

WELCOME!

We're glad you're joining us this morning! We hope you experience the welcome of the risen Christ as we gather together.

SUNDAY LITURGY

09.07.25

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

"Amen"

GOSPEL WELCOME

WORSHIP IN SONG

"All The Poor And Powerless"

"Rock of Ages"

PASTORAL PRAYER

FELLOWSHIP FIVE

Grab refreshments, mingle, and take children to Summit Kids classes.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

"The Welcoming Refuge of the Gospel"

Ben Sansburn

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Come To The Feast"

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Fellowship Five

In Romans 15:7, the Apostle Paul offers this encouragement to the church: *"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

At Summit, we express the welcome of Christ in all kinds of ways. However, during our Sunday gatherings, we prioritize this expression through what we call the "Fellowship Five." The Fellowship Five is simply a designated five-minute segment of our service dedicated to intentionally welcoming others. The importance of this time goes beyond merely extending a handshake, giving a hug, or saying 'hello'. It is a vital aspect of worship where we honor God by embodying to others the open-armed welcome he has extended to us through Christ.

Throughout history, the church has incorporated similar practices into its liturgy. Often known as "the passing of the peace," these traditions of greeting stem from Jesus' words to his disciples in John 20:24: *"Peace be with you."* By extending Christ's welcome (or peace) to each other, we symbolically remind one another of our reconciliation not only with God but also with each other, brought about through Jesus' finished work.

While introverts may rejoice at the end of the five-minute countdown, and extroverts may wish we had a fellowship 'fifty,' the purpose of this greeting time transcends our natural temperaments and instead stresses the unity we have in Christ. Our prayer for Summit is that this unity isn't simply an abstract theological concept but a lived reality. That's why we do the "Fellowship Five."

NEW HERE?

We're glad you came and would love the privilege of getting to know you. Stop by our Connect Desk on the way out for a free gift! If you'd like to get connected at Summit, simply fill out a Connect Card and pass it on to a member of our host team.

ABOUT US

Summit Christian Fellowship is a gospel-centered church with a vision to know and make known the real Jesus in our church, our city, and around the world. To do that we partner nationally with the Crossway Network (crosswaynetwork.org) and locally with other like-minded churches and ministries. Find more about our vision, values, and beliefs online at www.summit-christian.org

SERVE

The church is a family and as a family we share in the responsibility of serving together. If you are interested in serving, please fill out a Connect Card and drop it off with a member of our host team or fill out the serve form on our website!

SUMMIT YOUTH

Students in 6th-12th Grade - we meet on Sunday evenings at the Summit Building from 5:00-7:00p on the following dates!

09.07 | Youth Group Gathering

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults 18-35ish years old - join us on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month starting at 5:30p! Call or text Marissa Swindler at 253.227.2275 or David Swindler at 253.719.9750 for event times and locations!

CALENDAR

09.07 | Summit DNA Sermon Series

10.17 | Men's Retreat

NEWS & NOTES

Summit DNA Series | This Morning

This morning begins our Summit DNA sermon series - a three week series that walks through the three characteristics that are central to our life together - Gospel, Community and Mission. If you're new to Summit, this is a great time to learn what makes us who we are and discover how you can connect. We hope you'll join us.

Men's Retreat | October 17-18

Mark your calendars for our Men's Retreat on October 17th at Lake Retreat Camp! This is a great opportunity to get to know other men here at Summit and enjoy a time of rest and renewal around God's Word. Early Bird registration is open until Sept 24th through our church website or via the Church Center App! We hope to see you there.

Community Groups | This Fall

Community groups are central to the rhythms of our life together at Summit. They are the primary way we live together as the church outside the walls of our building during the week. Many of our groups scatter for the Summer, but groups will be gathering back in September, with some new groups starting as well. Prayerfully consider getting connected to a group! You can either fill out a connect card or visit our website: summit-christian.org/community-groups

Baptisms | September 28

If you are interested in being baptized please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in one of our Give Boxes near the Connect Desk or email us at info@summit-christian.org. We would love to connect you with one of our pastors!

Financial Update | July

Thank you for your faithful giving!
Here's a snapshot of how God is providing.

Average monthly giving needed (based on the 2025 budget): \$39,730.82

Average monthly giving in 2025:
\$ 36,345.43

Giving last month (July): \$32,253.66

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