Real People. Real Life. Real Worship.

The Church at Life Park

Sunday Mornings
8:30AM, 10:00AM, & 11:30AM
“My LifePark story is simple. I came to know God here at this church.” - Gabi Johnson
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Real life is messy and can be chaotic. In the thick of it all, most of us are looking for spiritual direction and a sense of belonging. The Church at LifePark is a loving, Christ-centered community that proclaims and celebrates the love of Christ, grows together as we walk through real life and study the Bible, and serves the world with a desire to see lives transformed by the power of Jesus.
Welcome to The Church at LifePark!

I’d like to thank you for checking out our church. Searching for the right church is no small task. Here at LifePark, we hope you’ll experience a welcoming environment and see that this is a place where you can belong.

LifePark is a community of love and we are all growing together. We meet people where they are and through love, respect, and biblical truth, we help one another mature in Christ. We are sensitive to the fears, doubts, hurts, and transitions that people experience and it is our goal to walk alongside them while providing care and hope through their challenges. We are all on a journey of faith together and I hope you’ll feel welcome to come along with us.

Another aspect of who we are that makes LifePark so unique comes from our very genesis as a church. LifePark is a church planted by another church that had the foresight and generosity to prepare a place for all of us, years before North Mount Pleasant was on the map. In 1978, the people of First Baptist Church Mount Pleasant (FBCMP) took a leap of faith and purchased 34 acres of land here in North Mount Pleasant, hoping to one day plant a church. At the time, this area was completely undeveloped and far beyond the outskirts of town. After decades of prayer and waiting until the right time, LifePark was finally born. On March 7th, 2010, our brand new facility opened and we had our first services. Since then, we have continued growing and leading people into a maturing relationship with Christ. As our North Mount Pleasant community continues to grow rapidly, we are excited to offer a place for people to gather together and share the critical aspects of their faith within their neighborhood communities. That said, LifePark exists for you, for us, and I hope you’ll feel welcome to explore faith and grow with us. This booklet you’re holding is a great first step and introduction to much of what is happening here. You’ll find some helpful information about the ministry programs we offer, next steps you can take as you explore faith, ways to plug in and serve, and you’ll even find some stories of impact scattered throughout these pages from others who call LifePark home. Their stories are my favorite part of this booklet—it’s the people of LifePark that make our church so special and vibrant.

I’m excited about the life change that’s happening in and through LifePark and I’m honored to serve here as the Senior Pastor. I believe the best is still yet to come! We, at The Church at LifePark, would be honored to serve you!

Blessings, Chad Moore - Pastor
OUR VALUES

The Church at LifePark is committed to living life to the full through knowing Christ, growing in relationships and sharing the gospel. As a guest we are excited that you have chosen to visit us for Sunday service.
OUR BIBLICAL VALUES

To remain true to the guiding principles of the early church in Acts 2 through:

1. Authentic Worship: Praising God out of gratitude for His grace
2. Loving Relationships: Valuing all people made in the image of God
3. Applying Biblical Truth: Obeying God’s Word and trusting all the results to Him
4. Dependent Prayer: Experiencing intimacy with God and asking His will to be done on earth as in heaven
5. Serving in Ministries: Discovering and developing spiritual gifts to serve in ministry
6. Personal and Community Evangelism: Effectively witnessing in our daily sphere of influence and engaging our city to bring redemption to the broken
7. Church Planting: Planting new churches that will also plant churches (with different methods, different leaders, and different locations) to reach more communities, while proclaiming the same gospel message
8. Missions To Unreached People Groups: Taking the gospel to unreached people groups around the world

OUR UNIQUE VALUES

1. Personal Responsibility: Taking ownership of next steps, learning and applying truth
2. Humility: Recognizing the weaknesses in ourselves and others and creating a gracious environment where we help each other grow in Christ
3. Generosity: Joyfully and sacrificially using our time, talents and treasure for Kingdom work
4. Respect: Treating people with dignity and honor while balancing grace and truth
5. Excellence: Providing the best environments and ministries with the resources available
6. Action: Discerning the Lord’s will and moving forward in a timely manner

At LifePark, we are living life to the full through knowing Christ, growing in relationships and sharing the gospel.
The Church at LifePark started as a seed planted in the hearts of a prayerful church and came to exist thanks to their steady faithfulness and generosity over decades. These days the story of LifePark continues to unfold on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in the lives of those who have found a home at The Church at LifePark. Our church isn’t a building—it’s a living, breathing, dynamic community of authentic people. We’re all living stories, being written to display the glory of a Great Author and Creator. Check out the story of LifePark and a few more from people who have found a home at LifePark.
WHY DO WE EXIST

We exist to connect people to God.
Worship is at the core of who we are as people, and we have all been given a desire to devote our lives to something meaningful. By knowing God personally and worshiping Him fully, we find both our meaning and our purpose.

We exist to connect people to people.
Life is best when it is lived in community and fellowship with others.

We exist to help people grow in their faith.
To be a healthy follower and disciple of Jesus, it takes spiritual growth.

We exist to serve others.
Christians are called to serve and to be a blessing to the community and the world.

OUR STORIES

“Although we’ve had the opportunity to worship God in nine different countries, this is the first time we’ve been in a church that has ministered to each of our family members in a way that touches the core of our spiritual lives. From Pastor Chad’s leadership and teaching to Paul Coleman’s impact on our teenagers to the way the people of this church made our nephews from South America feel welcomed, we’ve been grateful to God for leading us here. This is the first time we’ve ever chosen to become formal members of any church and we believe, with deep conviction, that God brought us here to serve.” - The Chaplains

“The ministry of LifePark has drawn me closer to God. It has provided me with the tools I need to read, learn, and know more about how the bible teaches us to live. I also really like how our church reaches out to anyone, whatever their need, with a compassionate, loving, Christian attitude.” - Karrie Holloway

“Attending LifePark has been a life-changing experience for us as a family. That growth has come, in large part, because of the real community we’ve found here. The open arms that welcomed us from the very beginning have made it easy to go from attending Sunday services to becoming members, from being served to serving, from attending bible studies to facilitating them, and from joining a LifeGroup to leading one. However, what really makes this great community flourish is that we have pastoral leaders who give the highest priority and greatest authority to God and His Word—and not to themselves.” - The Ellisors
"We love how this church creates the right kind of environment that allows children and families to find a relationship with God." - Brian and Marla Gardner
LITTLES (BIRTH - KINDERGARTEN)

Every Sunday morning at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am, Noah's Park offers a Christ-centered preschool program for children from birth to kindergarten. We are serious about the safety, care, and spiritual development of your child. We want Sundays to be their BEST day of the week. At Noah's Park, we believe that discipleship begins with young children, and we are excited to teach preschoolers about Jesus! In the midst of that, we want to give them a foundation of who God is by instilling in them three basic truths: God Made Me, God Loves Me, and Jesus wants to be My forever friend. We place a high value on this ministry and the opportunity we have to engage children in a fun, meaningful, Christ-centered class experience through creative, age-appropriate activities led by gifted, loving teachers.

We'd love to tell you more about our vision of ministry for preschoolers through Noah's Park, what you can expect from your child's experience, how our check-in process works, and a bit more about some of our policies for the safety of your child. To learn more about Noah's Park, visit churchatlifepark.org.

CHILDREN (1ST - 5TH GRADE)

We'd love to have your children join us in KidsPark every Sunday morning at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am for a fun-filled hour designed just for them. KidsPark offers an energetic, exciting experience with awesome music, fun skits, plenty of laughter, and life lessons from the Bible that kids can understand. In KidsPark we engage the imagination to give opportunity for transformation! Kids participate in both large groups and small groups to explore The Big Picture of God's Story.

Heart transformation can only take place when a child experiences the gospel. KidsPark kids will learn that the Bible is NOT just a collection of stories, but one unified story—God's story of redemption! KP123 is our environment for 1st through 3rd graders, and KP45 is our special environment designed for 4th and 5th graders. Our staff and volunteers have been carefully chosen, screened, and trained to ensure that your child will be surrounded by loving and caring adults who are committed to the safety of your child. A secure check-in system makes it fast, easy, and safe for your kids to participate in KidsPark.
“FirstWave has been a great foundation for my young teens. It's been a safe and encouraging place for them to grow and learn about Jesus and be taught to live the fruit of the spirit... to become men of peace. God only knows what our lives would have been like if we did not have this consistency during these teenage years!” - Shelley McKenzie
STUDENT MINISTRY (6TH - 12TH GRADE)

FirstWave is the student ministry for 6th-12th-grade students at LifePark and we are serious about the next generation. One of LifePark’s strategic values is reaching the next generation with the life-changing message of Jesus.

FirstWave places value on providing opportunities for students to have fun and learn about God. At LifePark, we strive to give students a place to connect with God and other people, grow in their faith, and serve others. We invite you to read more about our student ministry online at churchatlifepark.org/firstwave.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We go crazy for Middle School students! We’re always excited to meet and connect with middle school students and enjoy getting them plugged into a group that is significant and fun. The FirstWave Student Ministry values providing opportunities for middle school students to learn about Christ, grow in their faith, make meaningful friendships, and have a great time. We are big believers that you can have fun and be serious about God too! Middle school students meet every Sunday morning at 10:00am and 11:30 a.m. in The Pier on the 2nd floor, as well as the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of the month. Check out our website for a full list of events, locations, and service times.

HIGH SCHOOL

The FirstWave Student Ministry is a place where high school students can get connected and have a place to call their own. High school students are amazing and we strive to be a ministry where they can discuss where exactly the gospel fits into their ever changing lives. Navigating high school is not easy, so we meet students where they are by making them feel welcome and making sure we are getting real about life and following Jesus. It’s important to us to help students get connected at FirstWave. High school students meet every Sunday at 11:30am in The Pier on the 2nd floor, as well as every Wednesday night for LifeGroups and Big Wednesday. Check out our website for a full list of events, locations and service times.

“FirstWave was an amazing experience throughout middle and high school for me. The staff and students were always such an encouragement and it truly became like a second family.” - Josiah Halsey
18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to
obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the
very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20
VISION & THE GREAT COMMISSION

Every believer has a part to play in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and our desire is to see every LifeParker fulfilling their role! This means engaging through prayer, giving, and/or going. Praying is the work of missions. Pray for the Lord to change hearts in your family and around the world. Giving helps get the Gospel to our neighbors and the nations. We focus on giving to missionaries directly through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to other evangelistic work through our designated Acts 1:8 Fund. Going is the last role we highlight for engaging in the Great Commission. For people to hear and receive the message of Jesus Christ, followers of Jesus have to be willing to go and share. Below are further opportunities to participate in “going.”

LIVING MISSIONALLY

As believers, we are all called to share the Gospel and make disciples as we go about our daily lives. Meaning that our desire is to see every LifeParker empowered to share the Gospel in their spheres of influence. To help equip each LifeParker for this work, we hold a His Story & My Story Training to help every believer learn to share the Gospel and their personal faith story. With these tools, through the power of the Holy Spirit, each believer is set free to engage waitresses, neighbors, coworkers, and friends.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Here at LifePark we desire to not only be a church IN the community but a church that IS the community. We want to love our community well, to build authentic relationships, and to share the Gospel with those who do not yet believe. In order to help each LifeParker find an on-ramp into the community, we have developed various outreach and missional opportunities to engage our community. You’ll find an extensive list of these opportunities on our website. We hope you will join in! If you have any further questions about engaging in our community, please contact The Church at LifePark at missions@lifeparkmp.org.

AROUND THE WORLD

Church planting is at the heart of LifePark. Therefore, we partner around the world in unreached areas (less than two percent of the people are believers) to plant churches. Currently, we are partnered in Guatemala with IMB missionaries David & Regina White to work with the Ch’ortí people group. We send about three (3) teams a year and would love to have you go on one with us! If you are interested, please email us at missions@lifeparkmp.org.
NEXT STEPS

Whether you are here to explore faith for the first time, or even if you've been following Jesus for years, we'd love to help you take your next steps in personal study of God's Word and in connecting with the church and community of faith. There are plenty of ways to get involved and grow through our lifegroups, special interest groups, bible studies, and topical classes for men and women alike. We'd love for you to explore our opportunities here.
CONNECTION THROUGH LIFE GROUPS

LifeGroups are the best and primary way to get more connected at LifePark. Each week, groups gather throughout the neighborhoods in our city and at our church to be who we are, where we are, together. You do not have to be a member of LifePark to be a part of our LifeGroups. All are welcome, always!

What is a LifeGroup?

We were made to live in community. LifeGroups are small groups that meet on a regular basis for fellowship, Bible study, discussion, prayer, and mission. They provide an opportunity for us to know others on a more personal level, grow together in faith in Jesus, and serve our neighborhoods. Vital to our growth and the deepening of our faith is our study and understanding of God’s word. Most of our LifeGroups consist of ten to fifteen people who meet in a home once a week for approximately two hours to learn about God, pray, eat, laugh, and share life. We invite you to visit one that meets near you!

How do I join a LifeGroup?

The best place to start is to visit our website to explore our current, open LifeGroups to see which groups meet near you. We encourage you to visit one to two groups and decide which one would be a good fit for you, your schedule, and your stage of life. Feel free to reach out to the group leaders via email or phone to let them know you’re interested, or simply jump in and visit based on the time and location provided.

It’s our desire at LifePark to see every adult connected to the church through at least one group. As you consider joining a LifeGroup, we’d like to note that we offer groups that are co-ed, as well as LifeGroups for men and women. Visit churchatlifepark.org/lifegroups to learn more or register for a LifeGroup. If you have questions or would like someone to help you get connected to a group, please contact Noah Reid at noah.reid@lifeparkmp.org.
We all have defining moments in our lives—challenging circumstances, relational pain, transitional seasons. How we respond during these times has a direct impact on our futures. At LifePark, we are serious about providing a network of ministries, helpful resources, trained volunteers, and professional counselors to help you move forward. Please take a look at our opportunities for prayer, care, and counseling.
**PRAYER**

Life can be overwhelming. Your marriage or your family can be falling apart and you feel that you have nowhere to turn; you may have lost your job or are afraid of losing your job; you may be facing serious health issues, even death—what do you do?

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

Whatever your need, let us join with you in taking it to God in prayer. Our prayer team and pastors would love to pray for your requests or pray with you. We pray for specific prayer requests with great trust in God’s healing light and love to touch the one for whom we pray. We consider it an honor to pray for you. We invite you to take a look at the various prayer ministries at LifePark. We would love to serve and partner with you in prayer. Visit [churchatlifepark.org/prayer](http://churchatlifepark.org/prayer) to learn more about Intercessory Prayer, Inner Healing Prayer or to submit a prayer request.

**CARE**

**How Do I Receive Care And Counseling At LifePark?**

Joining a LifeGroup is the best way to experience mutual love and encouragement as part of a family, to know that someone will visit you when you’re sick or walk with you through tragedy. A weekly one-hour counseling appointment is not sufficient to journey through the difficulties of life, so we strongly encourage getting connected to a LifeGroup or community within the church. In addition to our regular adult LifeGroups, we also offer special Care Groups or would be glad to connect you with one in town, as well as counseling to those who need it.

To connect with a pastor or receive counseling, or even a referral for counseling nearby, please call our office, or you can email our pastor, Chad Moore. If you’re not sure of your next step, please get in touch with us, we would love to help you.

**What Is A Care Group?**

Care Groups are small groups where we help one another experience God’s love and power in the midst of life’s struggles. As a church, we desire to love people where they are and utilize groups to create community and a safe place for people to find support.
At LifePark, we are for people—and we want to be welcoming to all who come. We believe that life change happens through relationships— with Jesus and with one another. YOU are important to us and we’d love to help you find a place here.
STAY IN THE LOOP

An easy way to stay connected to LifePark (in a very practical sense) is simply making sure we know who you are and you know where to find us. A great first step is to fill out a connection card on Sunday morning. You can also visit us online at churchatlifepark.org and sign up for our weekly email newsletter or visit us on your favorite social media channel @lifeparkmp.

SERMONS

Catch up on messages that you’ve missed or find past sermons and series by browsing through our message library by visiting, churchatlifepark.org.

EVENTS

Have you heard about an upcoming event, conference, or outreach and want to learn more? Church-wide events are posted on our website to keep you informed with all of the details. Visit churchatlifepark.org/events to view all current and upcoming events.

MORE INFO

We’d love for you to look around and then let us know if you have any questions about LifePark. We hope this booklet will offer a glimpse of ways to connect and get engaged, but our staff would love to answer any additional questions you might have about LifePark. Visit our website at churchatlifepark.org for additional information and a list of our current staff team and their emails.

SERVE

At LifePark, we believe that we’re all servants of God who have been created, called, and saved to serve. God has given each of us skills and passions and He desires for us to use those skills and passions to bless the local church, our community and to serve the world. Visit churchatlifepark.org/serve to view our current list of serving opportunities.
“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10 (NIV)
LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL