

Tyler Street Church Pathway to Discipleship



Tyler Street Church

A United Methodist Congregation

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Traditional Worship at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Tyler Street En Vivo at 9:30am in Anderson Hall

Tyler Street Live at 11:30am in Anderson Hall

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Purpose

Welcome to Tyler Street's *Pathway to Discipleship*! The purpose of *Pathway* is to provide practical information and instruction to deepen the spiritual life of the members of Tyler Street Church and to empower and encourage them into faithful, joyful, and fruitful discipleship.



Mission

Our mission is to make a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who will demonstrate God's love and truth in Oak Cliff and beyond as we gather for worship, grow in God's Word, give generously, and go out in service in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vision

Loving People. Sharing Life. Finding Faith.

Our prayer is this- that by using the information in this booklet, each person that worships at Tyler Street may find a community in which they are loved and supported on their faith journey.

Loving People.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Jesus' command is clear; we are to love people. Jesus' command also takes courage; we are to love as he loves us - unconditionally, courageously and sacrificially. We are called to love people and we deeply desire to express God's love to others.

Sharing Life.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15

Sometimes life brings rejoicing. At other times, it brings weeping. We believe that life - both the rejoicing and the weeping - is not meant to be lived in isolation. Rather, life is meant to be shared on the mountaintops, as well as in the valleys.

Finding Faith.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

God wants to be found. He really wants to be found! His desire to be found is such that he came in the flesh, Jesus. Not only does he want to be found, he is found by those who seek him. And no matter where we are on the journey, there is more of God to be found. We are a people committed to finding faith, and helping others find faith, too.

Membership Vows

United Methodists around the world commit to uphold Christ's church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The following pages explain that commitment further using scripture as the standard.

Prayer. God calls us to pray for one another and the ministries of the church. Realizing that nobody's prayer life is perfect, Tyler Street members are expected to be people of prayer.

*Philippians 4:6, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
(see also Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 6:5-13)*

Presence. God calls us to be present with His people. The Body of Christ needs each member, and each member needs the Body. Tyler Street members are expected to worship weekly, as they are able. As well, members are expected to be present in other expressions of fellowship.

*Hebrews 10:23-25, "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
(see also Ex. 20:8; 1 Cor. 12)*

Giving. As a reflection of God's giving character, Christ-followers are expected to be givers. The Biblical standard of giving is the tithe, and as members we are called grow into regular sustained giving. Giving is a key component in growing in our trust of God, as well as a practical way support the ministries of the church.

*2 Corinthians 8:7, "Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking."
(see also Jn. 3:16; Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 8-9)*

Service. God calls us to serve, and members of Tyler Street are expected to answer the call. There are many ways to serve at Tyler Street Church, and we are committed to regularly dedicate time in service to a ministry. Our goal is to develop a servanthood character through which we witness to our faith as we support our church and each other.

*John 12:26, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."
(see also 1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4)*

Witness. God calls us to witness to what God has done or is doing in our lives. Tyler Street members are expected to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ and to extend invitations to people to visit our church.

Acts 4:20, "... for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

(see also Ps. 96; Matt. 28; 1 Pet. 3:15)

These membership vows are practical signs of our commitment to God and God's mission. They are means through which we deepen our faith and relationship with God. They are not to be taken as rules, but a guiding path that we graciously and joyfully welcome into our Christian life. They are a distinguishing sign of what it means to be a member of Tyler Street Church.

Note: Members will be supported by trained leaders who will assist them in reading, understanding, and encouraging them in the membership vows.



General Covenant

To be ratified yearly on Anniversary Sunday in January

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Communities

Nursery- Children's Building

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings

Babies- six weeks to two years

Toddlers- two through three years

Children- Children's Building

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings

Fours and Fives

First and Second Grade

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade

Youth- Sanctuary Building- 3rd Floor

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings

Middle School- for students in 6th-8th grades

High School- for students in 9th-12th grades

Adult- various locations and times

Sunday Mornings at 10:40am

Challenge Two- 1st floor- Sanctuary Bldg.

Covenant – second floor- sanctuary

Kairos- 1st floor- Sanctuary Bldg.

King's Joy- 1st floor- Sanctuary Bldg.

Koinonia- 1st floor- Sanctuary Bldg.

Living For Christ- Tyler Street Tower Rec Room

Shalom- 1st floor- Sanctuary Bldg.

YOUNG ADULT

Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

The Branch- 10th Street Grind

Opportunities to Serve and Connect

Part of growing in discipleship is offering time regularly in service. These are several of the ministries at Tyler Street and the people to contact if you'd like to serve.



- Acolytes-** John Skinner
- Altar Guild** – Carla Boss
- Choir** – Nicole Dickerson
- Children's Ministry** – Maria Rios
- Community Services Outreach-** Sandi Tarski
- Communion Servers-** Kim and Jim Burns
- Connect to the Kingdom-** Jamie Nelson
- Contemporary Worship-** Mariel Vela-Gutierrez
- Greeters-** Riche Louviere
- Homebound Ministry-** Ray Truesdell
- Hospitality-** Judy Huggins
- Men's Ministry-** Mark Walker
- Tyler Street Christian Academy-** Karen Egger
- Tyler Street Tower-** Johnice Woods
- Ushers-** John Harper
- Youth Ministry-** Billy Lewis
- Women's Ministry-** Keren Adame

Calendar of Events

The following is list of opportunities to deepen Christian discipleship. Tyler Street Church offers other social, educational, and celebratory events during the year. Please check our website often for those events!

FALL

Witness Sunday

WINTER

Christmas Eve Service

Youth Midwinter Retreat

Vow Renewal

Church Has Left the Building

Ash Wednesday Service

SPRING

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

SUMMER

Youth Mission Trip

Youth Camp

Vacation Bible School

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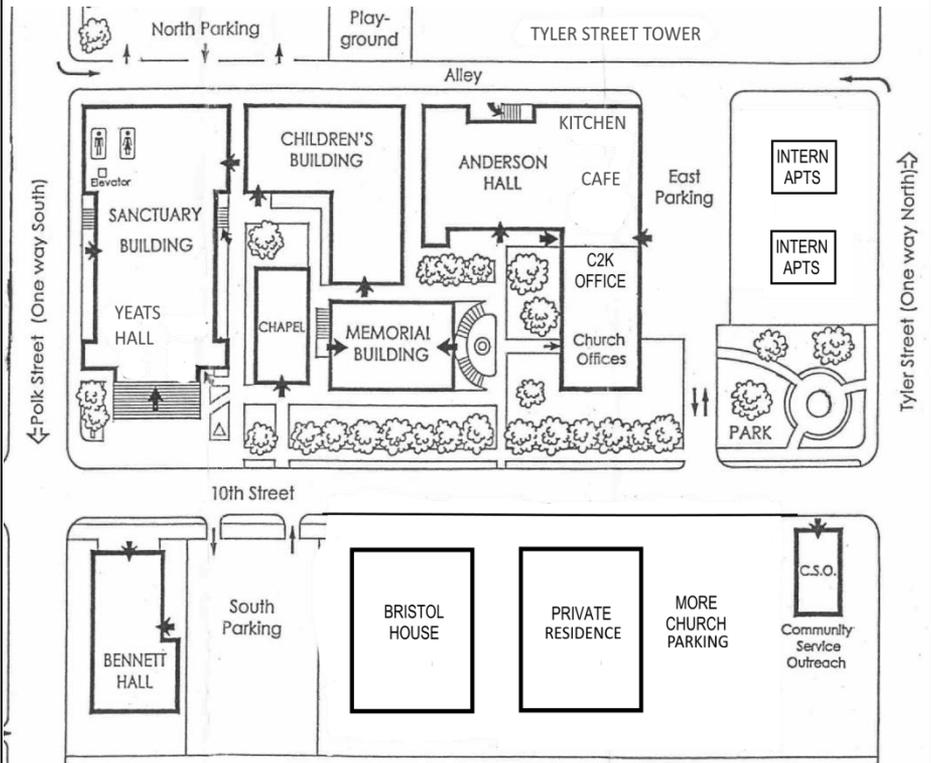
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Campus Map

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History of Tyler Street:

On November 27, 1911, the North Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church – South appointed Reverend J. Leonard Rea to serve as minister of a proposed parish to be known as Tyler Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Tyler Street congregation was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Forrester, 511 West Tenth Street on January 29, 1912. In 1919 a new building site at the corner of Tenth and Polk Streets was purchased for \$5,000. In 1921 the congregation moved into the sub-story of its new structure and chose to retain its “Tyler Street” name.

By 1923 the church was debt free, had a healthy building fund and resumed construction of the upper levels of the sanctuary.

In 1926 the first of the church's beautiful stained-glass windows was donated. Similar gifts followed, and the windows and dome of the sanctuary beautifully illustrate the gospel message to all who enter.

Tyler Street saw some of her darkest hours during the Great Depression when served notice to pay her indebtedness or face foreclosure. On Good Friday, 1932, the building was padlocked, and Tyler Street members celebrated Easter Sunday at the Rosewin Theatre on West Jefferson. The church shared facilities with Calvary Baptist until they obtained the use of the Sunset High School auditorium where services were held for nine months.

Through the commitment and determination of the membership, and with the financial assistance of the North Texas Conference; the church renegotiated a contract with the lending institution, and the church was reopened in the fall of 1933. In seven years the indebtedness was retired, and the building was dedicated on December 29, 1940.

History continued:

The congregation continued to grow, and by 1950 had the largest Sunday School enrollment of the 40,000 Methodist Churches in the United States. The Tyler Street congregation completed a Religious Education Building for children, air conditioned the sanctuary, installed a pipe organ, built the Chapel of the Cross and were instrumental in "voting out of Oak Cliff the sale of alcoholic liquors."

The 1960's were times of tremendous change, but Tyler Street met the challenge. Another education building was built as well as administrative offices and the C.H.C. Anderson Fellowship Hall. In 1966, the sanctuary burned as a result of an electrical malfunction in the pipe organ. It was necessary to remodel, but fortunately much of the original woodwork, pews and stained glass escaped irreparable damage.

In 1968, the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the congregation became officially known as Tyler Street United Methodist Church.

With the 1970's came the completion of a 13-story retirement home, Tyler Street Tower; the founding of Tyler Street Christian Academy; and the Community Service Outreach ministry was begun.

The 1990's saw both the church and the academy embark on capital campaigns. The church's sub-story was totally renovated, and the academy moved into a beautiful new facility in December 2001.

On September 13, 2015, Tyler Street UMC and Oak Cliff UMC having a combined total of 231 years of service to Oak Cliff, were united as one church in a Celebration Unidos in the historic Tyler Street sanctuary. The church(es) will now combine their ministries of worship, education, missions support, community service and outreach from the Tyler Street location.

You make known to me the path
of life; in your presence there is
fullness of joy; at your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11