



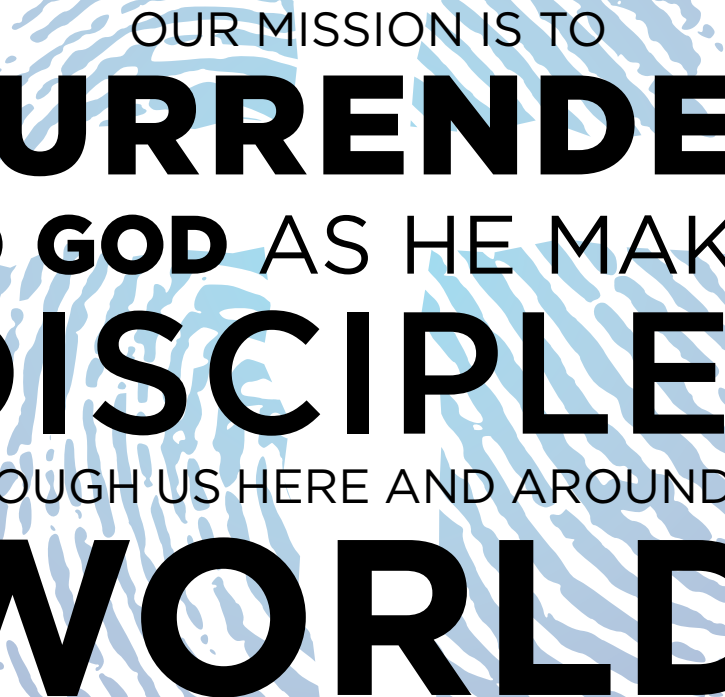
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# GUIDE BOOK

2017



**BayLife**  
CHURCH



OUR MISSION IS TO  
**SURRENDER**  
TO **GOD** AS HE MAKES  
**DISCIPLES**  
THROUGH US HERE AND AROUND THE  
**WORLD.**

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# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## WHO WE ARE

Since raising out the first shovel of dirt over 20 years ago, God has blessed our efforts to share the message of Jesus and disciple believers. We praise God that countless lives have been transformed, by His grace, through His servants here.

Simply put, Bay Life is a church that **loves God and loves people**. No matter your story, background, or where you are on your spiritual journey, we're glad you're here!

## OUR MISSION

To surrender to God as He makes disciples through us here and around the world.

## OUR VALUES

Love God, Love People.

We love God through **worship, Word, prayer, and service**. We love people through **authenticity, community, unity, and intentionality**.

## WE'RE ALL ABOUT JESUS

At Bay Life, we're all about Jesus — we believe that He is God, and we invite you to learn about how you can find grace, forgiveness, and new life in Him. We believe the only way to get to know Jesus is to understand what the Bible says about...

### God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He is eternal and exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.

*Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Genesis 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

### Man

Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates man from God.

*Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2*

## Eternity

Man was created to exist forever. After death, one will either exist eternally united with God in Heaven, or exist eternally separated from God in Hell. The gift of eternal life is freely offered to every individual. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

*John 3:16; John 2:25; John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 18:8; Matthew 25:44*

## Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to Earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13*

## Salvation

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

*Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1*

## Eternal Security

Because God gives man eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer can securely believe that salvation is for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.

*John 10:28; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 1:3-5*

## The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and Son of God. He is present in the world to make men and women aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. The Christian seeks daily to live under His

control. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding spiritual truth, and guidance in providing ministry to other Christians and the world. The evidence that one is "filled with the Holy Spirit" is the fruit of the Spirit seen in godly character, not in the manifestation of any particular spiritual gift.

Regarding sign gifts, we believe all spiritual gifts are in use today. However, for the sake of unity, we ask that the gift of tongues not be used during corporate worship services.

*2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18*

## The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It is written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:10, 160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5*

## Ministry

The Pastor and staff are given the responsibility to lead the church and to equip the membership for ministry. Each member has the responsibility to discover and employ his or her spiritual gifts in the life of the church. Every Christian needs to discover and be faithful in his or her ministry for Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11*

## Worship

The Christian exists to minister to the world, to other Christians and especially to God, through praise and worship. We exist for the praise of His glory. Worship is celebrative, as well as reflective and inspirational.

*Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:12; Psalm 63:3-4; Psalm 150; Psalm 126:2-3*

# CHURCH LIFE

## SERVICE TIMES

### Worship Services

Saturdays // 6pm

Sundays // 9 & 10:45am

Worship is filled with contemporary worship music and biblical, practical teaching. Our Lead Pastor, Mark Saunders, usually brings the sermon.

### Worship Stations

In our efforts to actively worship God together, we've placed worship stations around our Worship Center. Prayer crosses, communion, and 'Names in the Wall' (those for whom you are praying for salvation) are available during services for worship, reflection, and prayer.



### The Corner

If you're visiting during a weekend service, we'd love to meet you! Stop by The Corner after the service and meet our pastor.

### Prayer Partners

If you need prayer before, during, or after a weekend service; we have people ready to pray with you and for you. Just look for the Prayer Room sign at the back of the Worship Center. Find out more at [baylife.org/prayer](http://baylife.org/prayer).

### Deaf Interpretation

American Sign Language (ASL) is offered during the 9am Sunday service. Reserved seats are available on the front right side of the Worship Center.

### Spanish Language Translation

Spanish language translation is offered during the 9am service. Pick up a translation device at Guest Services in the Worship Center lobby.

### Sermon Audio & Video Downloads

Weekly messages can be downloaded (audio) or streamed online (video) at [baylife.org/messages](http://baylife.org/messages).

## GIVING

[baylife.org/give](http://baylife.org/give)

Bay Life offers four ways to give financially:

- **Online** - Go to [baylife.org](http://baylife.org) and click on "Online Giving" at the top of our home page. Follow the instructions to make a secure one-time gift or schedule recurring contributions.
- **Offering Baskets** - give when the offering baskets are passed during worship services.
- **Wall Boxes** - drop your offering in one of the wall boxes as you leave the Worship Center.
- **By Mail** - if you prefer not to give online, feel free to mail your check to Bay Life Church, 1017 Kingsway Rd., Brandon FL 33510.

Thank you for your generosity! Please note that if you're a guest, you're not expected to give an offering.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Feed the Bay

Saturday, March 25 // 7 – 8pm

Sunday, March 26 // 9am – 2pm

Feed the Bay is a multi-church family outreach opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. With the help of 35+ churches throughout Greater Tampa, it takes less than five hours to shop, deliver, and stock our local food pantries and together, Feed the Bay!. Stay tuned for details at [feedthebay.org](http://feedthebay.org).



## Journey to the Cross — An Interactive Holy Week Experience

April 12 – 13 // 5 – 9pm // Worship Center

Good Friday, April 14 // 3 – 9pm // Worship Center

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, it can be easy to gloss over the events that preceded Jesus' resurrection: betrayal, denial, loneliness, pain, and death... but that's the journey Christ walked for us. Make plans to experience an interactive and contemplative event we call *Journey to the Cross*. As you walk through 10 different stations of Holy Week, you'll be drawn closer to our Savior and your relationship with Him will be enriched. [baylife.org/journey](http://baylife.org/journey).

## Bay Life Car Show & Craft Fair Saturday, May 27 // 10am – 3pm

The 12th Annual Car Show and Craft Fair will host more than 400 classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, and more from all over the US! Plus, you won't want to miss our craft fair with handmade and one-of-a-kind items, live band, tons of food, and games for the kids. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family and join the party! Have a car worthy of competition? Register it today at [baylife.org/carshow](http://baylife.org/carshow).



**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**  
**10AM - 3PM**



**MARCH 11, 2017**

**SPONSORS & RUNNERS NEEDED**

**[BAYLIFE.ORG/5K](http://BAYLIFE.ORG/5K)**





# SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



# CONNECTIONS

baylife.org/membership

## CONNECTION CENTRAL BOOTH

**New here?** Stop by the Connection Central booth in the Lobby. We are here to help you find your way around campus and learn more about Bay Life. Drop off your completed Communicate Card and get a great gift.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

*Five Week Class // Sundays, February 19 – March 19 OR April 30 – May 28 // 10:45am – 12pm // Student Center Loft*

Our Membership Class is perfect for anyone considering joining the Bay Life family. As you enter into covenant membership with Bay Life, you affirm that you agree with our Statement of Faith, and commit to becoming a part of all God is doing here. Membership is not required to attend Bay Life, but we hope you will choose to join us in our mission. Classes run five weeks and will explain our mission, our values, and our Statement of Faith. If you have questions, please contact Karen at [kbowling@baylife.org](mailto:kbowling@baylife.org).



## BAPTISM 101

*March 18 // 5pm or March 19 // During Each Service*

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision of a believer's trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation. If you're interested in baptism at Bay Life, then attend Baptism 101! **To register, email [connections@baylife.org](mailto:connections@baylife.org) or visit [baylife.org/baptism](http://baylife.org/baptism).** *You must attend Baptism 101 to be baptized at Bay Life.*

**BAPTISM:** April 1 & 2



## CORE CLASSES

*Sundays // Eight Week Classes*

It's important to lay a strong foundation for spiritual success. Life Steps, Connect to Serve, and Talking with God are Bay Life's "core classes" — after attending Membership Class; they are your next steps at Bay Life.

**Go to [baylife.org/core](http://baylife.org/core) to find out more.**

## Identity in Christ

*January 29 – March 19 // 10:45am*

Identity in Christ walks you through the Seven Truths we all need to know as followers of Christ. 1) What is required for salvation, 2) your identity in Christ, 3) experiencing victory over sin, 4) being forgiven, 5) your prayers will be answered, 6) the Holy Spirit guides us, and 7) making choices along your spiritual journey.

# DISCIPLESHIP

[baylife.org/disciple](http://baylife.org/disciple)

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[baylife.org/discipleship](http://baylife.org/discipleship)

In our mission to surrender to God as He makes disciples through us here and around the world, we must first be disciples. Our Spiritual Journey Ministry is here to help you connect with a Discipeler, and learn from the wisdom and experience of those farther along the journey. Visit [baylife.org/discipleship](http://baylife.org/discipleship) to find out more information or stop by our Discipleship tables in the lobby during the weekend services!



## DISCIPLER TRAINING - BEGIN THE PROCESS

*Saturday, May 6 // 9 – 11am // Room 604*

Ready to disciple another believer, or want to know more about our discipleship process? Join us for our Discipeler Training classes. We will introduce you to our Discipleship Blueprint mobile app, share insights and tips with you, and prepare you to establish and care for others through a discipling relationship. Light refreshments will be served.

Please register at [baylife.org/disciple](http://baylife.org/disciple) so we can make preparations for you. Questions? Email Cindy Perkins, our Spiritual Journey Pastor, at [cperkins@baylife.org](mailto:cperkins@baylife.org).

### **Study the Word**

*April 2 – May 28 // 10:45am*

Encompassing a detailed walk through the Gospel of John, Study the Word will help you establish a daily time in God's Word. This is a great place to start if you are new to the faith, or wanting to learn how to engage better in your Christian walk.

### **Connect to Serve**

*April 2 – May 28 // 9am*

Find out how God uniquely wired you as you take personality, spiritual gifts, and abilities assessments, along with Scripture study. You'll learn how you can serve with true eternal purpose.

### **Next Level Prayer**

*April 2 – May 28 // 10:45am*

As a believer, you can talk with your Heavenly Father and are free, to be honest with Him! Join us as we walk through the Scriptures and grow in our relationship with God by understanding the deeper and enriching aspects of a powerful prayer life.

# FOUNDATIONS

[baylife.org/foundations](http://baylife.org/foundations)

**FOUNDATIONS** is Bay Life's two-year Bible training series providing deeper teaching on the Bible, Theology, Worldview, and Apologetics. Each course provides a study of Christian doctrine and biblical principles. In addition, there will be Saturday seminars, throughout the year, shedding light on relevant social and cultural issues and how we as Christians should navigate them.

While the seminars are open to everyone, Foundations enrollment requires participants to meet program prerequisites, obtain pastoral/ministry approval, and commit to substantial reading and class assignments.

The cost is \$15 per year. In addition, each student is expected to purchase course materials (e.g. textbooks, workbooks, recommended reading), which will vary. Please note: Material scholarships are available to students who cannot afford them.

The two courses being offered this semester are Theology and Church History; each running 13 weeks:

**Sundays, February 5 – May 14 // 10:45am**

**Classes meet in Room 603**

**Apply / Register at [baylife.org/foundations](http://baylife.org/foundations)**

## Foundations Saturday Seminars

*Available at [baylife.org/seminar](http://baylife.org/seminar)*

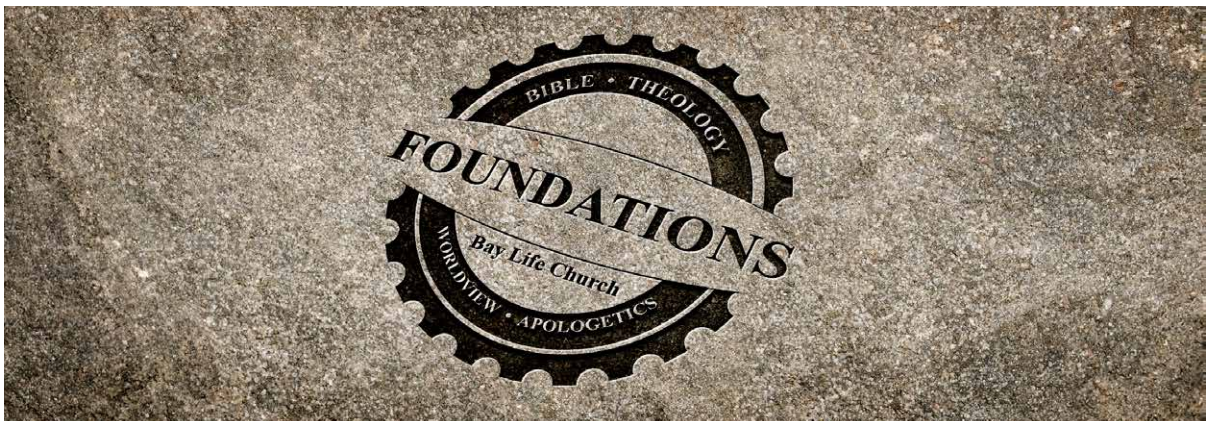
Saturday Seminars provide focused teaching from recognized experts in the topic of study on issues and teaching vital to church engagement in our culture and building knowledge and wisdom in our faith. Saturday Seminars are open to Bay Life guests, attenders, and members alike.

In January 2017, we hosted Dejan, who provided an amazing walk-through Islam and how we as Christians can understand and engage our Muslim friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Dejan answered numerous questions throughout the seminar and video will be available in mid-February.

You can catch up on our previous Foundations Saturday Seminars online at [baylife.org/seminar](http://baylife.org/seminar).

Our next Saturday Seminar will be in Fall 2017.

Registration and details for our Fall seminar will be open in September 2017.





# FAMILY MINISTRIES



# NURSERY + PRESCHOOL

[baylife.org/preschool](http://baylife.org/preschool)

## **NURSERY & PRESCHOOL**

*Three months – Pre-K4 // All Services // Student Center*

Your preschooler is special, loved by God, and uniquely designed by Him for a great purpose — of course, you already knew that! Well, that's the main thing we want our preschoolers to know, that God made them and loves them. Let us partner with you to help them build a solid spiritual foundation!

## **Child Dedication**

*Three-week Class // April 23 - May 7 // 9 – 10:15am // Room 604*

*Covenant Ceremony // Mother's Day Weekend // May 13 & 14 // All Services*

Child dedication is a covenant that parents make to raise their child according to God's plan. A three-week class is required to discuss the covenant and commitment parents make during the ceremony. Beginning April 2, you can register online at [baylife.org/dedication](http://baylife.org/dedication) or pick up a printed application at Guest Services in the Worship Center lobby or the Children's Ministry lobby. For more information, you may contact Betsy Lowe at [blowe@baylife.org](mailto:blowe@baylife.org).

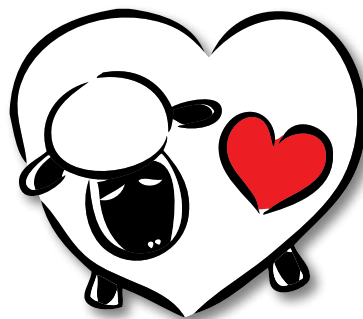
## **Service Projects**

Students do more than just attend service — they're involved in it! Singing, dancing, and playing games are only part of the fun. More importantly, kids learn how to help others by participating in special service projects!

## **Lambkins Preschool**

*Three months – K4 // Monday – Friday // 7am – 6pm*

Lambkins is a licensed daycare and preschool that provides quality care and education. For more information, contact Jamie Armstrong at [jarmstrong@baylife.org](mailto:jarmstrong@baylife.org), or 813.689.5101.



# K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

[baylife.org/kids](http://baylife.org/kids)

## BAY LIFE KIDS

*K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade // All Services // Student Center*

Thinking about everything you need to teach your child can be a little overwhelming. We will always teach the message of the cross and provide resources that will help you train your kids “in the way they should go.” We want to partner with you!

## Kids First Step

*Two Week Class // March 12 & 19 // 9 – 10:15am*

Kids in 3rd – 5th grades interested in baptism must attend Kid’s First Step. First Step is a two-week class that explains our faith in a way easy to understand! A parent must attend with their child. [baylife.org/firststep](http://baylife.org/firststep).

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*Sundays // 9am // Room 603*

They’ll be in middle school soon, but there’s no need to fear! We’re going to help your 5th grader bridge the gap between elementary and middle school by giving them the tools every student needs to thrive: a solid spiritual foundation and a personal identity in Christ.

## AWANA

*K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade // Wednesdays // 6:30pm // Student Center*

In AWANA, students memorize Bible verses, earn awards, and explore their faith! We have two clubs: Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades) and T&T (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades). Students are asked to make a commitment to attend the AWANA club by purchasing their book for the year (\$15).

## Kids Live - Praise Team

*Wednesdays // 6 – 6:30pm // Student Center*

One thing that makes Bay Life Kids great is our Kids Praise Team. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings to learn the songs and dances for each weekend service. Those that attend on Wednesday can join us on stage on Sunday morning.

## Kidapalooza 2017

*June 12 – 16 // 6:30 – 8:30pm // [baylife.org/kpa](http://baylife.org/kpa)*

Bay Life Kids is our completely free and totally awesome vacation Bible program for those entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. More information will be available beginning May 7at [baylife.org/kpa](http://baylife.org/kpa)!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

[baylife.org/msm](http://baylife.org/msm)

## 6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*Sundays // 9am in the Loft*

*Small Groups: Wednesdays // 6:30pm // Student Center Loft*

We want middle school students to come to a deeply personal and fulfilling knowledge of their faith and realize their relationship with Christ is not about what mom and dad believe. Instead, we help students understand faith is what they believe, personally.

We motivate and empower our middle school students to take personal responsibility for their spiritual health and growth, and to develop a passion and sense of purpose in light of the Great Commission.

There will be games, worship, teaching, and time to connect with other students.



## Bay Life 5K Run / Walk

*Saturday, March 11 // 8am*

Invite friends, family, and co-workers to run the Bay Life Cross-country 5K Run / Walk. All proceeds go to raise money for our short-term missions teams traveling all around the world. Runners and race sponsors can sign-up at [baylife.org/5k!](http://baylife.org/5k!)





# HIGH SCHOOL

[baylife.org/hsm](http://baylife.org/hsm)

## Mission Yard Sale

*April 29 // 7 – 11am*

Join us to shop at our multi-family missions yard sale and find a treasure for your home. All proceeds help raise money for our short-term summer missions teams. For more information, contact Sharon Poulton at [students@baylife.org](mailto:students@baylife.org)

## Summer Missions

*June – August 2017*

Hundreds of students will be participating in short-term summer missions trips from our Kidapalooza VBS here on campus to London, England and everywhere in between. Please provide prayer and financial support for our students and leaders. Find out what to pray for and how to give at [baylife.org/students](http://baylife.org/students).

## LIFT — 9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

*Sunday Nights // 6:30 – 8:30pm*

High school students meet Sunday evenings in the Student Center for LIFT. Here's a chance to meet other students, hear some great teaching and worship.

Now is the time for students to live out their faith. It's time for them to realize that having a personal relationship with Christ doesn't mean keeping it to themselves.

We want our students out serving Him and serving others. The fact is, what your student does with their few years of high school sets the trajectory for the rest of his or her life. We partner with you to help guide your students in the way they should go!

## Follow Bay Life High School Ministry

*Instagram: /baylife\_hsm*

*Facebook: /elevatebaylife*

Keep up with everything going on at LIFT and in our Bay Life High School ministry on Instagram and Facebook.



# PARENTING RESOURCES

[baylife.org/parents](http://baylife.org/parents)

## Bay Life Parent Ministry

*Birth – 12th Grade // [baylife.org/parents](http://baylife.org/parents)*

God has called us to partner with you as your family grows and matures. No matter where you are in your parenting journey, we are committed to helping families be the primary spiritual influences in their kids' lives.

We accomplish this through a wide range of events and opportunities that help build a greater connection with God and each other and also connect families to the greater family of God, His church.



## ROPE - Rites of Passage Experiences

*Birth – 12th Grade*

Our ROPEs help you create the opportunity for a shared spiritual experience with your child every year. Each uniquely designed ROPE is relevant to your child's age and the things they are going through during this period of their life. This great resource will help you better understand how to lead your children spiritually.

**We are here to help you raise your children to know and love Jesus! Visit [baylife.org/parents](http://baylife.org/parents)**

## Parenting Toolbox

*Nursery – 12th Grade*

We want to keep you up-to-date on issues that you and your kids might be facing. In our Parenting Toolbox, you will find articles, videos, and links for you to get informed on issues that affect kids of all ages. Some of these issues include social media, your child's digital footprint, how to create quality time, and much more!





# ADULT MINISTRIES



# COLLEGE + CAREER

[baylife.org/cc](http://baylife.org/cc)

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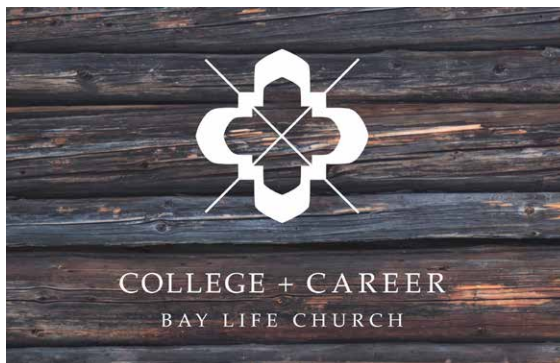
*Thursdays // 7pm // The Student Center Loft*

The Christian life was never one meant to be lived alone, but for many college and career age people, that's where they are.

Our hope in the College + Career Ministry is to fix that. We gather every Thursday night for worship, preaching, prayer, and conversations about what it means to honor Christ wherever we find ourselves, whether it be the university campus, entering into the working world, or beginning our families.

Throughout the week, we gather in homes across the Brandon/Tampa area for Bible studies, small groups, dinner, coffee, and everything in between. We endeavor to encourage one another to live every aspect of our lives in light of who God is and what He's done.

*Keep up with us on Facebook at [/baylifecc](https://www.facebook.com/baylifecc).*



## College + Career Life Groups

*Weekdays // [baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups)*

We have Life Groups that meet throughout the week and discuss a wide variety of biblical and socially relevant topics. Speak with someone at College + Career and find a group that's right for you, or read about our open groups at [baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups).



# LIFE GROUPS

[baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups)

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Relationships are the most important thing we have. At Bay Life, we believe that your relationship with God is best grown by relationships with other believers. Life Groups are a way for you to meet new people running after the same goal — growing closer to Christ. Every week, hundreds of people meet in Life Groups in the greater Brandon area. To see our current open groups, go to [baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups) or pick up a Life Groups brochure in the Lobby after service. If you have any questions, please email [groups@baylife.org](mailto:groups@baylife.org).

## Life Group Leaders

If you're interested in learning how to host or lead a Life Group, we'd love to meet with you, provide some training, and help you get the ball rolling. Contact our Life Groups Pastor, Daniel Ilg, at [dilg@baylife.org](mailto:dilg@baylife.org).

## ALPHA

*Tuesdays // Now – April 25 // 6:30 – 8:30PM*

*What is Alpha?*

Alpha is a series of 11 weekly sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but they have three key things in common: food, a talk, and good conversation.

So, if you are looking for a safe place to ask the BIG QUESTIONS about life; join us in this friendly, open, no pressure, and informal environment. Over 29 million people have participated in Alpha across the world.

If you want to help lead a table discussion or support Alpha, email [groups@baylife.org](mailto:groups@baylife.org).

***Interested? Sign up at [baylife.org/alpha](http://baylife.org/alpha) so we'll know how much food to have.***



# MEN'S MINISTRY

[baylife.org/men](http://baylife.org/men)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Throughout the New Testament, we see Jesus surrounding Himself with men from all walks of life. At Bay Life Men's Bible Studies, we build lasting relationships that celebrate our victories and encourage each other when the "going gets tough." You are invited to join us as we study and learn from the Scriptures and one another to become the leaders, husbands, and fathers God created us to be! Find out more at [baylife.org/men](http://baylife.org/men).

### **Men's Bible Study - Real Men | Real Life**

*Mondays // 7 – 9pm // The Loft*

*Wednesdays // 6:30–8:30pm // Missions Cafe*

We host two weekly groups, Mondays at 7pm (in the Loft) and Wednesdays at 6:30pm (in the Missions Café). Several other Life Groups for men meet in the mornings and evenings throughout the week. If you're interested in any of these awesome opportunities, go to [baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups) or contact Scott Ranck at [sranck@baylife.org](mailto:sranck@baylife.org).



# LADIES' MINISTRY

[baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies)

## LADIES' MINISTRY

Bay Life Ladies' Ministry encourages a woman to find her identity in Christ, to build authentic relationships, and to fulfill her God-given purpose intentionally. Join us as we dig into the Bible to discover practical ways we can bring glory to God in every area of life. Check out all our fun happenings, and register today at [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies).

### Ladies' Bible Study

*Wednesdays // Now – May 10 // 9am or 6:30pm*

This semester, Bay Life Ladies will look at our identity in Christ. Too often, our world provides us with a confusing understanding of our true identity, and we spend way too much time searching for a clue as to who we are. In Christ, we are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” and we can rest assured that He loves us. Join us as we look at the truth God's Word provides to give us a solid footing in life. Register at [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies).

### Ladies' Art Collectives

*April 29 // 9am – 12pm*

We are made by a God who loves to create. Join us and tap into the creative part that God has placed in you and learn new ways to express your artistic side, hone the skills you already have, and meet other artists along the way. No experience necessary, just a willingness to step outside your comfort zone and have fun. Register at [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies).

### Ladies' Book Club

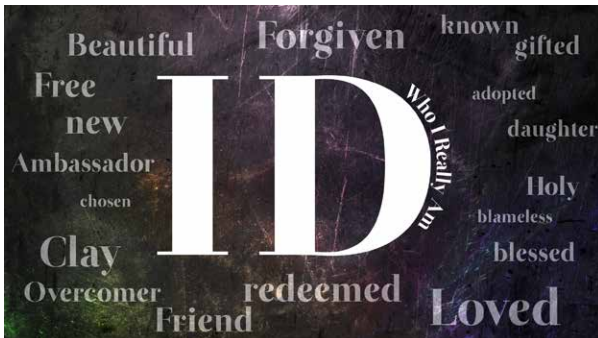
*Last Saturday of each month // 9 – 11am*

Join our Ladies' Ministry for our monthly Book Club. We read a new book and meet from 9 – 11am on the last Saturday of the month to discuss it. We find a tasty and fun restaurant, based on the number of people registered, and then contact those who have signed up. Register at [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies).

### Ladies' 2017 Fall Retreat

*September 15 – 17 // Tradewinds in St. Pete Beach*

Make plans now to join us for our Fall 2017 retreat. We are opening registration to our 2017 Fall Ladies' Retreat early to allow our ladies to pay in installments. Our stay at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort promises to be great fun as we study God's Word, share meals together, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings on St. Pete Beach. Space is limited. The cost will be \$200/person with four per room, and \$275/person with two to a room. Cost includes lodging, parking, and some meals. Don't miss this exciting event. You may also make payments with a deposit at registration. Register at [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies).



# CARE + COUNSELING

[baylife.org/counseling](http://baylife.org/counseling)

## PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

[baylife.org/counseling](http://baylife.org/counseling) // 813.319.0183

Bay Life's Pastoral Counseling Center is directed by our Care Pastor, Brenton Shephard, and provides quality counseling to individuals and families across a wide range of mental health needs. Our goal is to assist clients in finding the emotional, spiritual, and mental restoration needed to help them fulfill the purposes for which God has uniquely designed them. For information about our certified counselors, visit [baylife.org/counseling](http://baylife.org/counseling).

## HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you would like someone to visit and pray for you or a loved one in a local hospital, contact the church office during office hours, the pastor on call after hours (813.494.4707), or online at [baylife.org/hospital](http://baylife.org/hospital).

## PASTOR OF THE DAY

If you want to speak with a pastor about a spiritual need, our Pastor of the Day is available to you 24/7/365. Contact him/her at 813.494.4707.

## PREMARITAL COUNSELING

*Sundays, February 5 – March 12 // 9 – 10:15am*

Couples who wish to be married at Bay Life and/or by a Bay Life Pastor, are required to attend Premarital Counseling sessions. Held in our Counseling Center, these sessions help couples get off to a great start. Upon completion of the class, couples will receive a certificate which will entitle them to a discount on their marriage license. Cost is \$200 per couple. Register at [baylife.org/counseling](http://baylife.org/counseling) or by calling the Counseling Center at 813.319.0183. Private couples' counseling is also available.

## WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

*wrctampa.org // 813.309.3357*

The Women's Resource Center of Tampa, a faith-based not-for-profit founded in 2003, changes lives by working one-on-one with people to identify and address their needs for emergency food, clothes, housing, employment, transportation, training and access to available resources.

## BREAKTHROUGH GROUPS

*Thursdays, Now – May 11*

*Sundays, Now – May 21*

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Breakthrough Support Groups provide safe, confidential, and caring environments where you can feel comfortable and safe talking about your struggles and grow toward wholeness. Register for any of these groups online at [baylife.org/groups](http://baylife.org/groups), or contact Genevieve LoCicero at [breakthrough@baylife.org](mailto:breakthrough@baylife.org).

## GriefShare

*Thursdays // 7pm*

Student Center

If you've lost a loved one, people around you may not understand the deep hurt you feel. You may have many questions about hurts you've never faced. The GriefShare group can help you as you learn to process your loss and provide support during the days ahead.



# PRAYER

[baylife.org/prayer](http://baylife.org/prayer)



## PRAYER AND PRAYER PARTNERS

At Bay Life, we believe prayer is powerful, effective, and serves as a principle catalyst to strengthen our walk with God. We know that we serve a God who listens when we pray (Psalm 4:1, John 14:13-14), and we're committed to being a house of prayer (Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13).

### Prayer Partners & Prayer Room

If you need prayer before, during, or after a weekend service, we have designated people ready to pray with you and for you in the Prayer Room at the back of the Worship Center and at The Corner in the front of the Worship Center.

### [prayer@baylife.org](mailto:prayer@baylife.org) & [baylife.org/prayer](http://baylife.org/prayer)

Any time you need prayer, shoot an email to [prayer@baylife.org](mailto:prayer@baylife.org), submit a prayer request at [baylife.org/prayer](http://baylife.org/prayer), or pin a prayer request on the cross. Our prayer team and staff will take your request before the Lord and lift you up in prayer.

## Boundaries

Thursdays // 7pm  
Student Center

Christians often focus so much on being loving and giving that they forget their limits and limitations. This group will help show you how to set healthy boundaries with parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers and even yourself.

## Safe People

Thursdays // 7pm  
Student Center

Discover what makes some people relationally safe, and how to avoid unhealthy entanglements. You will also learn about things inside yourself that jeopardize your relational security and find out how to develop a balanced, healthy approach to your relationships.

## DivorceCare

Sundays // 10:45am  
Student Center

Divorce can be the most painful and stressful experience one may ever face. You may feel isolated and have questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare groups help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

# WORSHIP ARTS

baylife.org/worship



At Bay Life, we love to worship! Through music, we hope to accomplish two things: worship our great God, and lead our people in doing the same. If you are interested in being part of our Worship Arts family, please email us at [worship@baylife.org](mailto:worship@baylife.org).

## Technical and Production Arts

### Technical Team

Our tech team provides audio, video, and lighting for each service and special events. They are integral to our church family in creating a meaningful worship experience. Technical arts volunteer positions require an interview with the Technical Director. We are always looking for great team players who are willing learn and have a desire to share their skills. Email [worship@baylife.org](mailto:worship@baylife.org) to set up an interview.

### Production Team

We believe that God inspires us to prepare, create, and perform with excellence. Our production team works diligently behind the scenes to make these things happen. Our team includes carpenters, painters, designers, seamstresses, event planners, crowd managers and countless others dedicated to Bay Life's mission. If interested, please contact David at [dprince@baylife.org](mailto:dprince@baylife.org) for more information.

### Spring Musical

*May 6 – 7 // 6pm // Worship Center*

Join us for our annual Spring Musical. The Worship Arts Ministry will present a service full of praise and thanksgiving to our risen King. Invite your friends and join us for this awesome time of worship.

## Worship Team

### Vocalists

*Thursdays // 6pm – 7pm*

**By audition only.** Must possess exceptional vocal ability, be a team player, and model outstanding Christian character. If interested, please email [worship@baylife.org](mailto:worship@baylife.org) to set up an audition and interview with our Worship Pastor.

### Instrumentalists

*Thursdays // 8:45pm*

**By audition only.** Our band plays modern Christian music designed to inspire authentic worship and praise to God. Candidates must possess exceptional instrumental ability, proficiency in reading instrumental charts, be team players, and model outstanding Christian character. Please email [worship@baylife.org](mailto:worship@baylife.org) to set up an audition and interview with our Worship Pastor.

### 2017 Choir Season

*Thursdays // 7pm – 8:30pm // Worship Center*

Our choir ministry is the heart of the Bay Life Worship Arts community. Our choir members share a passion for worship and build lasting friendships. The choir sings in worship services monthly and participates in 2-3 major events each year. No audition is necessary, and childcare is available with advanced reservations. Email Allison at [childcare@baylife.org](mailto:childcare@baylife.org).



# MISSIONS



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baylife.org/missions // To Donate: baylife.org/giveglobal

*Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he said to his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

God has placed us as His witnesses among people that desperately need Him. Whether in our community or across international borders, we seek to reach the world around us in word and deed. As a church, we have chosen to focus our missions efforts in the areas of the homeless, orphan care, ministry to internationals, and global evangelism.

## Local and Global Missions Trips

Every year, Bay Life sends out adult and student short-term mission trips. This is one of the ways we serve God in our mission to make disciples here and around the world.

Please mark your calendars to pray for our **Guatemala Mission Team (January 7-14, 2017)**. They will be working with Good News in Action in Guatemala City, participating in street evangelism and community block parties.

## Other Upcoming Missions Trips:

**Good Samaritan Family Missions Retreat - Wimauma, FL (March 12-14)**

**Royal Family Kids Camp - Tampa, FL (June 4-9)**

**Village of Hope - Uganda (Summer 2017; TBD)**

**La Providencia - Honduras (Fall 2017; TBD)**

For the most up-to-date information on available mission trips, or to submit an application, email [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org) or go to [baylife.org/global](http://baylife.org/global).

*Note: Student missions applications and trips are run through our Middle and High School Ministries.*

## Good Samaritan Family Retreat

*Sunday, March 12 - Tuesday, March 14*

We're headed to Wimauma for three days to partner with Good Samaritan Mission and serve migrant families in our community. Families with children (3rd grade and older) are especially encouraged to participate as we serve in the food pantry, the thrift store, and tackle light construction. Find out more at [baylife.org/samaritan](http://baylife.org/samaritan)

## Royal Family Kids Camp

*Counselor Application Deadline: February 28*

We need adult counselors willing to give a week of their summer (June 4-9, 2017) to be the hands of Jesus to the fatherless in our community. Royal Family Kids Camp is designed to give orphans a safe, caring environment where they will receive one-on-one attention and learn about God's love for them. Our first counselor training will be on Saturday, April 8. Apply online at [rfkctb.com](http://rfkctb.com) or e-mail [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org) for more information.

## Cold Weather Shelter

*Open when 32°F or below.*

Bay Life partners with other churches to provide shelter from the cold at the Brandon Recreation Center on the corner of Kingsway Rd. and Sadie St. Volunteers serve three or four-hour shifts throughout the night, serving the homeless of the greater Brandon area. To sign up or learn more information, email [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org).

## Family Promise

*Hosting families*

*February 19 – 26 & April 9 – 16*

Bay Life partners with other local churches to help families transition from homelessness to independence. You can help by volunteering to provide dinner or host these families in the Student Center during our evening (5:30-9pm) or overnight (9pm-6am) shifts. For volunteer opportunities and information, email [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org).

## Scrapbook & Crop

*Friday, April 21 // 6:30 – 11pm*

*Saturday, April 22 // 9am – 4:30pm*

Our scrapbooking weekend is great! There is food, make-and-take projects, and tons of fun! Your registration is tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit student camps and mission trips. For more info and to register, go to [baylife.org/scrapbook](http://baylife.org/scrapbook).

## Bay Life Car Show & Craft Fair

*Saturday, May 27 // 10am – 3pm*

The 12th Annual Car Show and Craft Fair will host more than 400 classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, and more from all over the US! Plus, there will be a craft fair with handmade and one-of-a-kind items, a live band, tons of food, and games for the kids. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family and join the party! Have a car worthy of competition? Register it today at [baylife.org/carshow](http://baylife.org/carshow).



## Seeds of Faith Community Garden

*Work Days: Second Saturday of each month // 8 – 10am*

The garden grows fresh produce for Brandon area food pantries. Please join us on garden work days to help those in need. All ages are welcome!

## Bay Life Missions Cafe

*Weekend services & special events*

Enjoy a delicious treat from the Missions Cafe. All proceeds help send students and adults on national and international mission trips. We are also in need of volunteers during our 9am and 10:45am services on Sundays. To volunteer, please e-mail [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org)

## Feed the Bay

*Saturday, March 25 // 7 – 8pm*

*Sunday, March 26 // 9am – 2pm*

Feed the Bay is a multi-church family outreach opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. With the help of 35+ churches throughout Greater Tampa, it takes less than five hours to shop, deliver, and stock our local food pantries. It is one of the best events to participate in and see how everyone and every gift makes a difference. Stay tuned for details at [feedthebay.org](http://feedthebay.org).

# THE CHAPEL

a ministry of  
Bay Life Church

[baylife.org/chapel](http://baylife.org/chapel)



The Chapel is Bay Life Church's campus, right down the road from us, in Mango, FL. Their weekend service is on Sunday mornings at 10:45am with Sunday School for adults at 9:30am. Each week, they also host a prayer meeting that incorporates teaching and worship on Wednesdays at 6pm.

Campus Pastor, Jon Weaver, and Worship Leader, Paul Humphreys, host a more traditional service with beautiful hymns featuring piano and organ accompaniment. As the newest ministry of Bay Life Church, we are excited to see what God will do through each of us at The Chapel. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities where you can use your gifts and talents to minister to kids and families at The Chapel. Jon Weaver is always available to field your questions at [jweaver@baylife.org](mailto:jweaver@baylife.org).



## TAKE NOTE - Photo & Video [baylife.org/photo](http://baylife.org/photo)

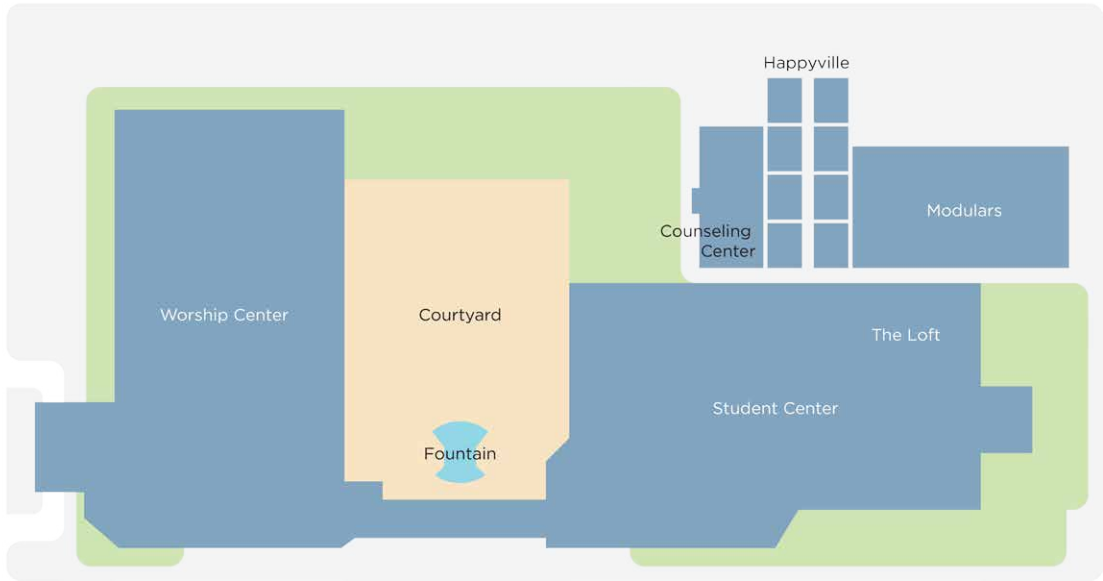
Bay Life photographers / videographers are often on campus to capture public moments from church events. If you have any concerns, or would like to request that you or your child's likeness not be used in our materials, please contact our Communications Director at [sstough@baylife.org](mailto:ssstough@baylife.org).

## Mobile Apps / Web / Social Media

Keep up with everything at Bay Life! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram @baylifechurch, download our mobile app at [baylife.org/mobile](http://baylife.org/mobile), and subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at [baylife.org](http://baylife.org).

# AROUND BAY LIFE

A quick guide of the rooms on our campus...



## **Worship Center (Building A)**

### **Lobby**

- Guest Services Desk
- Connections Central
- Missions Café
- Family Ministries + Life Groups Center

### **Groups Center**

- Cry Room
- Prayer Room
- Connections + Welcome Team Desk

### **Worship Center**

### **Staff Offices & Conference Room**

## **Student Center (Building B)**

### **Lobby**

- Student Café

### **Bay Life Kids & Lambkins Offices**

### **Student Worship Center**

### **The Loft**

### **Happyville**

Rooms 500–505

### **Modulars**

Counseling Center

Rooms 602–605

Women's Resource Center (Room 606)

\*\* There are fire extinguishers around the Worship Center and throughout our buildings. In addition, there are first aid kits and AEDs in the Worship Center and Student Center lobbies. In a case of emergency, please take note of the nearest exit to your location, keeping in mind that the closest exit may be behind you.

