

**FELLOWSHIP  
CHURCH**



# **FELLOWSHIP 101**

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## Welcome Letter



What a joy it is to welcome you to our church! You'll discover that our passion is to provide a place where people just like you can have a life-changing experience with God. Our mission is to lead ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ.

At The Fellowship Church, our doors are wide open to people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. We are a life-giving, multicultural church. Our goal is to infuse life and God's love into people and families through engaging, powerful worship services that offer biblical truth in relevant and practical ways.

Together, we're striving to become the kind of church described in the Bible, where there's relevant teaching, heart-felt worship, honest friendships, constant prayer, and compassionate care for those in need. In short, we'd like to have the kind of contagious Christianity that can influence and encourage the entire community, one life at a time.

We pray that your time with us will be both spiritually enriching and enjoyable.

God Bless You,

Pastor Timothy & Dr. Dana Brewington

## **The History of Fellowship Church**

We refer to ourselves as “The Fellowship” because we began as six families who came together once a week for food, fun, and fellowship. Our purpose is to glorify God with our lives and encourage each other in the faith. In April 2013, after much prayer and fasting, we were led by the Lord to officially plant a church in Woodbury, MN. Shortly thereafter, our numbers grew to the point that we moved “The Fellowship” to Lake Middle School and had our first Sunday morning service on July 7, 2014.

We are a multi-cultural, Christ centered, community focused, nonjudgmental church. We say, “Come as you are, but you won’t stay as you are!” We understand that Biblical fellowship is not just hanging out with people with whom you have something in common. But rather that biblical fellowship is purpose-driven friendship. Acts 2:42 says, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” The purpose of The Fellowship is to focus on biblical teaching, praying for each other and to connect with other believers for the expanding of the Kingdom of God.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is within arm’s reach. Therefore, we want to close the gap between man and His creator, God. The Fellowship focuses on the lordship of Jesus Christ and our obligation to share the love of Christ with our community.



## **ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP**

**VISION STATEMENT** ----- “We exist to be a community where all people are welcome to fellowship as their lives are being transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

**MISSION STATEMENT** ----- “Our mission is to lead ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ”

**THE SPIRIT OF THE FELLOWSHIP** ----- “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

**Acts 2:42**

**THE APOSTOLIC MANIFESTO** ----- The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

**Isaiah 61:1**

### **Two Biblical Foundations:**

**The Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19-20) “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen

**The Great Commandment** (Matthew 22:39) “...You shall love your neighbor as yourself” This commission and commandment is the foundation for the organizational structure of Fellowship Church. All church activities will tie directly to either the Great Commission or the Great Commandment.

## **The Core Values of Fellowship Church**



Our core values are derived from Acts 2:42 which says, “All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. **Acts 2:42**”

### **We are committed to:**

Biblical Teaching

Purposeful Friendship

Creating Community

Lifestyle of Prayer

Sharing the Gospel

Praise & Worship

## **The Mission of Fellowship Church**

The Mission of The Fellowship is a continuation of the two fold mission that Jesus gave to His disciples. The first aspect of the mission is found in the gospel according to Mark. “And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.(Mark 6.7)...So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil. 6.12-13 and Mark 16:15. “And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” These 12 men are the reason why over 2.18 billion people worldwide profess faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that we exist to proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ was God manifested in the flesh and all who believe in Him have eternal life.

The second aspect of the mission is found in Matthew 25:34-40 which reads, “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’” “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” This passage of scripture teaches us that what we do to people who are in need, we do to God. We acknowledge that our community has spiritual needs, but it also has physical needs. Our mission is to meet both the spiritual and physical needs of our community.

## **The Vision to Meet Spiritual Needs**



Our vision is to reach our cities and make them places where God's presence, His ways and His word flourish. We are confident that we will accomplish this vision because Jesus said, "...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail." If we pay careful attention to the verse, we must first note that "gates" do not move. Gates are meant to keep some people in and others out. That being said, hell is not a threat to the church, but the Church is a threat to hell! Therefore, our vision is to re-establish the kingdom of God in the lives and communities we have been called to serve.

We will do this by creating what we call the "2.42 Community" taken from Acts 2:42 which states "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

There are four pillars that serve as the foundation of this community: Biblical Teaching, Fellowship, Eating together, and Prayer. Where culture and tradition collide with scripture, we will reject man's wisdom and embrace the truth of scripture. We view fellowship as purposeful friendship. We recognize that as we serve together in God's kingdom, it is important that we get to know each other by spending quality time over a meal and other team building activities. Finally, we commit to pray for each other and intercede for the spiritual and physical needs of the community that we have been called to serve.

## **The Vision to Meet Physical Needs**



Our plan to create a vehicle to meet the physical needs of the community is through a non-profit organization entitled The Fellowship Cares. This organization will be committed to meeting the needs of the poor in our community and throughout the world. The Fellowship Cares acknowledges that the poor need assistance in the following areas: identifying affordable housing, healthcare, emergency assistance and educational support. The Fellowship Cares does not limit its arm of compassion to the city of Woodbury, MN only, but wherever there is human suffering.



## **Fellowship Church Foundational Beliefs**

The mission of Fellowship Church is to lead ordinary people to an extraordinary life in Christ. We believe that Bible provides the necessary standard that leads to life the way God intended. We fully embrace the truth found in the Bible and use it as our guide in business, family relationships, and community engagement.

**One God** ----- We believe that there is one God who is infinite in power, Holy in nature, attributes and purpose: omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. We believe that He was revealed to us as the Father in creation, the Son in redemption and the Holy Spirit in His comforting grace that never leaves those who trust in Him. (I Corinthians. 8:6; Eph. 4:6; II Corinthians. 3:17, 5:19)

**Jesus Christ** ----- We believe that “in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body; For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ.” (Col. 2:9; Col. 1:19) We believe in the virgin birth and that Jesus was both human and divine. God manifested in the flesh. (Matt. 1:23; I Tim. 3:16)

**Baptism** ----- We believe in water baptism by immersion in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:4, 38)

**Resurrection** ----- We believe that Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. One day all believers in Christ will also be physically resurrected in glorified bodies to their reward in heaven with God. (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15)

**Second Coming** ----- We believe in the Second Coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:10, 11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7)

**The Bible** ----- We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21)

**Healing** ----- We believe in divine healing for the body. However, we encourage and do not condemn medical science. (Acts 3:2-12; Acts 5:15, 16; James 5:14-15)

**Justification** ----- We believe we are justified (declared righteous under the blood of Jesus) when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ. (Acts 13:38, 39; Romans 5:1; I Corinthians 6:11; Mark 1:5)

**Holy Spirit** ----- We believe in the operation of the nine Gifts of the Spirit and encourage our people to live so that these gifts may be manifest in their lives. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6; I Corinthians 12:4-11)

**Eternity** ----- We believe those who die outside of Christ will be punished in an eternal Hell, but those who die "in Him" shall share in His glory in Heaven forever. (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:29; Jude 1:7)

**Marriage** ----- We believe in the sacredness of marriage between one man and one woman and family commitment. We promote strong family values. (Ephesians 5:31-33; Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:5 Leviticus 18:22; Genesis 2:24)

**Praise and Worship** ----- We believe that anointed praise and worship is essential to a church whose intent is to follow the leading of the the Holy Spirit. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people (Psalms 22:3) and we certainly desire His presence in our church. In addition, He is Lord and is more than worthy to be the focus of our worship. In fact, one of the primary reasons for us to congregate is to bless Him for who He is and what He's done for us.

# Fellowship Church Discipleship Model

## Knowing Christ

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death...  
Phil 3:10

## Growing In Christ

"...add to your faith goodness...knowledge...self-control...perseverance...godliness...mutual affection...and love.

2 Peter 1:5-7

## Sharing Christ

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations Matthew 28:19

## Serving Christ

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



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All ministry activities and programs at Fellowship Church are prayerfully considered and designed to aid the believer in the four areas of discipleship: Knowing Christ, Growing In Christ, Serving Christ and Sharing Christ. The end goal is that a believer would become equipped to walk others through their own journey of becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

## **The Government of Fellowship Church**



Fellowship Church is led by two governing bodies. These are the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees. These boards serve two distinct purposes. The Board of Elders manages the (ecclesiastical) spiritual affairs of The Fellowship, while the Board of Trustees manages the temporal (worldly) affairs of the church, including all financial matters.

The Board of Elders are appointed by the senior pastor, while the Board of Trustees members are jointly recommended by the Board of Elders. In addition, The Board of Trustees must receive a simple majority vote of confidence by the general membership of The Fellowship.

## **Getting Connected to Fellowship Church**

We believe that it is the will of God for you to be a part of our church. We know that God has called you to a specific ministry that will be a blessing to the members of our church and the community that we have been called to serve.

As you grow in your relationship with God and with The Fellowship, this calling will become clear to you, if it is not already. Please find below a list of ministry opportunities you may wish to consider.

Children's Ministry  
Praise & Worship Team  
Youth Ministry  
Young Adult Ministry  
Senior Adult Ministry  
Marriage & Family Ministry  
Prayer Ministry  
Sound Team  
Foreign Missions Team  
Marketing Team  
Outreach Team  
Hospitality Ministry



**The following is a statement regarding the requirements to become a voting member of Fellowship Church.**

All persons are welcome to attend Fellowship Church and participate in regular services.

A voting member is one who has reached the age of 18 years, has repented and been baptized by immersion and has received or desires to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, attends Fellowship Church as their church home, and is faithful in financial support of the church with tithes and offerings. In addition, all members of Fellowship Church who desire to become voting members must complete a discipleship class (currently called Fellowship 101).

