

We Are Wheat Street: Welcome to the Family

New Members Training

Mission of New Member Training: To fully integrate those who come to Wheat Street into the process/ journey of discipleship and ministry as we serve the world.

Biblical Foundation:

Acts 2:37-42

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” **38** Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” **40** And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41** So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. **42** *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Goals:

1. To introduce new converts to process of discipleship
2. To introduce new members to the vision and core values of Wheat Street
3. To get members actively engaged in the ministry of the church to the world according to their gift(s) and passion(s)

Outcomes:

1. Persons who join Wheat Street will start their journeying understanding how we understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ
2. Persons who join Wheat Street will know what their gifts and passions are and will become actively involved in the life of the church
3. Persons who join Wheat Street will know what the vision, mission and core values are that guide our approach to ministry
4. Persons who join Wheat Street will know how to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ
5. We will be able to account for every new member and how they are processing in the life of the church

Overarching Components:

1. Discipleship
2. Vision & Core Values
3. Gifts assessment / ministry engagement <http://giftstest.com>
 1. Gift(s)
 2. Passion(s)

3. Areas of Service: Church & World - opportunity for ministry

Time Frame:

Total of four hours - face-to-face and online

Persons who come back to the church or come by way of Christian experience only have to attend the two sessions: 1. Gifts assessment and 2. Vision and Core Values of Wheat Street

Welcoming Returning Members:

1. Unless we have gleaned the rolls and officially removed them they are still members of the church
2. Those who were in leadership and return they can have a meeting with the leader of that ministry as a way to acclimate them to what is going on and how they might reenter into immediate service

3. Biblical Principle:

Luke 15:1-32

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

New Members Orientation: Four Weeks / Four Hours - Welcome to Wheat Street

Four Weeks / Four Hours / On-line and Face-to-Face / Super Saturday

Week #1: Welcome to the Body of Christ and the Community of Faith we call Wheat Street

1. The Call to Discipleship
2. History of Wheat Street
3. Vision, Mission and Core Values of Wheat Street

Week #2: The Keys to a Faith Lived Well

1. Spiritual Disciplines
2. Weekly Spiritual Habits
3. Faith Lived in the Real World
4. Faith Lived through the life of the church and community

Week #3: Spiritual Gifts: To Serve the Present Age

1. Spiritual Gifts Assessment
2. Spiritual Gifts + Passion
3. Gifts - tell you what you should do
4. Passion - tell you where or who you should serve
5. How to get involved in ministry

Week #4: The Five Keys of Stewardship: A Well Rounded Faith

1. Love - they know us by our love
2. Tell (show and tell) - share the gospel with others in word and deed
3. Time - giving time back to God / regular worship and service to the world
4. Talent - sharing your God given gift freely
5. Tithe - God's financial plan for God's church is tithes and offerings