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Step Two: MyFamily







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PART 1: WELCOME HOME

Our Mission Statement:

Countryside Christian Church exists to love God and love people.

The Countryside CHIME:

- Grow in Jesus' _____
- Express Jesus' _____
- Spread Jesus' _____
- Fulfill our loving _____
- Do all things with _____

The Goal of MyFamily

With MyFamily, you will find out more about the value of belonging to God's family. This will help you connect with more people as you discover friends at Countryside.

We don't just want to be a church that "feels friendly"; we are a church where genuine friendships are made for life.



PART 2: GOD'S FAMILY

Why is it so important to find family if we already have God?

When Jesus was asked which _____ commandment was most important, He told us about _____:

Love _____ with all your heart, mind and soul, AND love _____ as yourself.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?’ Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:36-40

These two loves really can't be _____.

When we know God personally, He fulfills our need to _____ by giving us family.

How do we get to be part of God's family?

Through _____.

Salvation comes as a free gift (grace) from God and not by any effort of our own. When we repent, we receive that gift personally by faith.

“If you declare with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

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If you want to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, pray the following:

“God, I believe Jesus died to forgive me of my sins, and that He rose from the dead to give me eternal life with You. By faith, I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I turn from my old ways and trust You to make me new. Thank you for the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. In Jesus’ name, Amen!”

If you prayed this today or want to pray, please talk with one of our Growth Track team members.



What does it mean to be part of God’s family?

You are _____ into the family of God.

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.”

Ephesians 2:19

As part of God’s family, He gives us a life in which we grow in Christ’s _____, which is full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

See Galatians 5:22-23



PART 3: FINDING FAMILY AT COUNTRYSIDE

A Picture of Community in the Bible:

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:46-47



What does Biblical Community look like at Countryside?

Here at Countryside we say, “_____ happens in the context of _____.” As Christ followers, we know that spiritual growth happens best in _____.

1. Knowing Each Other’s _____

- We don’t just want to be a church that “feels friendly”; we want everyone to be a _____ and make _____.
- In fellowship, we share our _____, listen to each other, and find common ground for a _____.
- As we remove our _____ we can understand each other and unlock our potential together.

“We refuse to wear masks and play games.” 2 Corinthians 4:2

2. _____ for One Another

- In community we make trusted friends, finding _____ and _____.

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven, For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:19-20

- When we share our hurts, _____ our sins, and _____ with each other, we find _____.

“Make this your common practice: confess your sins to each other so that you can live together whole and healed.” James 5:16



3. Living Life _____

- Living life together means living _____ in friendships with others as you _____ life's ups and downs.
- Living life together means minimizing offense by _____ in friendships when difficult situations arise.

This can be as simple as a Humble conversation where we love and restore our friendships based on Matthew 18:15

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back." Matthew 18:15

4. Helping by Encouraging One Another to Take Their _____

- Friends _____ us to seek God and pursue our _____.
- Relationships can _____ you by bringing focus to your _____.

"As Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Talk about a time you had a misunderstanding with someone, but made it right by having a conversation.

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What are some ways you have encouraged others (or been encouraged by others) to seek God's purpose?



At Countryside you can find community in:

Countryside Groups

Serve Teams

Outreach Teams

Growth Track Teams

Countryside Women

Countryside Men

Countryside en Español

Countryside Kids (KidZone and Studio K)

Student Ministries (Reach Middle + High School)

Countryside Young Adults (Seven Thirty Seven)





PART 4: SHARING YOUR STORY

How do we get to be part of God's Family?

Take a moment to share a few details of your salvation story. When where, and how did you come to Christ?



What does Biblical Community look like at Countryside?

1. Knowing Each Other's Story.

To you, what is the difference between “being friendly” vs being a friend?

Share about a time when having a friend made a big difference in your life. How did it affect you or help you to have that friend?



2. Praying for One Another.

Talk about a time when prayer impacted your life.

3. Doing Life Together

Describe a time when you were misunderstood and how having a friend made/would have made a big difference.



4. Helping by Encouraging One Another to Take Their Next Steps.

If someone came to you asking how to get involved at Countryside, what are some of the ways you could show them? How would you encourage them?



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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