

Another Perspective
All Church “Staytreat”

Whether it’s fatigue, fear, or just necessity, we often walk around with our heads down and our gaze fixed ahead. We’re focused on our own world, what we must do, and what immediately surrounds us. This isn’t always a bad thing. Often, we need to set our sight only on what’s in front of us just so we can survive. However, when we spend too much time looking down, we can struggle to see the people around us. Focused on our world, our job, our family, and our church we can quickly find ourselves in a place where we can struggle to relate and love those different from us.

No doubt, much of the disunity and hatred in this world could be alleviated if we would just pick our heads up from time to time and attempt to see life through the eyes of another person, if we could see from another perspective.

I had a professor once put a globe in the center of the room. He went around to each of us asking, “What can you see on the globe?” I could see China and other parts of Asia. The people seated next to me could see the Philippines, but I really couldn’t. The people directly across from me could see North and South America. The point was that, depending on where we were seated, we could each see a different part of the globe. And then together, as we shared what we could each see, we were given a more full picture of what the entire globe looked like.

When we pull our heads up from time to time to consider what others see in this world, the same thing happens—we begin to get a bigger picture of this world, the people in it, and most importantly how God is at work in it. We grow in empathy, giving us the ability to truly feel what it’s like to walk in another’s shoes. And, when we have walked in another’s shoes, we are less likely to judge, condemn, or think less of that person. We are more likely to treat others with the same dignity and respect that Jesus gives us.

So, during our “Staytreat” let us pick our heads up and consider “Another Perspective.”

Schedule:**Friday Night:**

4pm – 5pm	Check In
5pm – 6pm	Dinner
6:15pm – 6:45pm	Evening Worship
6:45pm – 7:30pm	Regina Hopewell: The Importance of Rwanda

Saturday:

8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast
9:30am – 10:45am	Break Out Session (three options)
10:45am – 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 12:00pm	Large Group Discussion
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Rwandan Activity
2pm - 5pm	Free Time
5pm – 6pm	Dinner
6:15pm – 6:45pm	Worship
6:45pm – 7:30pm	Jeff Stone: Never Silent - Our Story

Sunday Morning:

10:15am	Worship, Celebration, Sermon on Another Perspective
After Worship	Special Brunch

Registration

\$35 for individual and \$50 for a couple
Paid by cash for at door