

Stony Brook *focus*

Your personal community Being the church

What is your personal community?

It is a God-gifted individual and personal, yet vast, community for just you.

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Remember Jesus primarily engaged people through everyday encounters, rather than in the Temple or synagogues. He fed people, met their everyday needs, and enjoyed the fellowship of others.

Begin to recognize the expansive concept of your own individual and personal everyday community. Why? Because it is your own mission field and is truly where you get to be the church right where you are.

Here are a few ways to begin to embrace the expansive concept of your own community.

First, be in prayer. Secondly, get to know your own individual everyday community. Look around ... these people in your everyday goings are people that God loves dearly.

- Revisit family and personal relationships.
- Walk your neighborhood. Know your neighbors' names.
- Go and see your church's neighborhood.
- Look, really look, around at your co-workers.
- Those who serve you such as a dentist, doctor, who cuts your hair, or the person that makes your coffee.
- Check out local missions that interest you.

Third, begin to listen and learn intently to others and then ... Engage, Be the Church, to them. Know their name and remember it, be authentic, be genuine, express compassion & love, pray for them, serve in creative ways that show you 'really' know them.

Remember that big differences that truly bless a community often arise out of conversations where you listen for the hopes and dreams of people in your own personally vast community.

Church Events

• **All through October**

'Share the Warmth' drive

• **Wednesday 20th 7:00 pm**

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• **Friday 29th 6:00 pm**

Trunk or Treat Movie Night

• **Every Saturday 8:00 am**

Men's Growth group

• **Every Sunday**

Explore the Bible Growth group, 9:00 am

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Kid Life, 10:00 am

Serving Opportunities

3rd Monday of each month

Provide food for 'Foster Care Support' group, 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am

Join the A/V team. Help with sound and video.

Sunday at 9:45 am

Join the First Impressions team. Help prepare coffee.

Sunday at 9:30 am

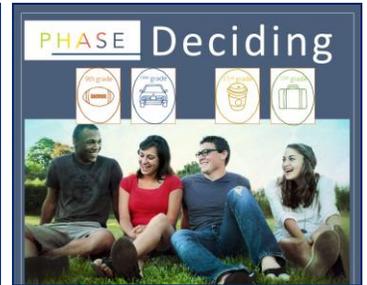
Join the First Impressions Team. Smile and open the door to welcome guests.

Sunday at 9:30 am

Join the Kid Life team. Host at Check-in or help in a class.

KID LIFE & YOUTH MINISTRY. *It's Just a ...*

PHASE



The Parent HUB and Check-in station is almost complete!

This is an area for parents, grandparents, guardians, foster parents, leaders ... all those who care about kids at every life stage from New Baby ... to Graduation!

You will be able to visit the Parent HUB for resources and information for all the phases.

We want to partner with you.



The Pastor's Pen

*For even the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45*

First and foremost, on behalf of myself, my wife Lauren, and my son Oliver, we would like to say Thank You! Thank you, Stony Brook family, for your continued hospitality, grace, and enthusiasm as our family made the big move across the nation. We have been overwhelmed by the love shown to us by the church. We have been enjoying the process of becoming a part of and leading this church.

Stony Brook,

As I have begun to figure out what's next for Stony Brook a couple things have become very clear. First, God is always faithful to his church, and he continues to be faithful to Stony Brook church. Over the years, as I have driven up to the church building on the hill I have always marveled at God's providence, placing a beacon of hope and light for the community to clearly see. God's plan for this church on a hill is still active today. He is on the move working through Stonybrook church. And second, Stony Brook is an incredible group of people. The people of Stony Brook are excited to be a part of God's plan. Coming back from Covid and going through a pastoral transition were not going to be easy. However, there is an excitement and energy and willingness to make changes.

It is this attitude that will help Stony Brook grow into a thriving church that impacts our community with the gospel message. There is no going back to the way things were in the past. A common phrase I have heard over the last few months is "back to the way things used to be". People are asking how long until the world returns to a pre-pandemic state. The reality is that this is never going to happen. Instead, the church is on the way to someplace new. We are following the lead of a God who declares "Look, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). I understand that what is new can be frightening because it is unknown, but it is exciting as well. I believe that in many ways the church in America had fallen asleep, but it seems that the trials of the last year have woken her up. The future we are walking in to is hopeful and bright not because of who we are, but because of who Jesus is and it is Him who we are following.

As I said earlier, my family thanks the Stony Brook family for getting us here and getting us started. Now that we are here and settling in, we look forward to being a part of this church and partnering with you all as we walk into the next era together!

Blessings to you and your family,

Jon Annin

Life happens in community.

At Stony Brook Church, we believe that life does happen in community and that is why we are looking forward to beginning Growth Groups very soon.

What are Growth Groups?

Growth Groups are the best way to strengthen your relationship with God and develop deep, meaningful relationships. These small groups of people meet weekly to get connected, enjoy some food, find some good friends and grow closer in your relationship with God.

Leading a group is easy!

In fact, it's as simple as 1-2-3:

1. If you're looking to get connected and lead a Growth Group in this season, we invite you to email an [RSVP for the luncheon following the Sunday service on 'October 17th'](#).
2. Begin to think about when and where you'd like your Growth Group to meet.
3. Once you have a group, we send you resources to get you started. You did it!

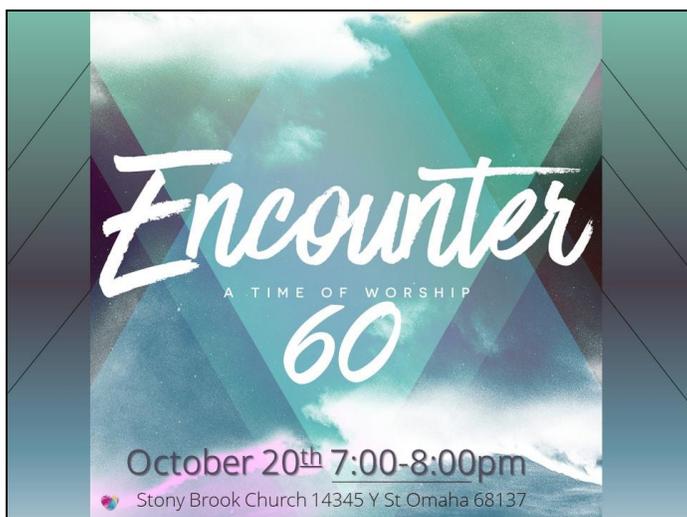
Growth Groups



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If you have any questions.

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The heartbeat of our worship team is to inspire people to encounter God in these 60 minutes.

John 4:24 says that God is "seeking" or looking for true, authentic worshippers, and this is the reason we desire to be a worshipping church.

Our vision is to set an atmosphere for people to encounter God in community.



Church Contact Information

Social Media, and more

Prayer and Praise

Stonybrookchurch.com/prayer

Calendar of Events

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Giving of time, talents & finance

Stonybrookchurch.com/give

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church center

- Service Times
- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check

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