

BASIC



OUR STORY

Outward Church was formed in 2007 out of a desire to see people in Salem transformed by the Gospel.



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is the GOOD NEWS of God's redemption story:

CREATION

God created everything (Genesis 1:1). He designed a good and perfect world in which humanity and God could enjoy relationship and harmony (Genesis 1:31). As the Creator, God is the ultimate authority and judge (Psalm 33:8-9, Colossians 1:16-17). Men and women were made in God's image to reflect Him to His creation (Genesis 1:26-27).

FALL

Sin entered paradise and caused an eternal separation between God and mankind (Genesis 3:22-24). As a result, all humanity is inherently sinful (Romans 5:12) - we are all born into an inherited, depraved, rebellious state (Romans 3:23) - at war with God and destined for Hell without divine intervention (Romans 6:23).

REDEMPTION

In love, God sent Jesus to earth as fully human (John 1:14) and fully God (John 10:30). He lived a perfect life (2 Corinthians 5:21) and died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice, taking upon himself the sin of the world (1 John 2:2). Three days later He rose from the dead, conquering the power of death (1 Corinthians 15) and enabling all who would choose to

believe in Him as savior and confess Him as Lord to have eternal life (Romans 10:9). This life is not earned by anything we can say or do but is a free gift of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9).

RESTORATION

Because salvation is by grace and not by works, we are free to live a life of righteousness (Galatians 5:13) by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-6). In this we participate with God in the redemption of creation by joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus through our life and testimony (John 17:21-23), until the day when Jesus returns to restore His perfect world (Revelation 21:1-4).



OUR MISSION

We exist to bring glory to God by making disciples who love Jesus and live outward.



LOVE JESUS

This is who we are. Disciples who *love Jesus* are marked by:

...HIS STORY

Gospel identity is established through regularly affirming and celebrating what Jesus has done. The good news of His finished work on the cross is the foundation of our worldview and the hope of our salvation.

...HIS PEOPLE

Gospel community is an essential aspect of discipleship. Affection for the family of God is forged through regular rhythms of celebration, confession, mission, and growth.

...HIS RULE

Gospel submission leads to passionate faithfulness. When we devote our lives to Jesus' lordship through a lifestyle of worship, He becomes increasingly glorious to us and our desires begin to align with His.



LIVE OUTWARD

This is what we do. Disciples who *live outward*...

...**SPEAK** *in the home, the church, and in our city.*

We look for opportunities to articulate the story of Jesus in a way that boldly testifies to the grace and love of Christ. This begins in our homes and continues in friendships made inside and outside of the church.

...**GIVE** *in the home, the church, and in our city.*

We are committed to radical generosity. Joyfully sharing our time, energy, and resources displays an understanding that all we own belongs to God, and reflects how Jesus has been generous with us.

...**SERVE** *in the home, the church, and in our city.*

We are committed to seeking the good of those around us. Sacrificial service in the home, the church, and the city demonstrates God's heart for human flourishing through the establishment of a gospel culture.

FIND YOUR PLACE



JOIN A TEAM

Sign up to serve on any of these teams by visiting outwardchurch.com/teams or by visiting Connect Central on any Sunday.

OUTWARD TEAMS

The Bible describes the church as a body, with every part contributing something unique and valuable as part of a functioning, healthy, whole. There are many ways to serve at Outward!

Some of our Sunday teams:

- Outward Kids (nursery, checkin-in, teaching, Buddy Team, classroom help)
- Hospitality (coffee service, food, communion)

- Connect Team (greeters, ushers)
- Campus Safety (parking/security)
- Media/tech (sound, media computer, lights, cameras, production)
- Bands (music worship)
- Prayer Team

Other ministry teams:

- Outward Groups (group leader, group host, childcare)
- Outward Students (Jr and Sr High ministry)
- Facilities (cleaning, maintenance, prepping the building for Sunday services)

“SERVE SALEM” TEAMS

God has placed us here for the good of our community. As a church, here are some of our ongoing initiatives to “live outward”:

SOCCER CLUB Our weekly after-school club at Richmond Elementary serves as an incentive program to encourage kids to work hard in school and provide us with an opportunity to love and serve kids in our community.

BACKPACK BUDDIES Backpack Buddies provides weekend nutrition for at-risk children in our community. During the school year, we prepare bags with meal items to send home with dozens of elementary school students at the end of each school week, providing them with a basic source of nutrition over the weekend.

ADOPT-A-FOSTER-FAMILY Not everyone can become a foster family, but everyone can do something to help foster children. One way we facilitate this is by supporting foster families in our church. You can sign up to “adopt” a foster family and become a part of their support network.

JOIN A GROUP

OUTWARD GROUPS

Outward Groups exist to create Gospel-centered relationships throughout our city, providing an opportunity to “know and be known” through friendship and discipleship.

What do Outward Groups do together?

All of our groups contain a **care** component, a **growth** component, and a **mission** component. The way this looks varies from group to group, but generally includes meals together, prayer and Bible study, discussion, fellowship and accountability, and serving our neighborhoods and community.

How often do groups meet?

Outward Groups meet in some capacity at least twice a month.

How do I join a group?

Visit our website (outwardchurch.com/groups), visit Connect Central on a Sunday, or fill out a Connect Card. You can also access a list of groups through the Church Center App.



BE BAPTIZED

Water baptism is a public declaration of saving faith in Jesus. At Outward Church, baptism is a step of obedience that identifies us with Christ's death and resurrection. We believe scripture teaches that the decision to be baptized is a conscious one, and should be made immediately following one's decision to become a Christian. If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office at info@outwardchurch.com.



BECOME A MEMBER

Covenant membership is an invitation to mutual accountability in following Jesus together. Membership affirms your commitment to the mission, doctrine, and values of Outward Church. Our members are everyday people who are committed to a lifestyle of loving Jesus and living outward. Without our members, we could not fulfill the mission that Jesus has given us.

We offer a Membership Class once a quarter. At this class, we'll go in-depth into the doctrine, vision, and structure of Outward Church, and describe the process for becoming a Covenant Member at Outward.



GIVE

There are multiple options for giving to Outward Church:

ONLINE Visit outwardchurch.com/give in your browser or mobile device.

TEXT Simply text the amount you'd like to give (ex. \$25) to **84321**. The first time you use this method you will be prompted to set up an account. Every time after that is automatic.

KIOSK Use the Giving Kiosk in our lobby on Sundays to give using a debit or credit card.

APP Download the Outward Church app, available on Android, iOS, and Amazon.

CASH/CHECK Drop cash/checks in one of our giving boxes next to the exit doors (envelopes are provided), or mail to Outward Church, PO Box 13942, Salem, OR 97309.



STAY CONNECTED

EMAIL We send out a weekly church-wide email with news and resources. Make sure you're on our mailing list by filling out a Connect Card, or sign up through the Outward Church app.

APP The Outward Church app (available on the App Store and Google Play) is a free app packed with content to help you stay connected at Outward. Watch/listen to sermons, see upcoming events, find Sunday service info, and more.

SOCIAL MEDIA Follow us on Twitter (@outwardchurch), Instagram (@outwardchurch), and Facebook.

WEBSITE Our website at outwardchurch.com is updated regularly with sermon audio and video, announcements and events.