Bay Life GUIDEBOOK

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doing life together.



WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Bay Life is excited to be growing by leaps and bounds. We offer online and in-person worship experiences tailored to the unique needs of every Bay Lifer and the season of life they are in.



SERVING TOGETHER

Bay Life partners with other churches and local ministries to provide foster family support, fresh produce for those in need, food for the hungry, and support to families in crisis.



MEETING TOGETHER

Ministries and groups are now available in-person, online, and a hybrid of both through Zoom, YouTube, live streams and more.



LAUGHING TOGETHER

Share in events that include the entire family, retreats for adults, crazy adventures designed just for kids and students, and everything in between.



LEARNING TOGETHER

Our Bay Life Classes and Life Groups offer unique opportunities to ask big questions and explore deeper faith in a comfortable and safe environment. We dig into unique aspects of Christianity in a compelling way that always peeks interest and answers deeper questions.

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SECTION 01

Who We Are

Our mission at Bay Life is to live to glorify God by being disciples who make disciples. For over 30years, God has blessed our efforts to share the message of Jesus. We praise God for the countless lives that have been transformed, by His grace, through His servants here.



Tom Eichem

Executive Pastor & Elder

Mark Saunders

Lead Pastor & Elder

Although Bay Life has many pastors on staff, Mark Saunders is our Lead Pastor and primary Teaching Pastor who delivers the message at most of our services.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

At Bay Life Church, we love God and love people through four core values that form the foundation of our people... We Worship, We Belong, We Serve, and We Multiply. Those who know Bay Life understand that church isn't a building you attend, but a people you belong to.

At the heart of Bay Life, we're all about Jesus — we believe that He is God, and we invite you to learn about how you can find grace, forgiveness, and new life in Him. We believe the only way to get to know Jesus is to understand what the Bible says about...

GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He is eternal and exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.
Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Genesis 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

MAN

Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by a nature predisposed to disobedience toward God called "sin." This nature separates man from God.
Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

ETERNITY

Man was created to exist forever. After death, one will either exist eternally united with God in Heaven, or exist eternally separated from God in Hell. The gift of eternal life is freely offered to every individual. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.
Matthew 25:44; John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 18:8

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to Earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

SALVATION

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.
Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

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WHAT WE BELIEVE CONT.



ETERNAL SECURITY

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer can securely believe that salvation is for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.
John 10:28; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 1:3-5

THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It is written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.
2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

"Every Christian needs to discover and be faithful in his or her ministry for Jesus Christ."

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and Son of God. He is present in the world to make men and women aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. The Christian seeks daily to live under His control. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding spiritual truth, and guidance in providing ministry to other Christians and the world. The evidence that one is "filled with the Holy Spirit" is the fruit of the Spirit seen in godly character, not in the manifestation of any particular spiritual gift. Regarding sign gifts, we believe all spiritual gifts are in use today. However, for the sake of unity, we ask that the gift of tongues not be used during corporate worship services.
2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18

MINISTRY

The Pastor and staff are given the responsibility to lead the church and to equip the membership for ministry. Each member has the responsibility to discover and employ his or her spiritual gifts in the life of the church. Every Christian needs to discover and be faithful in his or her ministry for Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11

WORSHIP

The Christian exists to minister to the world, to other Christians and especially to God, through praise and worship. We exist for the praise of His glory. Worship is celebrative, as well as reflective and inspirational.
Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:12; Psalm 63:3-4; Psalm 150; Psalm 126:2-3

HOW WE DO CHURCH

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays 9am & 10:45am

Worship is filled with contemporary worship music and biblical, practical teaching. Our Lead Pastor, Mark Saunders, usually brings the sermon.

WORSHIP STATIONS

To help us actively worship God together, we've placed stations around our Worship Center. Prayer crosses (where you can attach your written prayer requests (Ask God) and praises (Yay God) and communion, are available during services for worship, reflection, and prayer.

PRAYER PARTNERS

If you need prayer before, during, or after a weekend service, we have people ready to pray with you and for you. Just look for the Prayer Room sign at the back of the Worship Center. Find out more at **baylife.org/prayer.**

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Several times each year, Bay Life celebrates The Lord's Supper together as a whole congregation. The Lord's Supper (or Communion) movingly emphasizes the love of God that led Jesus to give Himself as a sacrifice for sin. For believers, the Supper affords a time for special communion with the Lord, expressing thanks for His sacrifice that enables us to be forgiven of our sin.

BLC ONLINE CAMPUS

If you cannot attend in person, we provide a digital livestream of our Sunday services at baylife.org/live. We also offer a free mobile app where you can access sermons and helpful resources at **baylife.org/app**.

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Join us for praise and worship on Sundays in person or online.



Darnisha Taylor
Worship Arts Pastor

HOW WE DO CHURCH

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SPANISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

Spanish language translation is offered during the 9am Sunday service. Pick up a translation device at Guest Services in the Worship Center Lobby.

DEAF INTERPRETATION

American Sign Language (ASL) is offered during the 9am Sunday service. Reserved seats are available on the front right side of the Worship Center.

GIVING

Thank you for giving to God's work here at Bay Life Church. If you're a guest today, you're not expected to give an offering. If you are a member or attend regularly, Bay Life offers four ways to give financially:

1. Online – Go to **baylife.org/give** and you can give quickly, easily, and securely right from our website.

2. During the Service – Give when attending live worship services. Baskets will be passed around during the service, or you can use the Giving Boxes provided at the back of the room as you leave.

3. Investment Items – Please contact Executive Pastor, Tom Eichem, at teichem@baylife.org.

4. Mail – Feel free to mail your check to Bay Life Church, 1017 Kingsway Road, Brandon, FL 33510.

5. Text – Give by texting the word "GIVE"+ dollar amount to 813-308-0608 (e.g. "Give50" gives $50 to Bay Life). It's safe and secure!

SERVING AT BAY LIFE

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

ADULT MINISTRIES - Life Group Leaders, Host Homes, Life Group Coaches, Disciple Makers

CARE MINISTRY - Prayer Team, Funeral Hospitality Team, Helping Hands

BAY LIFE KIDS - Nursery, Preschool and Elementary

COLLEGE + CAREER - Greeter, Connections, Communion, Tech Team

CONNECTIONS - New Here, Member Support, Guest Services

MISSIONS - Family Promise, Airstream Cafe, Foster Care, Community Garden

STUDENT MINISTRIES - Middle and High School Small Group Leaders, Camp Counselors, Tech Team

WELCOME TEAM - Greeter, Parking, Usher

EVENTS TEAM - Church wide events team member

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRIES - Choir, Band, Sound, Lights, Camera

Learn how you can get involved at baylife.org/serve.

We rely on a **huge** community of faithful servants who love Jesus and love to serve His church here at Bay Life! Whether you're a member or regular attender, if you consider Bay Life your home church, we have amazing opportunities for you to plug in and find your place! By doing so, you become an essential part of helping others meet Jesus. You have a unique contribution to make and we want to get you into your perfect place of ministry. And when you use your spiritual gift to serve, you enter into an even deeper relationship with God! Ready to start serving? We have lots of ways you can get plugged in and serve at Bay Life!

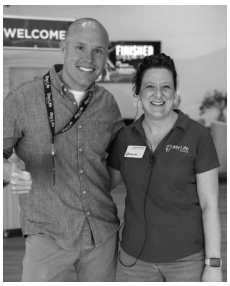






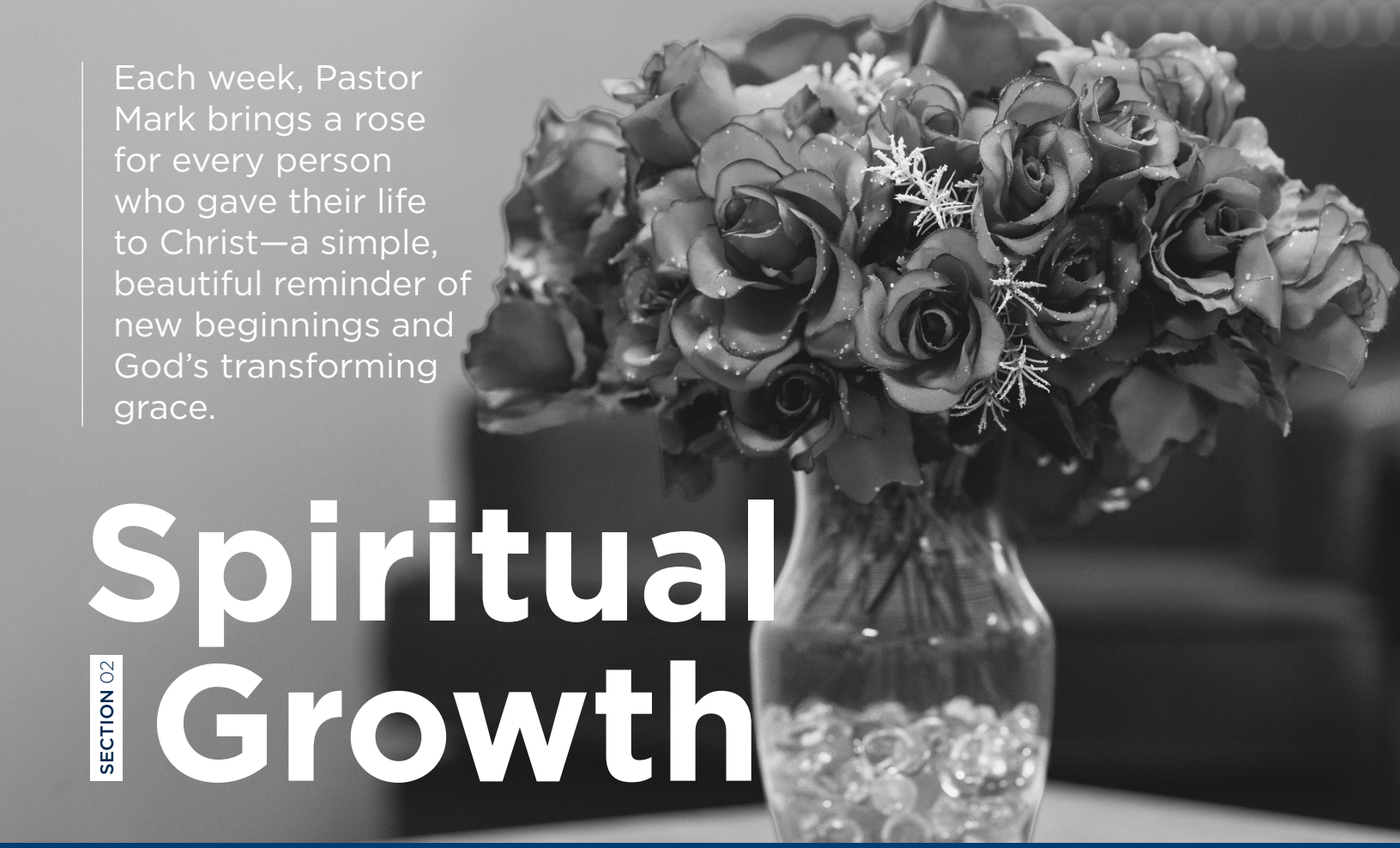












Each week, Pastor Mark brings a rose for every person who gave their life to Christ—a simple, beautiful reminder of new beginnings and God's transforming grace.

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Spiritual Growth

CONNECTIONS

1. NEW HERE

Stop by the "WELCOME" booth in the Lobby. Our Connections Team is here to help you find your way around campus and learn more about Bay Life. Drop off your completed Connect Card and receive a great gift. Connect Cards can be found at the "WELCOME" booth or online at **baylife.org/connect**.

New to Bay Life? You and your family are invited to our quarterly Meet & Greet with Pastor Mark, the staff, and the elders under the Lid. Enjoy light refreshments while connecting with the Bay Life leadership team. For more info, contact Lacie Krantz, Connections Coordinator, lkrantz@baylife.org.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Class is for anyone wanting to join the Bay Life family. Although membership is not required, we hope you will choose to join us in our mission. Classes explain our mission, values, and Statement of Faith.

Learn more about membership and class schedules at **baylife.org/classes.**

3. BAPTISM

Baptism is the outward declaration of the believer's inward decision to trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sin and eternal salvation. At Bay Life, we believe that the Scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion. Each candidate for baptism must attend Baptism 101.

Register for classes at **baylife.org/classes**

4. DISCIPLESHIP

If you have found it difficult to find someone you can connect with and learn from, our Connection Team can help you find someone who can disciple you and help you along your walk of faith. Learn more at **baylife.org/discipleship**.

Contact our Life Groups Pastor, Shane Clark, at sclark@baylife.org.

CLASSES



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you ready to take the next step in becoming part of the Bay Life family? We invite you to enter into covenant membership at Bay Life and commit to become a part of all God is doing here. A Membership Covenant is not required to attend here, but we hope you will choose to join us. There is no cost for this class.

BAPTISM 101

Baptism is one of the most significant events in a believer's spiritual journey. Baptism 101 is our prerequisite class in which we share the biblical foundation for baptism, important information about baptism at Bay Life, schedule the specific time for baptism, and explain how the process will work. Find our more at ***baylife.org/classes***

WIRED: DISCOVERING GOD'S GIFTS IN YOU

Join us as we discover how God has uniquely wired each of us to be a part of the body of Christ. We will walk through a personality assessment, a spiritual gifts assessment, and Scripture on this journey of discovery. Come see how you can be used by God for His eternal purposes.

SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH CONFIDENCE

Most Christians want to share their faith, but often do not out of fear—fear of being rejected, fear of not knowing enough, fear of offending others, or fear of being ridiculed. This class will teach you proven techniques for having thoughtful discussions about faith and getting people to think about Jesus.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY / SEVEN MONEY TYPES

Good stewardship of the financial gifts God has entrusted to us is a principle of living a fulfilled life. FPU (Spring) / Seven Money Types (Fall) can equip you to experience financial well-being and achieve your financial goals in a way that honors God with your money and prepares you for living a less-stressful, debt-free life.

VICTORY: REALIZING THE POWER OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Jesus tells us in John 8:32, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Join us as we discover the truth as to who we are in Christ. Additionally, we will learn practical down-to-earth strategies that will help us to be released from the burdens of the past and to realize the power of our identity in Jesus Christ. Come see how you can live a joyous life, empowered by Jesus

BONDAGE BREAKER

Spiritual warfare has often been described as the battle for our minds. Galatians 5:1 tells us, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." The "yoke of slavery" that Paul is referring to are harmful habits, negative thinking, and irrational feelings that keep us in bondage, incapable of enjoying our freedom in Jesus. Join us as we discover the reality behind these bondages and how to be set free from them. Come see how you can live a life of freedom in Jesus.

Find out about all of our classes at baylife.org/classes.





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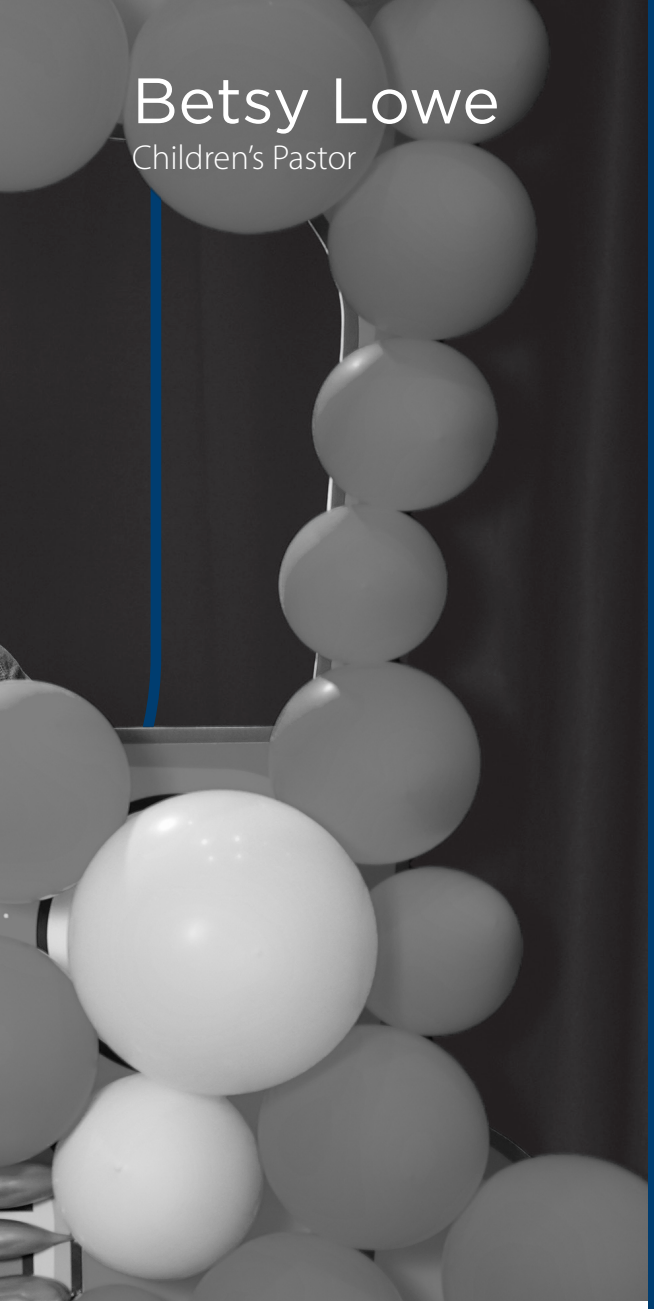
Bay Life Kids

Bay Life Kids includes our Nursery, Preschool, and K thru 5th Grades. In addition, Lambkins Daycare & Preschool are also located In the Student Center.

Your child is special, loved by God, and uniquely designed by Him for a great purpose - of course, you already knew that! Well, that is the main point that we want our students to know, that God made them and loves them. Let us partner with you to help them build a solid spiritual foundation! Bay Life Kids includes children, ages three months through 5th grade. Across all ages, we share an identical mission: to live to glorify God by being disciples who make disciples.

Our family ministries work diligently alongside an awesome security team to help provide a safe environment where kids can focus on learning and growing in their faith, knowledge, worship, and have a blast as they learn about Jesus.

Learn more at
baylife.org/kids.



Betsy Lowe
Children's Pastor





Together, we can

When you think about everything you need to teach your child in the early years, it can get overwhelming. We believe that Scripture is clear that parents are the primary disciplers in the home and in the lives of their children. Our hope is to partner with you, working side-by-side throughout the entire discipleship process to help you teach your children to love and follow Jesus! We take great care in partnering with you in your child's spiritual development. We pledge that, no matter what we're teaching, we will always circle back to the message of the cross. We're on your team!

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Bay Life Kids



theGOSPEL PROJECT®

When kids get it, it changes everything.

Bay Life uses a multi-year training program, called The Gospel Project, to teach the entire Bible to our kids. Each week, the study shows our children a specific portion of Scripture, and then helps them draw the Christ connection.

The Gospel Project takes kids on a Christ-centered, chronological journey through Scripture. Kids will discover how the gospel unfolds from Genesis through Revelation. When kids truly experience the gospel, their hearts are transformed. It is the gospel, not good behavior, that changes everything.



Every story points back to Jesus.

Utilizing The Gospel Project curriculum, our nursery through middle school students are learning that the Bible is not merely a book with good stories, but rather one complete story that points directly to Jesus! Each week, we will provide resources for you to take this teaching even further through email and Facebook. ***Join our Bay Life Kids Facebook Group (facebook.com/groups/baylifekids) and learn more about how to continue the lessons between the Sunday services.***

To learn more about this curriculum, visit **gospelproject.com.**

THE GOSPEL PROJECT @ HOME

This is a great resource to help you engage your family every day of the week with activities based on Sunday's lesson. You will need to register only once. Once registered, you will receive an email inviting you to view the @Home curriculum. If you have any questions, email **kids@baylife.org**.



NURSERY/PRESCHOOL

3-MONTHS TO K4 | STUDENT CENTER

During All Worship Services

Our Nursery and Preschool teams work hard to create the building blocks of a sound biblical foundation. Using The Gospel Project curriculum, we teach from the Scriptures and help parents proclaim to their kids who God is and what He has done through the life and work of Jesus Christ. We sing, dance, and teach the Bible, focusing on key biblical truths: God made everything, God is in charge of everything, God is good, Jesus came to save sinners, and God wants a relationship with us.

LAMBKINS PRESCHOOL

Three months – K4 | Student Center

Mon – Fri | 7:30am – 5:30pm

Lambkins is a licensed daycare and preschool that provides exceptional quality care and education for children ages three months through K4. For more information, go to **baylife.org/lambkins**.



PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Spring - Child Dedication is a public commitment parents make before God and the church.

During the ceremony, parents make a covenant to lead and spiritually nurture their children and lift them up in prayer asking God to develop in them a desire to love and pursue Him and His will for their lives.

Prior to the dedication ceremony, parents are required to take our three-week class. During this class, we discuss the importance of parents discipling their children and living out their faith at home.

To register, contact Betsy Lowe at blowe@baylife.org.

FAMILY FUN FACTORY

Spring & Fall

We will be serving up great food, snacks, and a level of interactive fun that combines the thrill of the hunt with some creative flair and heads up thinking. Your entire family (yes, even middle and high school families!) are invited to join us for our spring and fall Family Fun Factory!

baylife.org/fff





K-5TH GRADE



K–4TH GRADE | STUDENT CENTER

During Sunday Worship Services

Each week, students participate in The Gospel Project for Kids. This is a multi-year chronological study of Scripture. Through music, dancing, games, and teaching, kids learn about God's redeeming love as they walk through the Bible. The Gospel Project is only part of the fun; Bay Life Kids also learn to help others by participating in special service projects!

5TH GRADE

5th Grade | Student Center

During Sunday Worship Services

They'll be in middle school soon, but there's no need to fear! We're going to help your student bridge the gap between elementary and middle school, and share with them the tools every student needs to thrive. By using the Gospel Project curriculum, we'll help your child form a solid spiritual foundation and a personal identity in Christ. For more information, contact Ben at **bdiehl@baylife.org**.

KIDS' FIRST STEP

Two-Week Class | Three Times A Year

If your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader is asking questions about things like salvation, baptism, or communion, sign them up for Kids First Step. The two-week class explains the basics of Christianity in a cool, kid-friendly way! A parent must attend with their child. Learn more at **baylife.org/firststep**

KIDS' PRAISE TEAM

Wednesday Evenings | School Year

If your child likes to sing, dance and encourage others to praise the Lord, join us for Kids Praise Team. Each week, we practice the songs for Kids Live on Sunday mornings, learn more about who God is, why we worship Him, and pray for each other. You must attend practice on Wednesday to be on stage the following Sunday. If you have any questions you can contact Wendy Tompkins at wtompkins@baylife.org or join us Wednesday night to sign up.

Student Ministries

SECTION 04

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH - 8TH GRADE

Wednesday Nights | 6:30 - 8:30 | The Loft
Sunday Mornings | 10:45 only | The Loft
We want middle school students to come to a deeply personal and fulfilling knowledge of their faith and realize their relationship with Christ is not about what mom and dad believe. ***baylife.org/msm***

Instead, we help students understand faith is what they believe, personally. We motivate and empower our middle school students to take personal responsibility for their spiritual health and growth, and to develop a passion and sense of purpose in light of the Great Commission. There will be games, worship, teaching, and time to connect with other students.

SUMMER CAMP

MSM Summer Camp is a 3-day camp experience for 6th-8th graders that occurs at the end of each summer. Campers will play, worship, study, and make friendships that last!

STUDENT REACH TEAMS

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done." Psalm 105:1

Our great God has created us to know Him and make Him known among the nations. Each year Bay Life Church sends students on mission trips and service teams to proclaim His name, share the gospel of Jesus Christ, and make known His great deeds here in our city and among the nations for the glory of God. Please be praying for our upcoming trips (Kidpalooza, Atlanta, Dallas, Puerto Rico)

REVOLVE WEEKEND

Revolve is a weekend retreat for 6th-12th grade students. This is a great time for students to gather together for impactful worship services, build closer friendships in small groups, and have a ton of fun doing outdoor activities.

We aim to help our middle school students find and own their faith. To realize their relationship with Christ is no longer about what mom and dad believe but what they themselves believe.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Group: Middle School Ministry @ Bay Life Church

Learn more at baylife.org/msm.



Josh Medlin
Middle School Pastor

MSM





HIGH SCHOOL

> Each week, students experience a combination of worship, games, a challenging message, and most importantly, interaction with a small group.

HSM: 9TH - 12TH GRADE
Sunday Nights | The Loft
Service times at baylife.org/hsm
Now it's time for students to live out their faith. It's time for them to realize that having a personal relationship with Christ doesn't mean keeping it to themselves. We want our students out serving Him and serving others. The fact is, what your student does with their few years of high school sets the trajectory for the rest of his or her life. We partner with you to help guide your students in the ways they should go!

Gather with high school students around the Brandon area to lift up and worship our Almighty God. Be encouraged to follow Jesus and build great friendships in small groups.



HSM





Noah Brock
Student Ministries Coordinator

Brian Pete
High School Pastor

HSM SOCIAL MEDIA
Instagram: /baylife_hsm
Facebook Group: High School Ministry
@ Bay Life Church

Learn more at **baylife.org/hsm.**



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HSM SUMMER CAMP

HSM Summer Camp is a great opportunity for 9th-12th grade students to get away at the end of the summer for an uplifting experience filled with dynamic worship and teaching, crazy team games, and quality time with great friends that occurs at the end of each summer. Campers will play, worship, study, and make lasting friendships.

COLLEGE + CAREER

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone, but for many in this life stage, that's where they are. Our hope in the College + Career Ministry is to fix that.



Throughout the week, we gather in homes across the Brandon/Tampa area for Bible studies, small groups, dinner, coffee, and everything in between.

We endeavor to encourage one another to live our lives in light of who God is and what He's done.

COLLEGE + CAREER

Thursdays Nights | Under The Lid
Service times at baylife.org/cc
Every Thursday night we gather for worship, study, prayer, and conversations about what it means to be a Christ-follower wherever we are.

We normally take a passage of Scripture and break into smaller groups to discuss things in a more intimate setting and discover together what God's Word says about life and how we can live it to the fullest way possible.

In addition, every once and awhile, we will have a movie night, game night, s'mores around the fire pits, or pot luck meal and just hang out.

C+C LIFE GROUPS

We have Life Groups that meet throughout the week and discuss a wide variety of biblical and socially relevant topics. Speak with someone at College + Career and find a group that's right for you, or read about our open groups at **baylife.org/cc**.

MISSIONS TRIPS

Periodically, missions trips are available to learn, grow, and share your faith locally and internationally. To find out more, Email College and Career Coordinator Cauy Reeder at creeder@baylife.org

WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Once a year, the College + Career Ministry offers young adults the opportunity to go on an adventure to "get away from it all". These trips are meant to help build relationships with one another and grow in our faith. Stay tuned to C+C

communications to find out our next trips and get involved.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Facebook at /baylifecc
Instagram at baylife_cc

LEARN MORE AT BAYLIFE.ORG/CC.



Cauy Reeder

College and Career Coordinator



Adult Ministries

SECTION 05









At Bay Life, we believe that your relationship with God is best enhanced by relationships with other believers. Life Groups are a way for you to meet new people running after the same goal—growing closer to Christ.

LIFE GROUPS

Being disciples who make disciples happens best through relationships with other believers, and those relationships can best be found in Life Groups! Life Groups are a way for you to meet new people running after the same goal, which is to be more like Jesus in all we think, say, and do. Find out more at **baylife.org/lifegroups.**

Every week, hundreds of people meet in Life Groups in the greater Brandon area. They meet in homes, restaurants, lounges, and here at the church.

GROUP LINK

"At Bay Life, Belonging is one of our four core values. One of the ways we do this is through close-knit communities called Life Groups. Each fall and spring, you will be able to find a group where you can plug in and feel like you belong." Find out more at **baylife.org/groups.**

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT MINISTRY LEADER?

As Bay Life grows there is a need for new groups. New groups need new leaders! Are you that leader? You may be sensing God calling you into a leadership role or have led before and are ready to jump back in. Whichever the case, come join us for the next informational meeting. No commitment, just information. We will share important information on expectations and what makes a great group. Come and explore the possibility of Life Group leadership! If you have questions, contact our Life Groups Pastor, Shane Clark, sclark@baylife.org.

Shane Clark

Life Groups Pastor





MEN



WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

Have you experienced camaraderie with a team of men? The guys in our groups are just like you, except we've already chosen to give it a try. The good news is, no one judged us. We feel like we belong to something important. Come out and give us a try. There are many options for you. We host multiple groups each week on campus.

UNITE

If you are a guy and you call Bay Life home, then, you are already part of the Men's Ministry. So come join us at our monthly gatherings for men. We will worship, spend time in God's Word and get to know the other men of Bay Life.

Join us once a month in person (under The Lid). We get together in different round table groups for dinnr and ask and answer questions, and study the Word.

GET TOGETHERS

Keep your eyes out on our Facebook Group, the bulletin, and in our Men's ministry communications for fun days, get togethers, hangouts, and great adventures. Our men routinely gather to go deep sea fishing, trap shooting, watch PPV events, have breakfast and coffee, and any where in between. Contact our Men's Ministry Coordinator, Rusty Reeder, at men@baylife.org to get plugged in and find out more.

JOIN US IN MEN'S MINISTRY!

For more information, visit **baylife.org/men** or email our Men's Ministry Coordinator at men@baylife.org.



Rusty Reeder

Men's Ministry Coordinator





WOMEN

OUR MISSION

The Women's Ministry of Bay Life Church glorifies God by encouraging each woman who engages with the ministry to build an intimate relationship with God through authentic, biblical community. Meet new women at worship nights, fellowship times, and other activities. Our Bible study groups offer a community of women who support and encourage one another. If you have any questions about Women @ Bay Life Church, please email us at women@baylife.org.

GATHER

Women, we will come together once a month for fellowship and worship. All are welcome. Invite your life group, family, friends, and coworkers to join you. During this time you will be able to chat with other women, and learn about Women at **bayife.org/gather.** We meet twice on the first Wednesday, each holds something a little different so join us for one or both.

MORNING SESSION 9-11 AM

Join us for a warm and fun morning together! We'll enjoy breakfast, play a game or two, share some laughs, and connect with one another. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and meet us in the Worship Center at 9 am

Evening Session 6:30-8:30 pm

In the evening, we spend time in worship and learn from God's Word together. You can order dinner or just fellowship. We meet in the Worship Center at 6:30 pm. Come a little early to mix and mingle.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

We come together for various fun activities, from art projects like painting and Bible art journaling to activities like axe throwing and comedy lunches. Check out **baylife.org/women** For upcoming events.

WOMEN,S LIFE GROUP

Looking for a place to belong while you study the Word of God? Women's Life Group provides a place to get to know other women, allow them to know you, and to learn more about God through His Word

Our groups are open to receive new ladies all semester. They meet in various locations in our community and a few meet online.

For more information, visit **baylife.org/women** or contact Carmelita Boyce, Women's Ministry Coordinator, women@baylife.org.



Carmelita Boyce

Women's Ministry Coordinator

WORSHIP ARTS

Bay Life worship is constantly growing and learning to respond to the presence of God in our individual and corporate lives. We are ALWAYS open to new people joining us. So if you have a gift to sing, play an instrument or if you possess talent in audio, online or visual technology, we invite you to explore and grow with us by simply reaching out to us at worship@baylife.org for information about getting involved. We would love to serve with you!

"Our choir members share a passion for worship. They build lasting friendships and there's always room for you!"

TECH & PRODUCTION

Technical ministry provides audio and visual support in our live and online services. Youth ministries and special services, including memorials and weddings, are also included in our portfolio to support. The Production team works faithfully backstage with props and stage directing. Tech and Production work hand-in-hand to create a seamless worship experience. This volunteer team is an integral part of everything we do here. Evaluation required.

VOCALISTS

This team is made up of individuals involved in our choir ministry. Candidates must possess excellent vocal ability, be a teachable worshiper who loves to be a part of a team, and model Christ's character. If you are interested in serving with this team, we want you involved!

CHOIR & VOCAL TEAM

Choir is an uplifting and fun group that practices weekly and ministers monthly. It is the first step in getting involved for singers here and a great way to get to know people and start building community. No audition is required for Choir. The Vocal Team is a group of intermediate to advanced singers who demonstrate worship with faith, passion and ability. This is the next step for more skilled vocalists who have a gift for worship leading. Audition and Church Membership is required for Vocal Team.

BAND

Worship band is made up of Godly people who range in playing ability from advanced to professional skill. Our aim is to musically enhance and support worship in each environment and allow God to be front and center. We believe that in doing so, we help foster the connection we have with God when we gather. Instrumentalist serve in rotation on Sunday mornings, ***as well as on teams that support worship for special services, Men's Unite and Women's Gather monthly meetings.***

COLLEGE + CAREER WORSHIP

C+C worship is led by our gifted and growing young adult leaders. This Thursday night worship experience includes tech and music and is intentionally geared toward individuals in their 20's and 30's. Audition required.

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

We strongly encourage a dynamic and exuberant expression of worship in our youth as part of their growth in love and fervor for Christ. We value giving our youth opportunities to become dynamic worship leaders of tomorrow. Our youth bands are made up of young singers and instrumentals who minister each week in their services and also have opportunities throughout the year to lead the adult worship experience. Audition required.















THE STUDIO

Our music and art teacher facility for adults and students where you can sign up for private lessons for a reasonable fee.

Our teachers have expertise in voice, piano, guitar, bass, brass, audio tech, acting, and art/painting.

For more information, visit our website at **baylife.org/studio**.



CARE & COUNSELING

COUNSELING CENTER

baylife.org/counseling
813-319-0183

Bay Life's Counseling Center is directed by our Care Pastor, Brenton Shephard, and provides quality counseling to individuals and families across a wide range of mental health needs. Our goal is to assist clients in finding the emotional, spiritual, and mental restoration needed to help them fulfill the purposes for which God has uniquely designed them. For more information about our certified counselors, visit **baylife.org/counseling.**

PASTOR OF THE DAY

813-494-4707

If you want to speak with a pastor about a spiritual need, our Pastor of the Day is available to you 24/7/365.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

813-661-3696 During Office Hours
813-494-4707 After Hours

If you would like someone to visit and pray for you or a loved one in a local hospital, call the church office during office hours, the pastor on call after hours, or go to **baylife.org/hospital** to submit a request for visitation.

PRAYER AND PRAYER PARTNERS

At Bay Life, we believe prayer is powerful, effective, and serves as a key catalyst to strengthen our walk with God. We know that we serve a God who listens when we pray (Psalm 4:1, John 14:13-14) and we're committed to being a house of prayer (Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13). If you need prayer before, during, or after service, our Prayer Team partners are ready to pray with you, and for you, in the Prayer Room at the back of the Worship Center, and in corners at the front of the Worship Center. Any time you need prayer, you can send an email to prayer@baylife.org, submit a prayer request at **baylife.org/prayer**, or pin a prayer request on the cross. Our prayer partners and staff will take your request before the Lord and lift you up in prayer.

Brenton Shephard

Care & Counseling Pastor

Learn more at
baylife.org/counseling.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Getting Married? We offer individual premarital counseling throughout the year. Our premarital counseling is 6-weeks and upon completion, couples will receive a certificate which will entitle them to a discount on their marriage license. Couples who wish to be married at Bay Life and/or by a Bay Life Pastor, are required to attend Premarital Counseling. For more information regarding dates and times, please visit online at **baylife.org/counseling**, or to schedule group or individual premarital counseling, contact our Counseling Center at 813-319-0183

Contact Tammi Lattimore, exeucutive assistant at tlattimore@baylife.org for wedding policies.



BREAKTHROUGH SUPPORT GROUPS

Don't be trapped into thinking you're the only one experiencing your current feelings, that no one understands, or that circumstances will never change! Bay Life's Breakthrough Support Groups provide safe, confidential, and caring environments where you can feel comfortable and safe talking about your struggles and growing toward wholeness. Our groups rotate each semester, while also offering intentional, one week topics, at key times of the year. Visit **baylife.org/breakthrough** to find out about this semester's groups and get signed up.

If you have any questions, contact Genevieve LoCicerio, Breakthrough Coordinator, at glocicero@baylife.org

Find more groups & support at baylife.org/breakthrough



SECTION 06

Missions



LOCAL MISSIONS

We care deeply for the spiritual and physical needs of our local community. We have chosen to focus our local missions efforts on providing food and shelter to those in need and caring for children who have been abused, orphaned, and neglected. Many of the ways we provide support are through partnerships with local ministries and non-profit organizations specializing in these types of care.



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Hope for Her is located on our Bay Life campus in a building at the back of the property. Hope for Her provides a safe place where women experiencing crisis and trauma find the strength, skills and support they need to rebuild their best lives.

As a nonprofit founded by women who've endured serious life challenges, we know firsthand that healing happens from within. That's why we work one-on-one with women to help restore their confidence and self-worth, remove barriers to safety and survival, and rebuild critical life skills to thrive.

From housing, childcare and employment to food, transportation and clothing, we help identify needs, create plans to address them, and stay with women and their families every step of the journey — for a lifetime or as long as they need us.

Together, we transform overwhelming circumstances into opportunities to ensure every woman can live God's purpose for her life — today, tomorrow and always.



Cheryl Hickman

Founder & Executive Director

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

CARE COMMUNITY TEAMS

Approximately 50% of foster families quit within the first year of fostering due to the extra demands and time placed on them. Because of this, we started a program in 2018 called Care Community Teams. Teams are created to come alongside and support the foster families. A Care Community Team is made up of six to eight people who are willing to help a foster family. They take meals, babysit, take kids to the park, and help the family with tasks of daily life. Currently, 95% of foster parents continue after one year when they have a community around them. If you would like information on how to join a team, email missions@baylife.org.

BAY LIFE 5K WALK/RUN

This amazing event has hundreds of runners every year and is always a blast for the whole family. We support missions throughout the United States. Runners, joggers, walkers, and strollers are welcome! We even have a Kids Fun Run! Learn more at **baylife.org/5K**

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Internationally, Bay Life Church partners with the Village of Hope in Uganda and Equip and Send Ministries (EASM), as well as REAP Nicaragua. Discover more about these ministries and how you can get involved visit **baylife.org/global**.

BAY LIFE AIRSTREAM CAFE

The Airstream Cafe has a variety of coffee and baked goods for purchase on Sunday mornings. All the money the Cafe brings in goes to mission trips. You can support missions by buying a cup of coffee or serving at the Cafe.

CAR SHOW AND CRAFT FAIR

One of the largest Car Shows in the area. The Bay Life Car Show and Craft Fair, will host more than 400 classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, and more from all over the USA! Plus, you won't want to miss our craft fair with handmade and one-of-a-kind items, live band, tons of food, and games for the kids. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family and join the party! More details on car and booth registration to come, at **baylife.org/carshow**.

Acts 1:8 — "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

SEEDS OF FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN

We grow fresh produce for Brandon area food pantries. We donate over 2,000 pounds of fresh produce every garden season. On garden work days, people of all ages and experience levels, help provide food for those in our community. Just bring some work gloves and a water bottle and you'll be all set! For volunteer opportunities and information, visit **baylife.org/SOF**.

FAMILY PROMISE

Bay Life partners with other churches to help families transition from homelessness to independence. You can help by providing dinner or helping host these families in the Student Center during evening or overnight shifts. For volunteer opportunities and information, visit **baylife.org/promise**

Frank Montoya
Local Missions Coordinator

Cauy Reeder
Global Missions Coordinator






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Share the light

SECTION 07

SOCIAL MINISTRY & ONLINE CAMPUS

> Bay Life is here to encourage you throughout the week to read God's Word, reach out to those around you, and help you grow in your faith.



Online services, YouTube, social media, and other digital platforms are designed to keep you connected to God's church here at Bay Life for whatever life stage you are in! For those who cannot attend in person, we stream our Sunday services and use online prayer portals and social ministry to reach out to you from our website, e-newsletters, and all of our social media capabilities.

Share encouragement with each other in our Bay Life Facebook Groups, tag posts when you are out and about in our community with ***#baylifechurch*** catch up on sermons you may have missed, witness to a friend, and dig deeper in the Word with our mobile app. There are tons of resources available to you every day at Bay Life Church; we'd love to help connect you to them.



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

PHOTO AND VIDEO

baylife.org/photo

Bay Life Church photographers/ videographers are often on campus to capture public moments from church events.

If you have any concerns, or would like to request that you or your child's likeness not be used in our materials, please email our Communications Director, Stephen Stough, at sstough@baylife.org.

CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with everything at Bay Life! Find out what's going on at **baylife.org/weekly**, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, download our mobile app at **baylife.org/mobile**, and subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at **baylife.org.**

> Learn about current & upcoming events at baylife.org/weekly.



Stephen Stough

Communications Director

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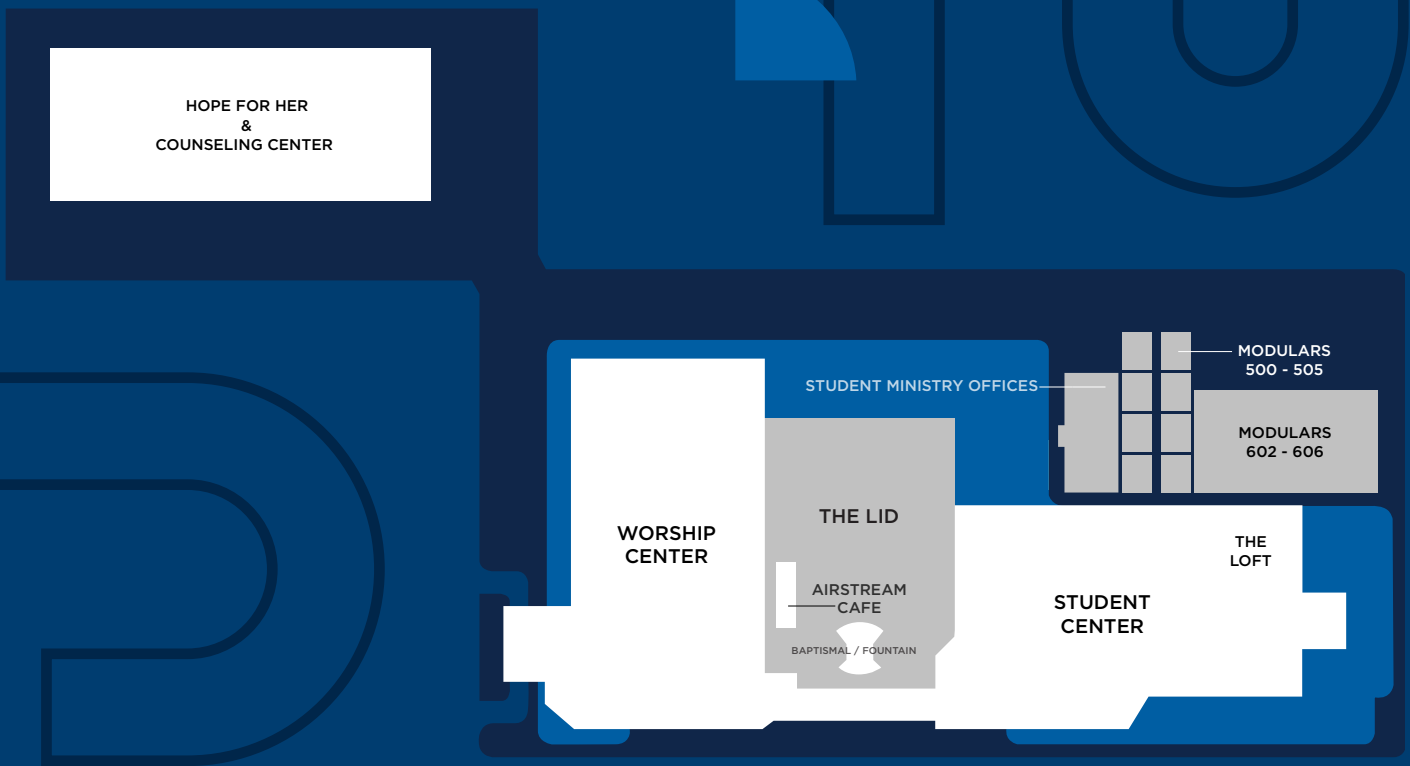
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AROUND BAY LIFE



WORSHIP CENTER LOBBY (FRONT)
- Guest Services
- New Here?
- Cry Room
- Prayer Room
- Connections + Welcome Team

WORSHIP CENTER (BACK)
- Staff Offices
- Conference Room

THE LID
- Airstream Cafe
- Baptismal & Water Fountain
- The Lid Stage & Screen

STUDENT CENTER
Lobby, Student Café, Bay Life Kids, Lambkins Offices, Student Worship Center, The Loft

MODULARS
Rooms 500–505
Rooms 602–606

STUDENT MINISTRY OFFICES

HOPE FOR HER

CARE & COUNSELING CENTER

Safety: There are fire extinguishers around the Worship Center and throughout our buildings. In addition, there are first aid kits and AEDs in the Worship Center and Student Center Lobbies. In case of emergency, please take note of the nearest exit to your location, keeping in mind that the closest exit may be behind you.

Security: Bay Life has a Security Team that monitors activities on our campus. These individuals are trained to assist in emergencies.

SECURITY

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

At our church, the safety and well-being of every person who walks through our doors is a top priority. We believe that a secure environment allows individuals and families to worship, learn, and grow with confidence and peace of mind. For that reason, we have put intentional safety measures in place across all areas of our church—especially within our Children's Ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SAFETY

We take the care of your children seriously and have established clear security protocols for both drop-off and pick-up. Each child is checked in using our **unique tag system**, ensuring that children are released only to authorized guardians. This process helps us maintain accountability and provides reassurance to parents and caregivers.

In addition, all volunteers serving in sensitive roles—particularly those working with children and youth—are required to complete **background checks** before serving. This step is part of our commitment to creating a safe, trustworthy environment for every family.

OUR SECURITY TEAM

You may notice members of our **Orange Shirt Crew** throughout the building. This well-known and friendly team is dedicated to keeping our church safe and welcoming. Our security ministry is led by our Head of Security, **Donn Aikins**, who oversees training, preparedness, and on-site support.

If you ever need assistance, feel uncomfortable, or notice anything that seems out of the norm, please do not hesitate to speak with one of our Orange Shirt crew members. They are here to help and are trained to respond appropriately and discreetly.

OPEN CARRY POLICY

For the safety and comfort of everyone in our church community, please note that **our church is not an open carry property**. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to maintain a safe worship environment.





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