Register by August 28 for ontime arrival of material.

- Pre-Requisites: You must take The Journey AND A Way of Life before you take this course.

Prayer Ministry

One of our core values at The Way is PRAYER:

“God calls on his churches to be houses of prayer. We will pray in many ways to connect with God relationally and to participate with him in Kingdom advancement through intercession.”

You can JOIN the Prayer Team! The Prayer Team is always looking for more prayer warriors!

What should you expect when you join the prayer team?

Team members will be emailed periodically with requests to be in prayer as needs arise from our congregation, staff, community, and world.

Team members will be on a schedule to pray on Sunday mornings before the service and to pray for people who come forward in response to the service.

Team members will meet as a team and pray together the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3:30pm. Others are welcome to come and receive prayer. We may also use this time to equip/learn more about prayer.

How can you receive prayer?

We would love to pray for you and with you!

Contact the Office to set up a time to pray for you in or outside of the church!

Receive prayer from the Prayer Team on Sunday morning response times.

Come to our monthly Prayer Meetings, 2nd Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Worship Center. Our team would love to pray for you! (Or you can sit and pray silently.)

If you have any further questions about the Prayer Team or receiving prayer, please contact Aaron and Tricia Groves at the office or by email:

aaron@theway146.com | tricia@theway146.com.

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

Ephesians 6:18

Other Discipleship Classes

Join us as we read Craig Groeschel's latest book:
The Power to Change!

Life-Changing Spiritual and Practical Strategies for True Transformation.

Nothing is more frustrating than knowing you need to change and trying to change, but failing to change. You feel stuck, no matter how hard you try. Craig Groeschel, author of *Winning the War in Your Mind*, knows what it's like to be caught in that cycle. That was his own story—until he discovered these practical and biblical principles for experiencing lasting change.

In *The Power to Change*, Craig will help you find true change in your relationships, habits, and thoughts by unpacking:

- How God's power, not your willpower, leads to true transformation
- The real reasons you do what you do
- Why falling isn't failure
- The power of creating small habits that lead to big change
- How to choose what you want most over what you want now

A powerful blend of biblical wisdom and fascinating psychology, *The Power to Change* includes helpful exercises, real-life stories, and life-changing spiritual insights. Whether you are trying to lose weight, breathe new life into your marriage, read the Bible more, get out of debt, or give up an addiction, Craig's step-by-step, time-tested strategies will equip you to start living the life God wants for you.

Join us!

Tuesday nights 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Starting October 3 - November 14

Leaders: Todd and Marcy Milburn

Materials Needed: *The Power to Change* Book (not workbook) available online or at Choices.

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Other Discipleship Classes

Rooted Groups

Rooted is a 10-week discipleship experience designed to connect people with God, the church and their purpose. For those exploring faith, Rooted reveals who God is and how to live as a disciple. For believers, Rooted refocuses their faith and ignites new passion.

Rooted is built on the foundation of seven rhythms, each of which was taught and practiced by the early church in Acts 2. These rhythms shape the Rooted Experience and will unite believers around these core values.

1. Daily Devotions
2. Prayer
3. Repentance
4. Serve the Community
5. Sacrificial Generosity
6. Share your story
7. Worship

We will have various class days and times available this Fall! Please check the Discipleship page for our specific classes.

We will have a few more discipleship opportunities pop up throughout the ministry year so stay connected with us online!

other discipleship classes

Women's Ministry

Our goal in women's ministry is to grow in relationship and knowledge with Jesus, who is The Word, and with each other, through The Word. Through fellowship and study with other women, we are gaining strength to fight our spiritual battles and wisdom to live our lives as precious daughters of The King. The Bible tells us how to live and act in a way that makes us better in all of our roles and gives glory to God.

women's ministry

Fall Bible Study | When We Pray

- Thursdays | 9:00am - 11:00am and/or 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Begins Sept. 14th - 7 sessions
- Leaders: Vickie Heerema and Team

Fall Retreat Opportunity

- Hidden Acres in Dayton, Iowa
- September 15-17, 2023
- Contact Person: Sara Guthrie

Watch for more Bible Studies to come!

Men's Ministry

Kingdom Builders

“Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous.
Be strong. And do everything with love.”
1 Corinthians 16:13

The Men's Ministry team seeks to take men beyond the profession of faith by seeking a deeper relationship with the Trinity. Through our casual times of fellowship, men are able to encourage and learn from one another. Throughout scripture, God called ordinary men to do extraordinary things, just as he still does today. God calls men to stand boldly and confidently in his name, while serving in their home, church, community, and beyond. We gather together during times of fellowship to be equipped to do just that!

Kingdom Builder's Original Series Coming This Fall: Legendary Faith

We will be studying men in Scripture who showed great faith. We will be looking beyond just what they did and be putting a big emphasis on the things that they overcame to be considered faithful. Each week will be a new week, covering topics like overcoming fear, anger, passivity, doubt, insecurity, sexual sin, injustice, etc.

- Leader: Jeff Guthrie & Men's Ministry Team
- Thursdays | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | The Way Cafe

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept. 14th | Kingdom Builders Kick Off! | 6pm
- Sept. 21st | New Series | Legendary Faith
- Men's breakfast the last Saturday of every month, 7am.

- Hidden Acres Men's Retreat January 12-14, 2024

men's ministry

specialized discipleship

What are Specialized Discipleship Classes?

Specialized Discipleship Classes are topical groups designed to meet a specific need or to bring people together around a shared experience or interest. We offer classes and groups for a broad range of interests and/or experiences.

DivorceCare

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have a lot of questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

DivorceCare provides seminars featuring top experts on divorce and recovery topics as well as a support group.

- Leader: Dave Wagner
- Mondays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Sept. 11th - Dec. 4th
- Cost of class \$20

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Cost is \$79 and The Way prints your materials for you!

- Leaders: Zack and Elisha Biehn
- Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Discipleship Center
- Sept. 12th - Nov. 14th

Hope for Hurting Parents

Parents would go to the ends of the earth for their troubled children but forget about their own self-care along the way. When your child (teenager or adult) struggles with substance abuse, self-injury, mental health issues or other destructive choices, the whole family experiences pain. This is a small group designed specifically to give support, encouragement, and hope to hurting parents on their journey from surviving to thriving. These support groups exist to love and comfort parents while offering them tools to gain strength, hope, encouragement, and new perspectives. We'll cover topics like grief, anger, resentment, letting go, thankfulness, hope, and many more.

Led by Mike and Lisa Van Sant, Once a month on the first Sunday of the month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. This class is at their house so after you register, they will be in contact with you for their address!

You can also email Lisa at vansant6@netins.net.

GriefShare

A GriefShare support group will help you find hope after the death of a loved one. GriefShare support groups give you tips & counsel to handle the aftermath of loss.

- Mondays, starting Sept. 11 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Newton Church of The Way, Discipleship Center
- Leaders: Barb Wisgerhof and Eloise Froah
- Cost of class \$20

GriefShare Holiday Event

The holidays can be a difficult time when you have lost a loved one. Join us for the “Surviving the Holidays” GriefShare Event to help you through.

- Saturday, November 4th from 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Newton Church of The Way, Discipleship Center
- Leaders: Barb Wisgerhof and Eloise Froah
- Cost of event is \$10

Christian Ethics | Part 5

Best-selling author and professor Wayne Grudem distills over forty years of teaching experience into a single volume aimed at helping readers apply a biblical worldview to difficult ethical issues, in this part covering the topics of marriage and sexuality. Text Books are available online or at Choices.

Workbooks provided by The Way for free!

- Leader: Marlys Popma
- Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Sept. 12 | 6 week class

Blessing Tree Event

Ready for a retreat experience? Join us for a Blessing Tree Day and be blessed. This is a guided journey to explore the parts of prayer, be focused on growing in your faith walk and take home something uniquely yours in remembrance. Make for yourself, for someone you love or in honor of someone who is now with Jesus. Come as you are - light breakfast and lunch will be available... and lots of coffee!

Materials provided; cost ranges from \$35-\$85 depending on the size of your project.

- Leader: Cheryl Van Houweling
- Limiting seating to 12, so sign up quick!
- Date and time to be determined

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Membership Class

Interested in learning more about partnering with us in the mission that God has called us to? Join us as we explore the following areas:

- Mission and Vision of The Way
- Core Values
- Baptism and Communion Practices
- Church Leadership and Governance
- Ministry Opportunities: How is God calling you to grow personally and how are you being led to serve?
- Leader: Marcy Milburn
- Coming Late Fall 2023

Operation Finding Freedom

Providing a place for our brothers and sisters who served in any of our Military Branches, past or present, to find freedom in Christ.

- Leaders: Kirk Douglas
- First Friday of Each Month | 6:30pm | Discipleship Center

Spirit-Led Work Ministry

You desire to see God move in your workplace. This can become clouded by the stress and anxiety of everyday challenges. This once-per-month ministry explores how and where God might already be moving and helps equip you to be a faithful witness for Jesus right where you are.

- Leader: Julie Jones
- Second Mondays of every month
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Discipleship Center
- Begins October 9, 2023. Jump in any time!

The Bridge

Ministry for ages 18-25. College students, married couples, or singles are encouraged to join us for fellowship, studies and FUN!

- Meets every other Sunday from 4:00pm - 6:00pm starting Sept. 10
- Leaders: Connor and Sarah Reynolds, Abbie Miller
- Location: Discipleship Center

Nursery

In The Way's nursery, your little ones are always loved and cared for! We want even the littlest of children to know that God loves them!

Safety is a top priority so upon arrival, children will be checked in and you will be asked to provide your contact information. You and your child will each be given a code to match. You will need bring your tag to pick up your child. If you are needed during the service, you will receive a text message. Our volunteers love kids! There are always at least two volunteers with the children at all times. Volunteers have completed background screenings. Nursery is available during BOTH the 9am and 11am services each Sunday for children birth through age 3.

nursery

Older children are welcome to attend our Children's Ministry programs. In the summer, we offer Little Sparks for children going into PreK-Kindergarten. We also know that it's important to worship as a family and we love having kids in worship! We also have Busy Bags for kids to keep them engaged during a service when you worship together as a family.

Make plans to join us in the nursery this Sunday!
We would love to meet you and your little one!

Contact: Jeri Smith nursery@theway146.com

1st Mondays with Mommas | 9:30 am

All Mommas with littles are welcomed to join us in the nursery on the 1st Monday of each month for fellowship!
Contact: Terra Kurovski

The Rush Children's Ministry

Before leaving elementary grades, most children form their entire idea of who God is and choose whether or not they will have a relationship with Him. We want to partner with families to help children discover and embrace a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by developing faith, wisdom, and friendships. The Rush Children's Ministry is available on Sunday mornings during the 9:00am service. Regular programming occurs in the Fall through the Spring and is open to children 3 years old through 6th grade.

- Begins Sunday Sept. 10 | 9:00 am Service
- Every Sunday from Labor Day - Memorial Day with holiday breaks.
- Ages 3 - Kindergarten | The Way Cafe with Elisha & team
- 1st - 4th Grade | Discipleship Center with Sarah & team
- 5th-6th Grade | Back Kids Room with Elizabeth & team

Leaders:

- Elisha Biehn, Early Childhood Director (PreK-K)
- Sarah Reynolds, 1st-4th Grade Director
- Elizabeth Van Wyk, 5th & 6th Grade Director

Family Experience Events

At The Way, we want to partner with parents as the primary disciplers of their children. Family Experience Events are a great way to intentionally set aside time to connect as a family and talk about Jesus. They are also a good way to connect with other families.

Families with children of all ages are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars Today:

- October 20 - Fall Family Experience Night
- February 23 - Winter Family Experience Night
- April - Spring Family Experience Night
- June 10th-13th Summer Camp and June 14th Family Night

kids

Youth Group

We believe that God is moving powerfully through this generation and that he desires to raise up youth who know Jesus and are empowered by His Spirit. If you're a Middle School or a High School student who is looking to grow your faith, connect with other students, and have fun while doing it, then JOIN US!

We start Wednesday, September 6th!

Upward - Middle School | 7th - 8th Grades

At Upward, we have FUN as we lean into what God is teaching us about who He is and who we are in Christ! Join us as we grow together!

Leader: Julie Kain

- middleschoolyouth@theway146.com
- Ages: For Youth in 7th - 8th Grade
- Wednesdays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Discipleship Center
- Youth can arrive at 5:45.
- Supper at 6:00.
- Doors close at 8:00.

Rise - High School Youth | Freshmen - Seniors

At Rise, all students are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together by listening, reading, asking hard questions, and seeing God in everyday life. We seek to learn about and experience the unconditional love of God through worship, scripture, testimony, small group, and fellowship in a Christ-centered way. Join us as you discover your God-given gifts and serve at youth group, in our community, and on mission trips across the country.

Leaders: Ryan & Terra Kurovski

- Ages: For Youth in 9th - 12th Grade
- Wednesdays | 6:30pm - 9:00pm | Worship Center
- Youth can arrive at 6:00.
- Supper at 6:30.
- Doors close at 9:00.
- highschoolyouth@theway146.com
ryan@theway146.com

youth group

Ways To Serve

Decorating Team

Do you love to decorate? Our Decorating Team loves to make spaces feel warm and inviting so that people feel welcome as they enter the church for worship and during the week.

Contact the office if you'd like more information!

Contact: Vickie Heerema | info@theway146.com

Food Team

Food and fellowship have always been an important part of connecting with others. Our food team helps provide baked goods or meals for various ministry needs. Contact Jayme or the church office for more information about upcoming needs!

Contact: Jayme Wells, jayme@theway146.com

Ladies Sewing Group

Do you love to quilt and sew? Would you like to learn?

Join our sewing group on Thursday mornings as they work on some special projects!

- Thursdays | 9:00am - 2:00pm | Discipleship Center
- Questions? Call the church office.

Children's Ministry

The Rush Children's Ministry is for kids going into PreK-6th grade. We want our kids to know Jesus and to experience God's love and our volunteers help make this happen!

Contact: Elisha Biehn | elisha@theway146.com

Nursery Volunteers

Even the littlest of children need to know that God loves them! Our nursery volunteers help make that happen every week!

Nursery is offered on Sunday morning during both the 9am and 11am services. Newborns through 3 year olds.

Contact: Jeri Smith | nursery@theway146.com

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AV/Tech Team

Help with the video and audio needs in the tech booth. Now more than ever our messages reach people near and far! Our satellite campus relies on our tech abilities each Sunday and we need you to help! NO experience necessary!

Contact: Jenn Cross | jenn@theway146.com

Welcome and Connections Team

Do you have a gift of hospitality and a desire for people to feel welcome? Join us on Sunday mornings as we intentionally seek to connect with and to welcome others.

We'd love for your to join us in this culture-shaping ministry!

Contact: Dave Wagner | dave@theway146.com

Worship Team

We recognize and celebrate the fact that there are a variety of gifts in Christ's body. Some have been given musical gifts that are to be used to bring blessings and encouragement to the church. Jenn Cross | jenn@theway146.com

Helping Hands Ministry

Helping Hands would like to see if you or someone you know could use some help with simple handyman tasks. Maybe there is a need for a bookshelf that needs assembled or a small amount of snow removal or yard work, or when its nice outside, there is a small outdoor area that needs painted; Helping Hands would like to help!

(We may not be able to tackle all requests, but we'd love to try and help!)

Contact the office if you have a need or you know someone who does, or, if you'd like to be apart of this group!

Many Hands for Haiti

IMPACT Trip to Abaco with Many Hands Feb. 3-10, 2024

Many Hands has served the Caribbean for more than 20 years and is eager for you to join them on their newest IMPACT trip to Marsh Harbour, Abaco, located in the Northeast Bahamas. In late 2019, Hurricane Dorian hit Abaco with the strongest wind gusts ever recorded in the Atlantic. Damage was widespread with 75 percent of the island's homes damaged or destroyed. Most have not fully recovered, In addition, Abaco has become home to many Haitian refugees. Every day more Haitian refugees arrive in Abaco looking for a place to live, with little support given to rebuild their lives.

Serving: Teams could have the opportunity to serve in four areas: construction, youth activities/VBS, compassion ministry, agriculture/reforestation

Accommodations: Team will stay at Abaco Youth Camp right along the ocean with electricity, modern plumbing, meals and in-country transportation provided.

Trip Cost: \$1700-\$2000

More information: Please contact Pam Osborn at 641-792-7300 or posborn@mh4h.org.

We will have a meeting September 10 about this trip!

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