



NEXT STEPS

ATTENDING ➤ *BELONGING* ➤ *BECOMING*



NEXT STEPS CLASS SCHEDULE

7:45 AM — ARRIVAL & FELLOWSHIP

8:15 AM — WELCOME

8:20 AM — WHO WE ARE

8:35 AM — DISCOVER YOUR PLACE

8:40 AM — MINISTRY VIDEOS

8:50 AM — DISCOVER YOUR PEOPLE

9:00 AM — TABLE CONVERSATIONS

9:25 AM — WRAP UP

**9:30 AM — QUESTIONS |
FILL OUT NEXT STEPS INFORMATION**

10:00 AM — CLOSE

WELCOME

Our prayer is that you would move from attending to belonging — and from belonging to becoming more like Christ.

Welcome, We're truly glad you're here.

Whether you've been attending for a few weeks or a few years, this class is about helping you understand who we are, what we believe, and what it really means to belong at Faith Arlington. At Faith Arlington, we believe church is more than attendance. Church is family. Church is formation. Church is joining the mission of Jesus together. Belonging means participating in the life and mission of Christ and His Church — not just sitting in a seat, but stepping into community and growing into who God has called you to be.

WHO WE ARE

Faith Arlington is a Gospel-centered church committed to spiritual formation, biblical community, and living out the ways of Jesus in everyday life.

Everything we do flows from the Gospel.

The way we worship.

The way we disciple.

The way we serve.

The way we lead.

We are not built on personality, preference, or programs — we are built on the finished work of Jesus Christ.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE BELIEVE

OUR HISTORY

From the very beginning, God's hand has been on Faith Arlington. What started as a small group of people meeting at Advent Presbyterian grew into services on Airline Road. God then opened the doors for us to meet at Donelson Elementary School while we prepared for what was next. In 2020, we moved into our first permanent building — a space we now call home. For the last four years, we've been blessed to worship, disciple, and serve from this place. Each move has been a step of faith — making more room as God continues to bring more people. And that's at the heart of who we are.

OUR MISSION

We don't just exist for ourselves.

We exist for those who are not yet here.

We exist to make disciples of Jesus — people who are growing in spiritual maturity and helping others do the same.

Our prayer is that as you move from **attending** to **belonging**, you would also move toward **becoming** more like Christ — and help others do the same along the way.

OUR BELIEFS

- We were created by God for relationship with Him (Genesis 1:27).
- Sin separated us from Him (Romans 3:23).
- But God sent Jesus to redeem us (Romans 5:8).
- Salvation is by grace through faith: (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Jesus is the only way for Salvation. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- The Bible is our authority (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- The Church is God's design for His people (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- We are designed for biblical community (Acts 2:42-47).

WHAT IT MEANS TO BELONG

Belonging is more than simply attending.

Belonging means you belong to Christ and His Church — and you are being formed into Christlikeness.

“We all... are being transformed into the same image...”

2 Corinthians 3:18

If you belong, you are growing.

If you belong, you are serving.

If you belong, you are participating in the mission.



BELONGING STARTS WITH SALVATION

When someone places their faith in Christ, they are made new (2 Corinthians 5:17). From there, growth begins.



GROWTH LEADS INTO A CYCLE OF:

Community → Growing
→ Serving → Giving →
Mission → Multiplying



WE DEFINE A DISCIPLE AS:

A disciple of Christ belongs to Christ and His Church, is being formed into Christlikeness through His Word, lives the ways of Jesus in everyday life, is rooted in biblical community, and helps others do the same.



GROUNDED IN:

Matthew 28:18–20 — Go and make disciples... teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

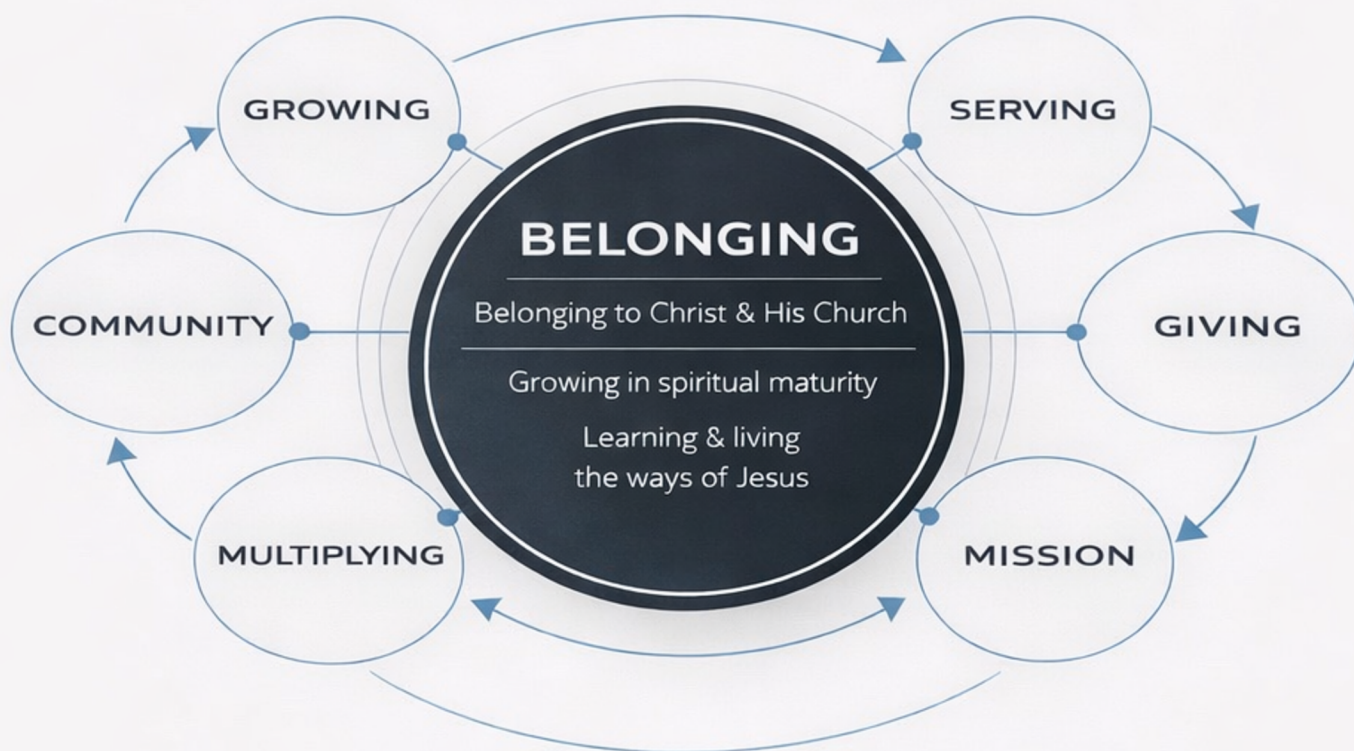
Ephesians 4:11–16 — Growing into maturity in Christ.

Luke 9:23 — Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

AFTER SALVATION, THE CYCLE BEGINS...

ATTENDING → **BELONGING** → **BECOMING**

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO GROW IN MATURITY AND
HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME



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Weekend Services

In Community

Like Christ

THE MISSION OF JESUS

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

This is not just our mission statement.

This is Christ's command to His Church.

We exist to be disciples of Jesus who make disciples.

That is the direction of our church.

DISCOVERING YOUR PLACE

Discovering your place is about stepping fully into belonging — identifying how God has uniquely shaped you and where you can use your gifts to serve His Church and participate in His mission. This is where you discern your next step, including opportunities for serving, leadership development, and a spiritual gifts assessment. As we move from attending to belonging, we are moving from merely consuming to contributing. We are moving from consuming church to contributing to Christ's mission. We see this example in Nehemiah as they were repairing the wall, people had tasks and they took ownership. They became builders of the mission. We use our gifts to serve, one body many members.

Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:11-16

- We belong to one another.
- We are not identical.
- Gifts are grace. Gifts are not about position, but participation.
- We are called to use what we have been given to serve the mission of Jesus.
- The body grows when each member faithfully fulfills their role.

DISCOVERING YOUR PEOPLE

You were never meant to follow Jesus alone. God designed us for Christ-centered community — a place to be known, encouraged, and strengthened in our faith.

At Faith Arlington, one of the main ways we live this out is through Community Groups. We believe we grow best in circles, not just in rows. While we gather together on Sundays, real growth often happens in smaller settings where we can build friendships, study God's Word, pray for one another, and walk through life side by side.

Whether you're ready to join a group or lead one, there is a place for you. Leading isn't about having all the answers — it's about creating space for others to grow. **Don't just attend. Belong. Discover your people.**

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number ^{1a} those who were being saved." **Acts 2:42-47**

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Connect Team:

Connect Teams are an essential part of making Faith Arlington feel like home to everyone who walks through that door. From parking team to warm smiles and hot coffee, our Connect Team creates an inviting environment where God's presence is felt.

Safety Team:

This team involves ensuring a secure environment by monitoring and responding to safety needs with vigilance, care, and professionalism.

Media | AVL:

AVL facilitates a powerful, distraction free worship experience through the use of lighting, video technology, and audio engineering.

Worship Team:

Worship team creates a on stage worship experience through utilizing the skills of vocalists and instrumentalists. **development training process**

Creative Team | Communications:

This team uses creativity and media skills in social media, graphic design, video and decor to communicate the gospel to our community.

Student Ministry:

This team helps in our student ministry grades 6-12th who meet on Wednesday nights through fun engaging experiences, biblical teaching, and small groups .

Children's Ministry:

This team intentionally seeks to make children ages birth-5th grade have a safe and fun space where they can learn about Jesus while their parents worship.

Adult Ministries:

This team helps to facilitate Community Groups and Women and Men's Ministry.

Facilities:

This team serves the church by creating excellent environments for our building and grounds.

Missions:

This team has a passion for missions and spreading the love of Jesus in our community and globally.

Baptism Team:

This team helps those who are taking their next steps of Faith through baptism. Prepares the area, guides the attendees and families, and celebrates life change.

Counsel | Prayer Team:

Provides spiritual covering for every service, team, and ministry through intercession. Also helps counsel those who make decisions during service.

TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **When did the Gospel become real to you?**
2. **What did surrendering to Christ look like in your life?**
3. **Where are you in your walk with Jesus right now?**
4. **In what area do you most desire to grow?**
5. **Where do you sense God leading you to step in?**

BELONGING COMMITMENT

As someone who belongs to Christ and desires to belong to His Church at Faith Arlington, I commit to:

- Pursue spiritual maturity.
- Learn and live the ways of Jesus.
- Engage in Christ-centered community.
- Practice generosity with what God has entrusted to me.
- Participate in the mission of God.
- Be a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples.

HONOR CODE

As a member of Faith Arlington, you play a vital role in helping others experience the love of Jesus. Membership is more than attending church — it is a commitment to live a life that honors Jesus Christ. The way we speak, what we post, how we act, and treat others should reflect the faith we profess.

Because of that commitment, we strive to live in a way that reflects God's Word and brings Him glory.

We strive to reflect God's Word in how we speak, act, and treat others. This means avoiding harmful language, destructive habits, dishonesty, and anything that compromises integrity, purity, and love.

This journey isn't about perfection, but about pursuing Jesus wholeheartedly. Together, through prayer, Scripture, and accountability, we grow in our faith and live in a way that points others to Him.

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WE ALSO HAVE A DIGITAL VERSION OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST SO THAT YOU CAN LEARN BEST WHAT MINISTRY AREA TO SERVE.

