



FALL 2017
GUIDEBOOK



Bay Life
CHURCH

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

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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

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.

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 DOWNLOADS

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

GIVING

baylife.org/give

Bay Life offers four ways to give financially:

- **Online** – Go to 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.



THE CHAPEL

MANGO CAMPUS



THE CHAPEL

baylife.org/chapel

ABOUT

The Chapel is Bay Life Church's campus, right down the road from us, in Mango, FL. The Chapel's weekend service is on Sunday mornings at 10:45am with Sunday School for adults at 9:30am. Each week, The Chapel also hosts 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 The Chapel. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities where you can use your gifts and talents to minister to kids and families. Jon Weaver is available to answer your questions at jweaver@baylife.org.



POWER OF PRAYER

The Chapel places high value on spending a concerted amount of time in corporate prayer throughout the week. We set aside time each week to lift our burdens and praises to the Lord in prayer. Every Wednesday, you are invited to join us at 6pm for a weekly prayer meeting in The Chapel worship center. Sunday morning services also have a time where we pause and allow people to pray in their seats or come forward and be prayed over by the church leadership.

SPIRIT-LED WORSHIP

Worship takes on many forms and styles. The Chapel incorporates a moderately traditional style of worship featuring classic hymns and a few modern worship songs. We prayerfully ask for the Holy Spirit to move in our worship and to allow each of us to experience Him in a very personal way. We currently have worship services on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:45am.



FAMILY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

At The Chapel, we welcome parents to come worship together with their kids and then split off for the last half of our time for Children's church. We also enjoy fellowship around good food. Our next Fellowship Dinners will be on August 20, October 15 and December 10. Sharing a meal together is a great way to get to know each other better and have a time of God-centered fellowship. On September 24, we will host our next Welcome Lunch right after service. This is a time to share who we are as a church and to answer your questions.

COMMUNITY FOCUSED

We believe that we have been placed by God in the Seffner/Mango community for a very specific reason. We are currently in the beginning stages of a partnership with Mango Elementary. We believe that this is just one of the ways that, by God's grace, we can pour into the lives of teachers and students alike. From helping in classrooms at reading time, to providing assistance in the cafeteria, this is just one specific way the The Chapel can begin to shine God's Light to the community.



THE
CHAPEL
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SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL AND HALOWEEN

Sunday, October 29 | 4:30 – 7:30pm

You and your family are invited to our community-wide Fall Festival! Bring your whole crew for acres of free games, gigantic inflatable bounce houses, delicious snacks, and fun-filled activities for all ages... and loads of candy! While you are here, take a trolley ride around campus to our 4th Annual HALOween. Enjoy fun skits designed to replace kids' fears with God's promises. Bring your friends as we light up the night at HALOween and the Fall Festival.

LADIES' 2017 FALL RETREAT - "PERFECT STORM"

Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17 | Tradewinds at St. Pete Beach

Make plans now to join us for our Fall 2017 retreat. 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 installment payments with a deposit at registration. Register at baylife.org/ladies.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR - "GATHER"

Saturday, December 2 | Tea 10:30am - 1pm | Bazaar 1-3pm | Bay Life Worship Center and Lobby

The Christmas Tea is our annual *ladies only* get together, where we can invite friends and family to enjoy a time for fellowship and fun while having formal tea. The Christmas Tea is a perfect time to invite that one woman who does not attend church or does not profess Jesus as their Savior. Each table is hosted and decorated by a member or attender of Bay Life. The church will provide food. Cost to attend is \$17. Look for the registration booth in the Worship Center lobby starting in October.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 23 | 6pm

Sunday, December 24 | 2pm, 4pm, 6pm

Christmas Eve is always something special at Bay Life Church. Featuring great music and a family friendly atmosphere, we will host one Saturday evening service and three Sunday afternoon/evening services. There will not be any Sunday morning services. Bay Life Kids will be available for children ages 5 and under for the 2pm and 4pm services only. The Chapel campus will have Sunday service at 10:45am.

Fall Fest

with
HALLOWEEN

Sunday, October 29 | 4:30-7:30pm

baylife.org/fall



SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



CONNECTIONS

baylife.org/membership

NEW HERE?

Stop by the “New Here?” table 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, August 20 – September 24 OR October 8 – November 5 | 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 being 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, values, and Statement of Faith. If you have questions, please contact Keith Williams at kwilliams@baylife.org. Register at baylife.org/membership.

BAPTISM 101

Saturday, Sept. 23 or Sunday, Sept. 24 | Baptisms: October 14 and 15
Saturday classes are 5pm and Sunday classes are during services | Conference Room

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

CONNECT TO SERVE

Sept. 10 - Oct. 29 | 9am

Find out how God has 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. Register at baylife.org/groups.

TEACHING DISCIPLERS HOW TO DISCIPLE

These are the courses that are available for discipler training through our discipleship app. Go to baylife.org/disciple to learn more.

Engaging God's Word: The Gospel of John

We need to spend regular time in God's Word, learning how to study and apply God's Word to our lives. John teaches us about the character of Christ as we develop regular spiritual habits.

Seven Truths Every Christian Should Know

In order to become more like Jesus, we must recognize the truth of Scripture regarding salvation, identity, victory over sin, forgiveness, answered prayers, God's will, and the choices we make.

Four Essential Practices of the Christian Life

What does it look like to be a disciple of Christ? A disciple can effectively meet with God in His Word. A disciple can talk with God. A disciple can tell others what he or she knows about faith matters. A disciple is an active, vital part of church body life through serving, giving, relationships, and worship.

Talking with God - The Basics of Prayer

A vibrant and fulfilling relationship doesn't happen without good communication. Prayer is our opportunity to speak intimately with our God. Learn how to pray with confidence, power, and without apprehension.

What We Believe... and Why

Can you tell people what you believe about God, man, eternity, Jesus Christ, salvation, eternal security, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, ministry, and worship? It is important for you to be able to give a reason for the hope you have in Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP

baylife.org/disciple

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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 Discipler, and learn from the wisdom and experience of those farther along the journey. Visit baylife.org/discipleship to find out more information or stop by our Discipleship tables in the lobby during the weekend services!

DISCIPLER TRAINING

Sunday, September 10 | 12:30 - 2:30pm
Thursday, October 5 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Are you ready to disciple another believer, or want to learn more about our discipleship process? Join us for our Discipler 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 so we can make preparations for you. Questions? Email Cindy Perkins, our Spiritual Journey Pastor, at cperkins@baylife.org.

REFOCUS

LEADERS RETREAT

Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28

Men, ladies, couples, leaders, disciples, discipleses; sometimes our glass is half-full... sometimes it's half-empty... sometimes we've upended the glass entirely and poured out everything we have left. In January 2018, we are heading to Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center for a time of renewal and soul focused restoration. Space is limited, so register today! Cost to attend is \$200 per person, two people per room. Early bird registration ends September 1 (deposit \$50). Beginning September 2, the deposit increases to \$100.



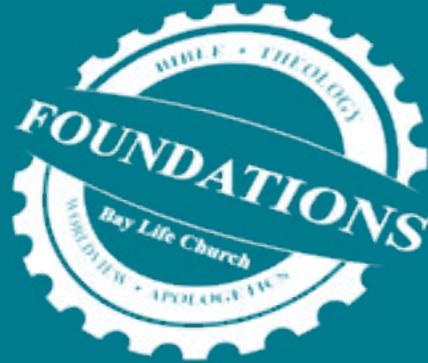
FOUNDATIONS

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.

Register at baylife.org/foundations



CHURCH HISTORY WITH TRAVIS LOWE

Tuesdays, Starting August 15 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

The experiences of Christians throughout the life of the church have great bearing on the doctrines to which contemporary churches subscribe. We take a look at the history of the Christian Church, the Councils that governed them, and the Creeds that have stood the test of time as the foundations of our faith.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY WITH CINDY PERKINS

Tuesdays, Starting August 15 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

The Christian church has a long tradition studying theology and doctrine organized around standard categories such as the Word of God, redemption, and Jesus Christ called *systematic theology*. This course uses a contemporary approach, treating subjects of special interest to the church today. Find out the "why", as well as the "what" of the doctrines of our faith.

THE PAULINE EPISTLES - PART 1 WITH JERRY CARPENTER

Sundays, Starting August 13 | 10:45am - 12pm

Paul was a master of theology, a pastor and mentor to many, and gave us a vision of what it means to be an effective missionary and church planter. Paul teaches us about the workings of the church, while calling us into deeper relationship with Christ. Step in and go deep.

THE GOSPEL WITH MIKE ADAMS

Sundays, Starting August 13 | 10:45am - 12pm

The Gospels tell the story of Jesus, each from a slightly different viewpoint. We look at the Gospels, seeking to understand the nuances of their similarities, and their differences, all while deepening our relationship with Christ.



FAMILY MINISTRIES



NURSERY + PRESCHOOL

baylife.org/preschool

NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL

Three months – Pre-K4 | All Services | Student Center

Your child 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-Sunday Class | Oct. 22 – Nov. 5 | 9 am | Room 604
Covenant Ceremony | Nov. 11 and 12 | 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 in October, you can register online at 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.

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, or 813.689.5101.



PARENTING RESOURCES

baylife.org/parents

BAY LIFE PARENT MINISTRY

Birth – 12th Grade | 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

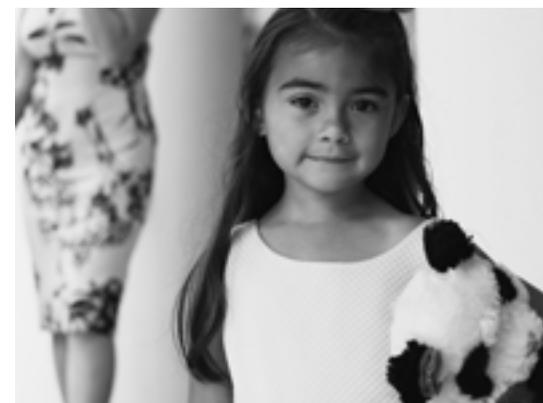
Birth – 12th Grade

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 lives. This great resource will help you better understand how to lead your children spiritually.

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!



**We are here to help you raise
your children to know and love
Jesus! Visit baylife.org/parents**



K-5TH GRADE

baylife.org/kids

BAY LIFE KIDS

K-4th 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 | October 1 & 8 | 9 am | Rm 604

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 that’s easy for kids to understand! A parent must attend with their child. baylife.org/firststep.

5TH 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-5th Grade | Starting August 23 | Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:15pm | Student Center*

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

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.

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!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

baylife.org/msm

6TH - 8TH 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

*Wednesday, August 16 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Worship Center*

Kick off the school year right with a night of fast-paced, interactive team challenges. Meet our awesome leaders and make new friends. Free food provided!



HIGH SCHOOL

baylife.org/hsm

LIFT: 9TH - 12TH GRADE

Sunday Nights | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Gather with high school students around the Brandon area to LIFT up and worship our almighty God through the teaching and singing of God's Word. Be encouraged to follow Jesus and build great friendships in small groups.



HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday, August 20 | 6:30 - 8:30pm | Worship Center

Kick off the school year right with a night of fast-paced, interactive team challenges. Meet our awesome leaders and make new friends. Free food provided!

REVOLVE WEEKEND

February 16 - 18, 2018

Revolve is a weekend away for 6th-12th graders to worship our great King. Next year's Revolve will be held at Camp Geneva in Fruitland Park, FL. We are bussing students up to Camp Geneva for an epic three day event! Archery tag, zipline, ropes course, late night games, team competitions and much more! **Registration begins in October.**

STUDENT MISSION TRIPS

Every summer, we send our students out and challenge them to grow as disciples and make disciples, as they surrender themselves to God, both here and around the world. Student mission trip applications will be available starting in November.

FOLLOW BAY LIFE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Instagram: /baylife_hsm

Facebook: /HSM - Bay Life Church

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



ADULT MINISTRIES



COLLEGE + CAREER

baylife.org/cc

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Thursdays | 7pm | Student Center

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

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.



COLLEGE + CAREER
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LIFE GROUPS

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LIFE GROUPS

New Semester Begins August 20

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 or fill out a Life Groups flyer in the Lobby after service. Please email questions to 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Thursdays, Aug. 24 - Oct. 19 | 7pm | Room 606

This 9-week course by Dave Ramsey is based on the godly principles of commitment and accountability to help you achieve financial peace. Through this course, you will learn how to dump debt, get control of your money, and learn new behaviors. This class is a jumping-off point to a whole new financial life! *Sign up for this group online at baylife.org/groups.*

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - LEGACY JOURNEY

Sundays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 29 | 9am | Room 606 | \$117

This is a 7-week, biblically based class that teaches you how to leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity, and more. *Pre-requisite:* attended Financial Peace University sessions - prefer participants be at Baby Step Three. Find out more and register at baylife.org/groups, or at Guest Services.

ALPHA

August 22 - November 7 | 7pm

The Loft - located in the Student Center

Alpha is a safe place to ask the BIG QUESTIONS about life. It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. To date, over 29 million people have participated in Alpha across the world. Everyone is welcome to discover their faith in Alpha. Childcare is available with registration. Sign up at baylife.org/alpha.



LADIES' MINISTRY

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.

LADIES' 2017 FALL RETREAT - "PERFECT STORM"

September 15 – 17 | Tradewinds at St. Pete Beach

How do you handle the storms of life? We all want to find that place in the center where the winds are still and the rain has ceased. Join us as we learn how to rest in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

August 26 | *The Centurion's Wife*

October 28 | *Outward Mindset*

Join our Ladies' Ministry for our next Book Club event. We read a new book and meet from 9-11am on Saturdays to discuss it. We find a tasty and fun location based on the number of people. It will be a great time of fun, laughs, and discussion. So please be sure to register online at baylife.org/ladies, if you are interested.

LADIES' ART COLLECTIVES

October 21 | 1pm | Room 603

In the Ladies' Art Collective, we take time to learn a new craft. A lady from our Bay Life church family will share her passion and expertise with us. We invite all ladies to join us for this relaxing time. We will meet Saturday, October 21, at 1pm in room 603. Register online at baylife.org/ladies.



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - "PERFECT LOVE"

Wednesdays | Starting August 23 | 9am or 6:30pm

We all desire to be loved. How wonderful if we could find that Perfect Love. In first, second, and third John we see God as love and how He showed His great love to the world. Join us as we learn about Perfect Love this fall in Ladies' Bible Study. You can join us beginning Wednesday, August 23 at 9am or 6:30pm.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR - "GATHER"

Saturday, December 2 | Tea 10:30 - 1pm Bazaar 1-3pm
Bay Life Worship Center and Lobby

The Ladies' Christmas Tea is held each year. It is a time when ladies' can invite friends and family to enjoy a time for fellowship and fun while having formal tea. This is a perfect time to invite that friend who does not attend church or does not know Jesus as their Savior. The church will provide food and each table is hosted and decorated by a member or attender of Bay Life. Cost to attend is \$17.

MEN'S MINISTRY

baylife.org/men

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We're here to help men become the leaders, husbands, and fathers God created us to be! To find out more about the Bay Life Men's Ministry, go to baylife.org/men.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - REAL MEN | REAL LIFE

Mondays | 7-9pm | The Loft

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8:30pm | Missions Cafe

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". We host two weekly groups, Mondays at 7pm (in the Loft) and Wednesdays at 6:30pm (in the Missions Cafe). 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 or contact Scott Ranck at sranck@baylife.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY BBQ KICKOFF EVENT

August 21 and 23 | Mondays 7 pm | Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Bay Life's Men's Ministry is kicking off the fall semester in style! Join us for some barbecue and get to know us! Our Men's Ministry meets in the Student Center Loft on Monday nights at 7pm and the Worship Center Lobby on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. For more information, email Men's Ministry Coordinator, Scott Ranck, at sranck@baylife.org.



CARE + COUNSELING

baylife.org/counseling

PRAYER + PRAYER PARTNERS

baylife.org/prayer

At Bay Life, we believe prayer is powerful, effective, and serves as a principal 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).

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.

Anytime you need prayer, you can send an email to prayer@baylife.org, submit a prayer request at 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.



COUNSELING CENTER

baylife.org/counseling | 813.319.0183

Bay Life's 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.

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.

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.

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

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, or contact Genevieve LoCicero at breakthrough@baylife.org.

Emotional Wholeness Support Group

Thursdays, Sept. 14 - Dec. 7

This group will present a Biblical perspective on human emotionality. Together, we'll learn to balance emotions and respond properly to the emotions of others.

Anger Workshop Group

Thursdays, Sept. 14 - Dec. 7

We all deal with anger in our lives whether it be in a subtle or violent manner. Join us as we uncover myths about anger, identify the causes, and learn how to manage anger with God's help.

GriefShare

Sept. 14 - Dec. 10

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.

Bay Life recognizes that the holiday season can present additional challenges, which is why we offer a special seminar on November 9. **GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays.**

DivorceCare

Sept. 10 - Dec. 10

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.

Bay Life recognizes that the holiday season can present additional challenges, which is why we offer a special seminar on November 12. **DivorceCare - Surviving the Holidays.**

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.

TECH + PRODUCTION ARTS

TECH 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 involve an interview with the Technical Director. We are always looking for great team players who are willing to learn and have a desire to share their skills. Email 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 email worship@baylife.org for more information.

FALL WORSHIP ARTS KICK-OFF

August 27 | 6pm | Worship Center

Join us for the annual Worship Arts Kick-Off. We will serve food and have some great fellowship. Anyone who is a part of Worship Arts or has an interest in joining the Worship Arts Team is invited. Please RSVP at worship@baylife.org.

WORSHIP TEAM

VOCALISTS

Thursdays | 6pm – 7pm

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

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Thursdays | 8:45pm

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, and model outstanding Christian character. **By audition only.** Please email worship@baylife.org to set up an audition and interview with our Worship Pastor.

2017 CHOIR SEASON

Resumes September 7

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.



MISSIONS
+ OUTREACH



MISSIONS

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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.

FALL + WINTER MISSION TRIPS

Every year, Bay Life sends out 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 and join us in praying for our mission teams as they go out this fall and winter.

Oct. 14 - 29 | Village of Hope, Uganda

Oct. 19 - 28 | Alarm Ministries, Uganda

Oct. 28 - Nov. 4 | La Providencia, Honduras

Nov. 17 - 26 | 20 Schemes, Scotland (College + Career)

Jan. 5 - 13 | Good News in Action, Guatemala

For a current listing of, and to apply for, short-term mission trips, please visit baylife.org/global. *Note: Student missions applications and trips are run through our Middle and High School Ministries.*



SCRAPBOOK AND CROP

Friday, October 6 | 6:30 – 11pm

Saturday, October 7 | 9am – 5pm

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.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Open when 32°F or below.

Volunteers are needed to serve at the Brandon Recreation Center on the corner of Kingsway Rd. and Sadie St. We open an emergency shelter for the homeless when temperatures reach 32°F or below. Volunteers serve three or four hour shifts throughout the night. New volunteer orientation will be held on November 7 at 7pm at the Brandon Recreation Center. To sign up, or for more information, please e-mail missions@baylife.org.

GREATER BRANDON GIFT OF HOPE

Christmas: Thursday, Dec. 14 - Saturday, Dec. 16

Bay Life partners with local churches in Gift of Hope, a program that provides Christmas meals and presents to over 800 needy families in the area. We need your help! Bay Life will be collecting boxed mashed potatoes and gravy packets as well as unwrapped presents (age range to be announced). Last day of collection will be December 10. Visit brandongiftofhope.com for details, registration dates, and to reserve your time to volunteer.

SEEDS OF FAITH - COMMUNITY GARDEN

Opens Sept. 9 for the 2017-2018 season

Work Days: Second Saturday of each month | 8-10am

The garden grows fresh produce for Brandon area food pantries. We have donated over 2,000 pounds of fresh produce every garden season. On garden work days, people of all ages and experience levels are invited to help provide food for those in need in the Brandon area. Plot rentals for the season are \$60 each; those who agree to volunteer for at least six hours during the season receive a discounted rate of \$35. Those interested in volunteering can join us the second Saturday of every month, 8-10am.

BAY LIFE MISSIONS CAFE

Open during Sunday morning services.

Enjoy a delicious treat from the Missions Café! All proceeds help send students and adults on mission trips. The café is open during our 9am and 10:45 am services on Sundays. To volunteer, please e-mail missions@baylife.org.

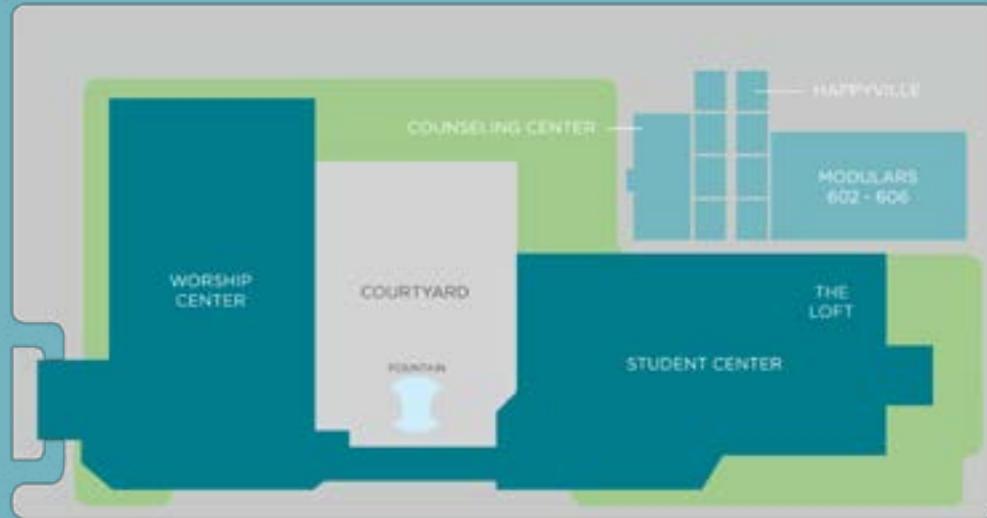
FAMILY PROMISE

Host weeks: Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 & Dec. 17 - 24

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 (5:30pm - 9pm) or overnight (9pm-6am) shifts. For volunteer opportunities and information, e-mail missions@baylife.org.

AROUND BAY LIFE

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



Worship Center (Building A)

Lobby

- Guest Services Desk
- New Here?
- 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.

PHOTO AND VIDEO

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).

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