

NEXT STEPS PATHWAY

Introduction Video

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With God there is always _____.

Why taking next steps is important.

1. Intentionality
2. _____
3. Encouragement

Session #1

Our overall mission: Making it simple for people to find and follow Jesus.

It is about removing barriers and communicating clearly.

Nehemiah 8:8 – (NIV) – They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so the people could understand what was being read.

1 Cor. 10:33 – (NLT) -... I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

Making it simple has nothing to do with watering it down or changing the Scriptures. In reality, it actually makes it more challenging for the one who is making it simple.

Philippians 2:4 – (NLT) - Don't look out only for your own **interests**, but take an interest in others, too.

How do we practice this here at Wyandotte Family? Through faith, family, and fun.

Session #2

F_____ - is believing God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do."

Hebrews 11:6— And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him

This is one of the main reasons we gather together weekly to worship

The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

_____ – a two sided coin (love and knowledge)

The GREEK WORD for CHURCH in Matthew 16:18 is ek-klā-sē'-ä

The building is not the _____.

Session #3

The second core value here at Wyandotte Family Church is F_____.

When you said yes to Jesus, you said yes to His _____, the church.

The church is more than a program or ministry to attend; but a family to _____ to.

It's kind of like this **Tissue Box**. This box represents the church. What is so amazing about Kleenex is what happens when you pull one out. Have you ever wondered how that happens? You just keep pulling, and another one is right there. WHY IS THAT? (they are all connected). Just like that, you and I are called to be so connected to each other that we pull each up. We are all meant to be connected and give life to each other.

Chuck Miller says, "Christianity was birthed in Galilee as a relationship. It spread to Greece and became a philosophy. It spread to Rome and became an Empire. It spread to Britain, and it became a culture. It spread to the United States and became an enterprise."

We are creating a culture where everyone is challenged and encouraged to be connected and engaged with others. You need others, and others need you.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and **build each other** up, just as in fact you are doing."

The best way to encourage and build others up, and to be encouraged and built up, is through

- a. Courses
- b. G_____

Session #4

We define F_____ as using 3 P's (Passions, Pains, and Proficiencies) to serve others.

Matthew 23:11 – (NLT) – Jesus said the greatest among you must be a servant.

Acts 20:35 – (NLT) – Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive.
*Everyone wants to experience an abundant life, yet many look for it in the wrong places.

Someone once said, “A man wrapped up in himself is a small _____.”

Ephesians 2:10 – (NLT) – For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Session #5

The heart behind _____

Take care of the _____

- Being a part of a church family is more than _____.
- You are investing in the _____ of this church and actively becoming a part.
- A higher level of investment in building the house.
- Big part of helping guide, encourage, and lead the direction of the church through family meetings, and _____ roles.
- God has called us to _____ more than we consume.
 - *Example: Dead Sea
- Making a pre-choice choice to set your heart in the right direction.
- A next step member makes 3 commitments to the church family.

Session #6

Commitment #1 – C_____

Since we are designed and created to be in relationships with others, a Next Step Member commits to being actively engaged in the community of the church family.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

That is why we, those who become members of Wyandotte Family, commit to being a part of a group. Some of our groups meet bi-weekly, and others meet monthly. Regardless, you have an opportunity to build deeper friendships and become connected to the church family.

Will you take a next step today and check out one of our groups?

Check out our current groups here: <https://wyandottefamily.org/groups>

Session #7

Commitment #2 – S_____

Ephesians 2:10 says, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What are your passions? What excites you, motivates you, and moves you?

What are your pains? What breaks your heart? What makes you sad or angry?

What are your proficiencies? What are you naturally good at? What do others often compliment you on?

When you have a posture of _____, and you serve using your 3 P's, you will see the fruit of ministry.

One final thought. Our church family is like a _____.

Session #8

Comittment #3 – T_____

#1 – The tithe came before the _____:

Genesis 14:17-20 — (NLT) - After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. ¹⁹ Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

*Genesis 14 is the first mention of the tithe (tenth) in Scripture. There were about 430-505 years between Abraham and Moses. (Barr, James (2001). "[Chronology](#)". In Metzger, Bruce M.; Coogan, Michael David (eds.). *The Oxford Guide to Ideas & Issues of the Bible*. Oxford University Press. [ISBN 978-0195149173](#). or <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/>).

Hebrews 7:1-8 – (NLT) - This Melchizedek was king of the city of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning home after winning a great battle against the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him. ² Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means "king of justice," and king of Salem means "king of peace." ³ There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors—no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God.

⁴ Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle. ⁵ Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham. ⁶ But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God. ⁷ And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed. ⁸ The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on.

*Scholar Ray Stedman points out the strong connections between Melchizedek and Jesus. Melchizedek was both a king and a priest, and Jesus was a king and a priest. Melchizedek blessed, strengthened, and refreshed Abraham, and Jesus strengthens and refreshes those who come to Him. Abraham paid a tithe to Melchizedek, acknowledging his position and authority, and Christ followers tithe to the Lord Jesus, acknowledging his position and authority. (IVP Hebrews, Ray Stedman, 80)

#2 – The tithe was a sign of full _____ and worship: (still before the law)

Genesis 28:20-22 – (NLT) - Then Jacob made this vow: “If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing, ²¹ and if I return safely to my father’s home, then the Lord will certainly be my God. ²² And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me.

*The tithe is the ultimate fruit of _____.

#3 – What God said about the tithe after the law was given.

*There are many verses on tithe, but we will quickly read one from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 – (NLT) - “You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. ²³ Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always **to fear the Lord** your God.

*Scholar Peter C. Craigie says, “By returning a tithe to God regularly, the people would learn to fear the Lord (v. 23) and know that their prosperity did not depend on irrigation or advanced agricultural techniques, but on the kindness and provision of their God. (NICOT, Deuteronomy, Peter C. Craigie, Deuteronomy 14:22)

Malachi 3:8-10 – (NLT) - Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

*In Malachi 3, we see God calling Israel to repentance (turning back to Him). The first thing God mentions in the call to repentance is the issue of the tithe. He tells Israel to test Him. They had gotten away from the tithe and felt justified in doing so. God tells them they have been cheating Him.

*He also goes on to say when His children tithe, there will be provision in His temple. He goes on to say in the next few verses that their crops will be in abundance. He will protect what they do have from insects and disease. He will provide.

#4 – What Jesus said about the tithe in the New Testament.

Matthew 23:23 — (NLT) - “What sorrow awaits you, teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Luke 11:42 – (NLT) – What sorrow awaits you, Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

In summary, the tithe is consistently emphasized throughout Scripture. At Wyandotte Family Church, we practice and teach tithing. The pastoral team and leadership set an example by trusting the Lord with the first 10%. Our passion for this leads us to offer what we call the tithe challenge. We invite individuals to sign up for the challenge and commit to tithing for three months. At the end of this period, if they feel they are experiencing increased financial hardship, specifically due to tithing, they can approach us privately, and we will refund their money. We are confident in the Lord and His provision for His people, especially when they trust Him with the first 10%.

Conclusion:

Potential Next Steps:

1. Become a next step member. Fill out the application and covenant here: <https://wyandottefamily.org/next-step-membership>
 - The board will be looking to see if you are already doing all 3. (serving, community, and tithing). If you are not, we encourage you to start now.
 - Membership Sunday – Once you are ratified by the Board, there will be a special Sunday where we pray over you and welcome you to Next Step Membership.
2. Take the tithe challenge: <https://storage2.snappages.site/QDBNSJ/assets/files/The-Tithing-Challenge.pdf>
3. Try out a group: <https://wyandottefamily.org/groups>
4. Join a dream team: Email us at office@wyandottefamily.org

What is your story?

Every single one of us will go through the same process. Whether it's when we crossed the line into a relationship with Jesus or something God asked us to do, we all have a story! The story is an adventure where we learn to trust God in greater ways and truly understand "He is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do."

Our Mission Statement & Plan for Spiritual Growth

Make it **SIMPLE** for people to **find & follow** Jesus!

We strive to be a church that...

Makes **FAITH** understandable and relevant to EVERYONE through weekly gatherings.

Provides avenues for EVERYONE to be a part of the **FAMILY** through Connection Groups.

Empowers EVERYONE to have **FUN** using their gifts & talents to serve others.

FAITH (Weekend Gatherings)

- A. We _____ design Sunday mornings to connect with those who don't like church. There are hundreds of churches downriver that focus on church people. **That is perfectly fine!** However, there is a reason people are not going! That is why you will see us on Sundays...
- Preach in sermon series
 - Use a lot of media during gatherings
 - Have shorter segments (worship, message etc.)
 - Explain what we are doing and why
 - Use creative elements (skits, dramas, songs etc.) to communicate Biblical truths
 - Use secular music in videos or sermons
- B. Goal: To marry Pentecost with Relevance. To see people who don't go to church anywhere connect with a living God!! TO see people who used to go to church come back and get involved. Those who have been hurt in the past and burnt out on church to find new life in Christ again. **This is the goal and _____ of our Sunday mornings.**
- C. What about me? I'm already a believer? Here is where you can be a part of this amazing adventure and journey of seeing people come to Christ!!
- The amazing reality is that people who faithfully attend Wyandotte Family always are _____ and always grow regardless of how long they have followed Christ.
 - You can be a part of the team that _____ and uses their gifts to reach others
 - It takes Sunday mornings from being passive to being active. We want to be people driven not _____ driven.

3 Wins we celebrate on Sunday Mornings:

1. When an unchurched person comes for the 1st time and because they felt so welcomed and understood what was going on, they decide to come back for a 2nd time. This is a WIN we celebrate.
2. When someone in the congregation feels so excited about what God is doing and confident the gatherings will connect with the unchurched, they bring someone with them. This is a WIN we celebrate.
3. When we see life change take place in someone's life. Whether it is crossing the line into a relationship with Jesus, water baptism, getting involved in serving, joining a connection group, responding to prayer etc. This is a WIN we celebrate.

FAMILY (Connection Groups)

- A. If Sunday mornings are focused on the unchurched then when does Discipleship happen? We believe that Discipleship (the process or journey of becoming more like Jesus) takes place the best via connection groups.

Connection Groups are...

1. The way people get connected to the family and build friendships at Wyandotte Family Church.
2. The way people can dig deeper into God's Word at Wyandotte Family Church.
3. By getting connected to the family and by studying God's word, connection groups are how people grow and are held _____ at Wyandotte Family Church.



To summarize... We want to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating a *conversational environment* where they can *explore & grow in faith* and experience *family!*

CONNECTION GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to _____ !

"...yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." 1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

We believe genuine relationships form and grow the best _____ of a Sunday morning.

- Take time to read Matthew, Mark & Luke & John and you see Jesus (the master discipler) teaching and training those around him via relationship. There is a place for classroom training and head knowledge. However head knowledge void love and experience often results in pride & disconnect!

1 Corinthians 8:1—Knowledge puffs up but love builds up

This is what happened to the Pharisees in their relationship with God. If we aren't careful it can happen to us as well in all of our relationships. The entire purpose of the Bible is for us to _____ GOD personally not just have head knowledge.

Matthew 22:29— Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

John 5:39— “You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!

2. A place to _____!

We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16 NLT

Connection Groups are the best place for organic **RELATIONAL** care. The more connected you are the more people you will build friendships with. The more friendships you build the more people will be aware of what is going on in your life.

3. A place to _____.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

We believe home based connection groups best fit our definition of discipleship: every area coming under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

- Rather than setting up some sacred spaces, our task is to make ALL aspects & dimensions of life sacred--family, work, play etc. & not limit the presence of God 2 spooky religious zones--Alan Hirsch

To summarize again through connection groups you will experience...

- Opportunity for meaningful relationships
- Deeper study in the word of God
- Accountability and challenge
- Greater application of God’s Word into your daily life
- Greater prayer support and relational care

Connection Groups at Wyandotte Family Church take on different focuses

- _____ **Groups**—These connection groups more often than not meet in peoples homes—The purpose of these groups is four-fold...
 - a. To provide a smaller environment where people can dig deeper into God’s word
 - b. To provide a smaller environment where people can ask questions and discuss God’s word
 - c. To provide a smaller environment and provide an opportunity for friendships to form
 - d. To provide a smaller environment for better relational care
- _____ **Groups**—These connection groups primary focus are relationships.
- _____ **Groups**—These connection groups primary focus is serving and being missional.

To sum it up: Connection Groups exist to help strengthen your relationship with God and relationship with others. Helps you become connected to the family and better connected to your faith. These connection groups meet weekly at various times in the evening. Here are a few example of groups we have offered in the past and/or in the future.

Connection Groups meet on a semester system.

- September (promotion month)

- October—December Semester
- January (promotion month)
- February—April Semester
- May (promotion month)
- June-August—Summer semester once a month

We have groups from finances, to men's groups, women groups and specific books of the Bible studies. Then one semester we do a spiritual growth campaign where all of the connection groups study and discuss the same topic.

- **GROW Groups**—These groups are Bible Studies and life skills group to help you grow in your faith and grow in various areas of life.
 - Men's Coffee Group-meets every Tuesday morning 6:30am Tim Horton's Downtown Wyandotte
 - P.O.T.S. (Parents of Teens)-meets Wednesday nights during Roots 7:00-8:20pm in Wyandotte
 - X3 Group—An accountability group for men wrestling with the issue of pornography & sexual addictions. Meets Tuesday nights downtown Wyandotte.
 - Ignite Men's Group - Our on-going men's group that meets every Wednesday night 6:30pm downtown Wyandotte 2958 Biddle Ave.
 - Esther Bible Study - As we look into the life of Esther we will learn strong lessons of faith, providence and hope to help equip us to live courageously to live for such a time as this! This group meets on Monday's at 7pm in Wyandotte.
 - There is a secondary Esther group that meets on Thursday's at 6:30pm in Riverview.
 - Chronological Study of the Bible - Join us as we review the books of the Bible in chronological order in order to understand the story it tells and how God reveals Himself to us! This group meets every other Tuesday in Wyandotte. at 6:30pm.
 - In His Presence: Spend an evening in the presence of God through worship & prayer in a comfortable home atmosphere. Prayer changes lives! The more we pray the more we have God's heart! This group meets on Wednesday's at 7:00pm in Wyandotte.
- **GATHER Groups** – These groups are designed to help you develop stronger friendships within the church body. They also are a great first step for someone unchurched to get to know people before they come on a Sunday morning.
 - Women 2 Women – meets the 3rd Thursday of every month
 - Taste of Downriver—meets the 1st Saturday of every month
 - Family Bowling Night – meets the 1st Tuesday of every month
- **GIVE Groups** – These groups are all about giving back to the community and serving others
 - S.A.L.T. (Salt of the The Earth) Soup Kitchen group—Serves the first Saturday of every month at the Wayne Wright Soup Kitchen downtown Wyandotte.
 - Dearborn Ministries – This group meets on Sunday nights to study and learn how to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ with Muslims.

For current & up to date group info & to sign up check out <http://www.wyandottefamily.com/connection-groups>

How do I become a Connection Group leader?

- In order to be a Connection Group Leader we ask that they start the process of going through First Steps. We ask that they be an active member in a group for at least one semester prior
- Contact our Connection Group Director helen.flaihans@yahoo.com and she would love to walk you through the simple process.
- Go through the new leaders training/orientation.

3 wins we celebrate in Connection Groups are:

1. When someone gets so connected they are getting together with others outside of church related functions, that is a WIN we celebrate.
2. When someone catches the vision and signs up to co-lead or lead a connection group, that is a WIN we celebrate.
3. When Relational-Care is taking place within the group, this is a WIN we celebrate.

WYANDOTTE FAMILY **CONNECTION GROUP** LEADERS DESCRIPTION

Vision

We want to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating a *conversational environment* where they can *explore & grow in **faith*** and experience ***family!***

Qualifications

1. Be in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Be a regular attendee of a Wyandotte Family Church.
3. Have been an active member in a group for at least one semester
4. Support the vision of Wyandotte Family Church.

Expectations

1. Start the process of going through the First Steps
2. Affirm Wyandotte Family Church's Statement of Faith and Groups strategy.(don't have to agree with everything but we ask that you not teach against it).
3. Shepherd each group member and invest & encourage even outside of the group night.
4. Pray for your group members regularly.
5. Recruit or help recruit a group co-leader to serve and support.

Leader Essentials

1. Develop Your Skills :: *Am I growing as a leader?*
2. Prioritize Preparation :: *Do I know my material and members?*
3. Promote Participation :: *Am I encouraging conversation & ownership?*
4. Cultivate Relationships :: *Am I connecting with group members?*

Fun (using your gifts and talents to serve others)

- A. We believe that every person is _____ and has God given strengths, gifts and passions. We are striving to build a community of followers of Christ who understand their

significant role in what God is doing. This church is striving to be people driven, not pastor driven.

B. We are passionate about helping you be God's hands and feet to this world and helping you experience the joy of serving (FUN). Here are practical ways we want to help...

- **In Your _____**—To learn how to live a missional (sent) life embracing the opportunities God brings every day for us to serve others.
- Mid-week motivators—an audio you can subscribe to that will come to your inbox weekly.
- Missional Mindset—a corner on the back of the communicator each week that gives you practical and creative ways how to reach out in your daily life
- Inter-woven throughout many messages on Sundays
- Part of the Home Based Connection Groups DNA

HOW CAN I BE MISSIONAL & SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST:

1. Accept the personal Responsibility.
 2. Build a personal Relationship.
 3. Share your personal _____.
 4. Overcome evil with good Serve.
 5. Give a personal _____.
- **In Your Community**—The wells or natural gathering places. The story of Jesus and the women at the well is just one example of how Jesus didn't wait in the synagogue for people to show up. The Bible shows Him going to where people already were and showing them compassion and the way to the Father.

John 4:7-34—Samaritan Women at the well

Colossians 4:5-6—(CEV) When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time. Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message. Choose your words carefully and be ready to give answers to anyone who asks questions.

- Third Fridays—Every Third Friday we go to where people are and we partner with what the city is already doing. We provide family friendly activities and giveaways that tie in with the cities theme. (Examples: Ice Fest we had an interactive angry bird's ice sculpture, allowed children to make their own mini-ice creations and gave out free hot chocolate.
 - Future ministries and events—As people have ideas we will ask the question, "Is there any other outside group already doing this (ex. Sports) or "how can we partner with the community."
- **In Your CHURCH**—We believe everyone has a gift and strength God wants to use to bring Him glory and to build others up.
 - First Steps 301: Discover—This group will allow you to take a short gifts, personality and passions test to help identify what God has already given you and placed inside of you.

WHAT CAN I DO RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS TO BE A PART?

1. PRAY.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38

2. Continue to get know us.—Faithfully being a part of Sunday mornings and being a part of a connection group will allow you to get connected!

3. Go & Experiment with Third Friday's, Sparkle Team, Creative Planning Team

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go, and tell this people...'" Isaiah 6:8-9

4. Give not only financially but also time!

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:19-21

- Sunday ministries: Children's (nursery, pre-school and elementary age), Roots youth ministry (6th-12th grade), worship band, ushers, greets, hospitality, prayer team, parking lot, sparkle team, grunt team, administrative support are a few ways you can use your gifts and passions to have fun serving others.

3 wins we celebrate in Ministry & Outreach:

1. When someone has their first serve, this is a WIN we celebrate.
2. When someone enjoys coming to church or an outreach because they get to be who God created them to be, this is a WIN we celebrate.
3. When someone in the community engages us in a meaningful conversation, this is a WIN we celebrate.

Dream:

Part of our vision includes an indoor playground opened during the week to provide a place for children to play during the long winter months and as a connection to young families. Additional resources will be available through this venue such as parenting classes, babysitter's connection, story time, tutoring, and party room rental.

OUR CORE VALUES

1. **Prayer**-Prayer is one of the ways we acknowledge our dependency on God! We offer times of prayers at...
 - Pre-Gathering Prayer every Sunday at 9:30am in the main auditorium
 - Refresh Nights (5th Sunday night of every month 6-8pm)

Unless God builds the house, we are wasting our time. We believe in the power of prayer and understand that it is God who builds His church. Psalm 122:1

2. _____—We believe people are so afraid of failing, many never even try something new or risky. However, anything that is of lasting value and most of the things God asks of us involves risk (ex. David & Goliath, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up" Daniel 3:16-18

3. **Authentic Relationships**—We will be a transparent and an open church by modeling openness and transparency. I will lead the way in how I communicate on Sunday mornings. You will hear success stories and failures from my life as I communicate God's word. We are passionately attempting to break church phoniness and create a culture of honesty & authenticity.

4. _____—We have received much grace so we will also give it. We will deal with sin, but the goal isn't to fix everyone, that's the Holy Spirit's job. We will operate and relate to people through the filter of grace and truth

John 1:14, 17— So the Word became human^[a] and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.(grace & truth) And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness (grace & truth) came through Jesus Christ.

How is Grace fleshed out: You can BELONG BEFORE YOU _____

- Every person is welcome at Wyandotte Family Church
 - o Regardless of religious belief
 - o Sexual Orientation
 - o Background
- Has a right to come and search for truth
- Traditional religious church made people believe (whether intentionally or not)
 - o The way we believe
 - o Or you can't belong
- But we want to be inclusive, not exclusive, by opening our circle of love
- Remember, ACCEPTANCE is not always agreement
- In Christ there is neither (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - o Male or Female
 - o Jew or Greek
 - o Bond or Free
 - No big potatoes or small potatoes
 - We're all mashed potatoes
- We can't judge someone by where they're at because we don't know where they started

5. **Emotional Health**-- We believe the depth of one's spiritual life cannot supersede their level of emotional health. It is important to learn from the past in order to change the present. The goal will always be to uncover the lies and become covered in truth. Recognizing our present feelings and learning to work through them with God's truth as well as how to successfully navigate conflict will unlock relationships and revolutionize family units. Counseling will be a huge part of who we are.
6. **Serving the community**—This isn't an event but who we are. The question that will be asked often isn't, "how can we get more people to come to us?" but "what can we do to bring the reality of Jesus to the community?" We want to be known as the church that serves.
7. **Worship**—We believe that worship is more than music but a daily life-style of honoring Christ. However, we understand the importance of connecting with God in meaningful worship experiences and will provide relevant & current worship experiences for this generation.

In our Sunday morning worship we want to be Supernatural Not Strange

- Super = SUPERIOR
 - Supernatural = Superior to NATURAL
 - Believe in the third person of the trinity
 - The Fruits & Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - The number one job of the Holy Spirit is to draw men and women to Jesus
 - Therefore, how we manifest the supernatural has to do with what our desired outcome is. Because, order determines outcome
 - If we want (and we do)
 - o D-Churched
 - o Un-Churched
 - o Re-Churched
 - Then we need the supernatural... BUT... Not Strange!
 - Strange is anything that takes attention off of GOD
 - And focuses more on people
8. **Family**—Families that play together and pray together will stay together. We believe that the family is the center (hub) of a child's spiritual development. The Church exists to equip and empower parents to lead their children.

What are a few practical ways we help parents?

1. **TAKE-HOME** pages every Sunday. If you have a child in Sprouts Pre-school or Tree House Elementary than you will receive weekly take home pages. They have a recap of the Bible lesson your child was taught, fun review questions, activities and games you can do together as a family.
2. **Third Friday's**—We offer family friendly events every Third Friday that you can either serve at with your or simply come down and enjoy as a family.

9. **Excellence**—We believe that working hard to honor the glory of God is important. We don't want to cut corners to give half of an effort. We want to do all things unto the glory of God!
(1 Corinthians 10:31)
10. _____—We believe anything healthy grows. We want to be a church that is constantly growing in every area. As individuals we always have room to keep moving forward and improving. Growth is a big part of our culture. So how are you growing spiritually? How are you growing in leadership? How are you growing in your marriage?
11. **Planting Churches**—We believe that the most effective way to reach those who aren't serving Christ is to plant new churches. Our vision is to be a church that multiplies. Once we grow to a church between 300-400 we will begin to plant another church in the downriver area.

Wyandotte Family First Steps

101—Drive—This track is a basic introduction to who we are at Wyandotte Family Church and help you understand our culture. You can find out what drives us and what drives every passionate follower of Christ!

201—DNA—This track will go over our beliefs, our affiliation and what we believe is important to developing a habit of life long growth (take home gifts, personality & strengths test)

301—Discovery-- This track will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life, and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry

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