

■ DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Our mission as a church is *to be fully devoted followers of Christ, making disciples in our community and beyond*. In order to accomplish this mission, the elders have developed the following "*Discipleship Pathway*" to function as a road map for participation in our church ministries.

This pathway is designed to express the full range of ministry engagement from a new visitor, to a fully devoted member of our church family. We believe a healthy church member is someone who is actively involved in each of these four categories.



WORSHIP

Regular attendance and participation in our Lord's Day assembly.

GROW

Regular participation in at least one of our growth ministries.

SERVE

Becoming a member and serving in ministry to some capacity.

GO

Participation in some form of outreach ministry.

WORSHIP

Deut. 31:12-13; Matt. 18:20, 22:37; Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24-25

The English word **church** comes from the Greek **ecclesia** which literally means **gathered assembly**. We believe our Lord's Day assembly therefore is the foundation upon which we truly identify as a local church. In addition to our weekly Sunday morning gathering, we also have various seasons of midweek assemblies during **Winter** (Dec – Jan) and **Summer** (June – July) at the discretion of the elders. These whole church assemblies are the highest priority in the life of our church.

GROW

Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 111:2; Prov. 27:17; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Thess. 5:11

Though secondary to our whole church assemblies, our various growth ministries are vital to the life and health of our church family. These growth ministries are typically offered in a seasonal rhythm of **Spring** (Feb – May) and **Fall** (Aug – Nov) at the discretion of the elders. We encourage everyone to participate in (at least) one of these growth ministries as an additional outlet for sanctification, discipleship, and fellowship throughout the week.

SERVE

Matt. 5:16, 22:39; Rom. 12:11; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:4; Heb. 6:10

It is not just about consistent participation in Sunday worship or a commitment to inward growth and development. We also believe the Scripture teaches that followers of Christ are to live lives of service to God and to others. We believe therefore that after someone becomes a member of NBC, they should be serving the church in some capacity. This will look different for everyone, whether it be serving in one of the growth ministries, or in other areas of the life of our church. No matter the context, every member should be using their gifts to serve within the body of Christ.

GO

Hab. 2:14; Matt. 9:37-38, 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Pet. 2:9, 3:15

As a local church, we should not solely focus inwardly on our own development and growth. We must also have an outward view toward our surrounding community. The ministries in this category are some examples of ways a church member can participate in community engagement. Whether it be through an NBC outreach program, participation in church planting, or through more informal, interpersonal evangelism or discipleship in your sphere of influence, we believe each church member should be actively involved in **"going"**.

Worship	
*LORD'S DAY ASSEMBLY	MIDWEEK ASSEMBLY

Grow	
ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS MIXED - MEN - WOMEN - YOUTH	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	COUNSELING MINISTRY
SMALL GROUPS MIXED - MEN - WOMEN - YOUTH	SPECIAL EVENTS MIXED - MEN - WOMEN - YOUTH

Serve	
MEMBER'S MEETINGS	MUSIC
MEDIA	NURSERY
HOSPITALITY	SECURITY
GROUNDS	BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Go	
VISITATION MINISTRY	SISTERCARE MINISTRY
ABORTION MINISTRY	GOOD NEWS MISSION
FREEDOM THAT LASTS	CHURCH PLANTING
TEAM EVANGELISM	PERSONAL EVANGELISM & HOSPITALITY