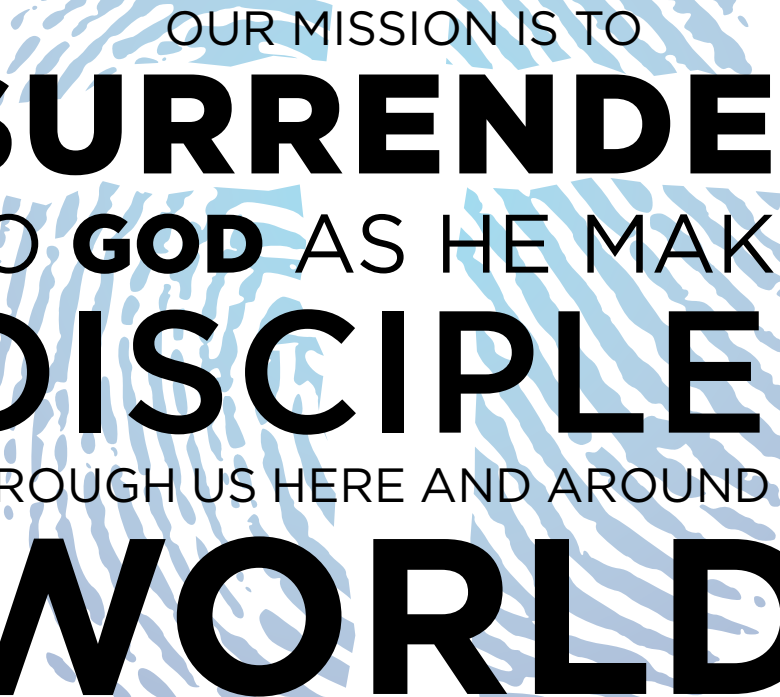




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*Guide Book*

**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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# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## WHO WE ARE

Twenty-one years ago, God called a group of Christ-followers to plant Bay Life Church. They built Bay Life on a foundation of authentic community, relevant worship, and most importantly, God's grace.

Since raising out that first shovel of dirt, God has blessed our efforts to share the Gospel 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

## WEEKEND SERVICES

### Worship

*Saturdays // 6pm | Sundays // 8, 9:30, & 11am*

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

### Communicate Card

We want to get to know you! Our Communicate Cards are all over the Worship Center. Use the card to tell us about yourself, ask for prayer, send a message to our staff and elders, update your contact information, or request information about ministries and events.

### Worship Stations

In our efforts to actively worship God together, we've placed worship stations around our Worship Center. The prayer cross, communion, and 'Names in the Wall' (those for whom you are praying) 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.

### Deaf Interpretation

American Sign Language is offered during the 9:30am 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 9:30am service. Pick up a translation device at the Guest Services desk 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).

### Lost and Found

Drop by the Guest Services desks in the Worship Center Lobby or the Student Center Lobby to check for any items you may have misplaced.



## GIVING

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

Bay Life offers four ways to make a financial contribution:

- You can give online by going to [baylife.org](http://baylife.org) and click on “Online Giving” at the top of our homepage. Follow the instructions to make a secure contribution. You can make a one-time gift or schedule a recurring contribution.
- On weekends, give when the offering baskets are passed during worship services.
- On weekends, drop your offering in one of the wall boxes as you leave the Worship Center.
- During the week, 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.

### Rise Up - Home Stretch

We're in the final year of our giving campaign to be a debt-free church and eliminate a \$3.5 million mortgage. To find out more, visit [baylife.org/riseup](http://baylife.org/riseup). To make a financial commitment to Rise Up, contact Jody Sauer at [jsauer@baylife.org](mailto:jsauer@baylife.org) or 813.661.3696 X222.

## TAKE NOTE

### Photography & Videography

Most weeks, photographers and videographers are on campus to capture moments from church events and programs. If you'd like to request that you or your child's photo not be used in print materials or on the web, please email our Communications Director at [sstough@baylife.org](mailto:ssstough@baylife.org).

### Mobile Apps, Web, and Social Media

You can keep up with everything at Bay Life by following us on Twitter @baylifechurch, “like” us on Facebook at [facebook.com/BayLifeChurchBrandon](https://facebook.com/BayLifeChurchBrandon), download our mobile app at [baylife.org/mobile](http://baylife.org/mobile), and subscribe to our email newsletter at [baylife.org](http://baylife.org) or text ENEWS to 31-31-31.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fall Festival + Halo-ween

*Sunday, October 25 // 5pm-8pm*

Our campus will be packed with carnival games, bounce houses, live entertainment, and more! And of course, there will be TONS of free candy for the kids!



This year we will feature the 3rd Annual Halo-ween, a fun mix of Bible stories and trick or treating! We will present the Bible in a way you and your kids will never forget — because without Jesus, life would be SCARY!

### REVOLVE Weekend

*Friday - Sunday, November 13 - 15*

A weekend for students grades 6-12, with worship, games, sermons, small groups, food, time with friends, sleeping in host homes, and TONS OF FUN! Registration opens September 15. Find out more at [baylife.org/revolve!](http://baylife.org/revolve!)



### Ladies' Christmas Tea & Bazaar

*Saturday, December 5 // 10:30am-3pm // \$15 per ticket*  
*Tickets go on sale November 1*

Join us for Bay Life's Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar. This year's theme is “Steeped”. Life is full of “stuff”, but a life steeped in Christ provides direction and peace. Invite your friends and come have a blast with us.







# CONNECTIONS

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

## WELCOME LUNCH

*September 27 + November 15 // 12:30–3:30pm // The Loft*

Welcome Lunch provides an overview of Bay Life's beliefs and operational structure and is perfect for anyone thinking about church membership. Most importantly, it's a great way for us to meet you and answer any questions you might have about Bay Life!

**Register at the Guest Services desk in the Worship Center lobby, or at [baylife.org/welcomelunch](http://baylife.org/welcomelunch).**

Childcare is provided, if needed. Just let us know when you register!



## BAPTISM WEEKENDS

- *Saturday, September 12 + Sunday, September 13*
- *Saturday, November 7 + Sunday, November 8*

## BAPTISM 101

*October 17 // 5pm // Worship Center Lobby*

*October 18 // 8, 9:30 or 11am // Conference Room*

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision of a believer's trust in Jesus for forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation.

If you're interested in baptism at Bay Life, then attend Baptism 101! **To register online, visit**

**[baylife.org/baptism](http://baylife.org/baptism) or email [connections@baylife.org](mailto:connections@baylife.org).**

*You must attend Baptism 101 to be baptized at Bay Life.*

## CORE CLASSES

After you've attended Welcome Lunch, it's important you start laying a strong foundation for spiritual success. Life Steps, Connect To Serve, and Talking To God are Bay Life's "core classes" — they're your next steps for plugging into the church.

### Life Steps

*Sundays, September 13 - November 1 // 11am*

Getting back to the basics of Christianity is one of the best ways a believer can regain spiritual focus, and that's our aim in Life Steps — to help you refocus on building an intimate relationship with Jesus.

We'll discuss the mission and vision of Bay Life Church in-depth and share some of the most effective Bible study methods.

### Connect to Serve

*Sundays, September 13 - November 1 // 11am*

It's our goal to help you find a place of ministry that lets you use the gifts God has given you to bless others!

In Connect To Serve — through personality and spiritual gifts assessments, scripture study, prayer, and personal reflection — we'll help you figure out how you can live your life with true eternal purpose!

### Talking with God

*Sundays, September 13 - November 1 // 11am*

This class reinforces the truth that prayer is a relationship, not a ritual. As a believer, you have open access to your Heavenly Father and are free to be honest with Him — He's here to empower you as a spiritual warrior!

Join us as we learn the basics of prayer.

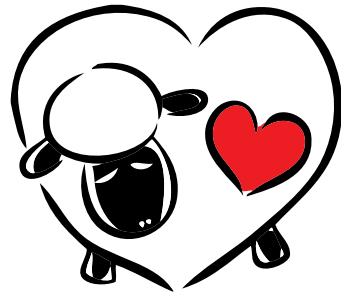
**Go to [baylife.org/core](http://baylife.org/core) to find out more information about our classes.**

# NURSERY + PRESCHOOL

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*3 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!



## Parent/Child Dedication

*Saturday, November 21 // 6pm*

*Sunday, November 22 // 8, 9:30 & 11am*

The next parent/child dedication is scheduled for November 21 & 22. You may pick up an application at Guest Services in either lobby. Completed applications need to be turned in no later than November 8. For more information, contact Betsy Lowe at [blowe@baylife.org](mailto:blowe@baylife.org) or 661.3696, ext. 234.

## Lambkins Preschool

*3 months - K4 // Monday - Friday // 7am - 6pm*

Lambkins is a licensed day-care and preschool that provides quality care and education. For more information, contact Vicki Rogers at [vrogers@baylife.org](mailto:vrogers@baylife.org) or 813.689.5101.



# BAY LIFE KIDS

baylife.org/kids



## BAY LIFE KIDS

*K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade // Student Center // 9:30 & 11am*

*Exceptional Student Services // Sundays // 9:30am*

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

*Sunday, October 18 + Sunday, October 25 // 9:30am*

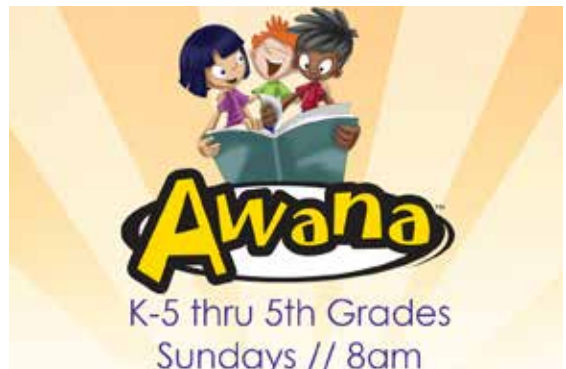
If your child is in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade and they're asking questions about salvation, baptism, or communion, then sign up for Kids First Step! The two-week class explains the basics of Christianity in a cool, kid-friendly way! For more info or to register, email Tammy Paul at [tpaul@baylife.org](mailto:tpaul@baylife.org). A parent must attend with their child.

## AWANA

*K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade // All Services // Student Center // 8am*

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 his/her book for the year (\$15). *If you volunteer weekly at Bay Life, we want to encourage your family by purchasing your child's book for you!*

We'll also provide awards and badges to all of our AWANA members, as well as new student supplies. Uniforms (not required) will be available for purchase (Sparks \$10, T&T \$15) and are made to display the awards and badges earned during the year. For more information and to sign up, visit [baylife.org/AWANA](http://baylife.org/AWANA).



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

*Sundays // 9:30am // Student Center*

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.

# STUDENTS

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



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

*Sundays // 9:30am // The Loft*

*Wednesdays // 6:30–8:30pm // The Loft*

We want middle school students to own their faith and realize their relationship with Christ is no longer about what mom and dad believe, but instead it's about what "I" believe. We motivate our middle schoolers to take personal responsibility for their spiritual health and growth, and to take the Great Commission seriously.

Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night, our students experience a combination of worship, games, a challenging message, and small group interaction.

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

*Sundays // 11am // The Loft*

*Wednesdays // 6:30–8:30pm // The Loft*

Now it's 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 these few years of high school could set the trajectory for the rest of their life. Let us help you guide your student in the way they should go!

## Missions Trips 2016 Middle and High School

Applications will be available in the middle of October.





# **REVOLVE**

Presented By:  

NOVEMBER 13-14, 2015

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

REVOLVE is a weekend for students in grades 6-12, with worship, games, sermons, small group time, fun with friends, sleeping in host homes, and MORE! Registration begins September 2. If you register by October 4, you can save big and get a free t-shirt. Registration closes October 25.

# COLLEGE + CAREER

[baylife.org/c&c](http://baylife.org/c&c)



## **The Lowe Down**

Check out [baylife.org/lowedown](http://baylife.org/lowedown) for times/dates

The Lowe Down is hosted by our College and Career Ministry Pastor, Travis Lowe. The New Testament is filled with appeals to preserve and pass on the faith to the next generation. But, what are the basics of this faith, and how can we be sure to cover all the bases? In the Lowe Down, we examine the foundational truths of Christianity, and how they relate to the Bible's teaching about who we are and who Christ is.

Our team is constantly updating times and dates for the next Lowe Down sessions. Check out [baylife.org/lowedown](http://baylife.org/lowedown) or [baylife.org/c&c](http://baylife.org/c&c) for more info!



## **IMPACT**

*Sunday // 6pm // Student Center*

College and early career is when adults begin to decide for themselves what to hold on to and what to leave behind. For many, their faith is one of the things to go.

It's usually not an intentional break, but rather a slow process brought about by the lack of community with other believers. College and career-aged adults experience a barrage of new influences, conflicting ideas and concepts, and expanding life experience, all of which can challenge their faith in Jesus. For many, faith becomes "just a phase" from their youth.

Our College and Career ministry serves as a community where, together, adults ages 18-28 can meet as a community to support, learn, and grow with each other and in their faith. Our goal is to create and equip a community of believers that are devoted to fellowship and accountability, and are passionate about knowing and understanding God's Word.

# ADULTS

## LADIES' MINISTRY

Join the women of Bay Life as we dig into the Bible to discover practical ways we can bring glory to God in every area of life. We'll laugh, cry, share successes and struggles, and pray one another through this crazy, exhausting, beautiful life!

### Ladies' Bible Study - Fall

*Wednesdays // 9am or 7pm*  
*Sundays // 8am*

Join us for our Fall study, "Alive! The Rhythms of a Godly Life." We will look at God's design for us in this world. Ladies' Bible Study is open to women of all ages and childcare is available. Go to [baylife.org/ladies](http://baylife.org/ladies) or contact Jayne Busch at [ebusch@baylife.org](mailto:ebusch@baylife.org), for more information.

### Ladies's Fall Retreat - I've Got Rhythm

*Friday, September 18 // 7-9:30pm*  
*Saturday, September 19 // 8am-4pm*

Save the date for this "can't miss" event! Cost includes a dinner, continental breakfast, snacks, box lunch and giveaways. Explore your individual rhythms as we come together as a symphony of believers. Last minute registration available for \$85 through September 10. Go to [baylife.org/rhythm](http://baylife.org/rhythm) for more!

### Ladies's Christmas Tea & Bazaar

*Saturday, December 5 // 10:30am-3pm*  
*\$15 per ticket // [baylife.org/tea](http://baylife.org/tea)*

Ladies, make plans now to join us for Bay Life's Annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar. This year's theme is "Steeped". Life is full of difficulties and blessings, but a life steeped in Christ provides direction and peace. Invite your friends and come have a blast with us. Hostess registration opens October 4 and ticket sales begin November 1.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

We're here to help men become the leaders, husbands, and fathers God created us to be!

### Men's Life Group - Real Men | Real Life

*Mondays // 7-9pm // The Loft*  
*Wednesdays // 6:30-8:30pm // Missions Cafe*

Monday and Wednesday men's groups will focus on real men and real life. Each week, throughout this semester, we'll be focusing on how to move beyond the roadblocks that hold us back from becoming the "Real Men" that we are meant to be.

### Men's Fall Retreat - The Key

*October 23-25*

Registration is open! Plan to join us at Amoray Dive Resort in Key Largo! Snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking, fishing, and great food make this a can't-miss event. Plus, you'll hear three Lifers talk about how the Lord is working in their lives, and what that means for you. For more information, go to [baylife.org/thekey](http://baylife.org/thekey) or email Scott Ranck at [srnck@baylife.org](mailto:srnck@baylife.org).



# ADULTS

## LIFE GROUPS

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

Each week, hundreds of Lifers meet in small communities to learn about God, pray, laugh, and live. These are Life Groups and they're at the heart of our church, and are the best way to form strong, lasting relationships with other followers of Christ.

### Want To Lead A Life Group?

Ever considered leading a small group of people as they study God's Word? We'd love to explore that possibility with you! We'll provide all of the training you need, and support you throughout the leadership process... interested? **Contact Life Groups at [lifegroups@baylife.org](mailto:lifegroups@baylife.org) to find out more.**

### Life Group Leader Training

*Sunday, November 8 // 2:30 or 5:30pm*

If you are an existing / prospective life group leader or hosts: we are gearing up for a great fall semester for Life Groups. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for leadership development and logistical instructions. Email [lifegroups@baylife.org](mailto:lifegroups@baylife.org), for more information and to register.



### Building Relationships

Who are you caring for? Who is caring for you? Who are you encouraging? Who is encouraging you? Time to think about joining a Life Group.

## Marriage Retreat - Rekindle

*January 29-31 // Tradewinds Resort // St. Pete Beach*

Make plans now to join us as we seek to strengthen great marriages and breathe new life into struggling marriages. Whether you have recently married or have been married for 50 years, get encouragement and a breath of fresh air from this great getaway.

Registration begins September 6 and cost is \$500 until October 26, 2015. After that date, cost will be \$600. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit. For more information, check out [baylife.org/couples](http://baylife.org/couples).



## The Fellowship of the Believers

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people." - Acts 2:42-46



**Fall 2015**

# **Life Groups**

## **At-A-Glance**

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**Bay Life**  
CHURCH

# MISSIONS

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

## Our Charter

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)

## Our Template

We look to our neighborhoods, communities, and beyond our borders. We're moving from relief (meeting immediate and crisis needs) to restoration (helping those we reach find firm footing to walk in God's plan). In our mission to be intentional Christ followers, we focus beyond the symptoms, to the heart of a problem, and help others experience true life change.

## Our Focus

- **The hungry** in our Jerusalem — Brandon, FL
- **The orphan** in our Judea — State of Florida
- **The powerless** in our Samaria — Migrant community
- And we train **the leaders**, our Ugandan partners — our “end of the earth”

## Local and Global Missions Trips

Every year, Bay Life sends out adult and student short-term missions trips to spread the gospel, do construction, teach others, and reach out to a world in need. This is one of the ways we serve God in our mission to make disciples here and around the world.

We have adult missions to Honduras in the fall and the spring and Uganda in the summer. Missions applications are accepted 6 months prior to each trip and you can go to [baylife.org/missions](http://baylife.org/missions) or email [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org) for more information. Student missions are run through our Family Ministries (Middle & High School).

## Community Outreach Events

### Crafters' Yardsale

*Saturday, October 3 // 10am-3pm*

Find a treasure — scrapbooking supplies include Stampin' Up, Graphic 45, and other quality products — or sell your unwanted supplies of all kinds! Rent space for \$10 and a table for an additional \$10 (All rental fees are tax deductible and benefit student camps and mission trips). Visit [baylife.org/yardsale](http://baylife.org/yardsale) for more information and to register.

### Orphan Awareness Weekend

*Saturday, October 3 + Sunday, October 4*

During and after worship, learn what Bay Life is doing to minister to orphans, discover opportunities to impact an orphan's life, and talk with representatives from domestic and international adoption agencies.



### Weekend Scrapbook & Crop

*Friday, October 9 + Saturday, October 10 // \$35*

Food, make-and-take projects, and tons of fun! Your registration is tax deductible and all proceeds benefit student camps and mission trips. Visit [baylife.org/scrapbook](http://baylife.org/scrapbook) for more and to register. Sign up before September 15 and get \$5 off registration.

## Greater Brandon Gift of Hope

Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21  
Thursday, December 17 - Saturday, December 19

Bay Life partners with local churches in Gift of Hope, a program that provides 500 Thanksgiving meals and 800 Christmas meals to needy families. We need your help! Visit [brandongiftofhope.com](http://brandongiftofhope.com) for details, registration dates, and to reserve your time.



## Seeds Of Faith Community Garden

Free Seed Kit Opening Day  
Sunday, August 30 // After Service

Come out and visit the garden on opening day and get a free seed starter kit. Bring your family, come hear our vision, and see how you can help feed your family and those in need here in our community.



## Family Promise

Hosting families on September 6-13 & November 15-22

Bay Life partners with other local churches to help families who are transitioning from homelessness to independence. During our hosting dates, 2-4 families will stay overnight in our Student Center. You can help by volunteering to provide dinner or host these families from 5:30-9:00pm or 9:00am-6:00pm during this week. For information and volunteer opportunities, email [missions@baylife.org](mailto:missions@baylife.org)



## Bay Life Missions Cafe

Between Sunday services and special events

Enjoy a delicious treat from the Missions Cafe. All proceeds help send students and adults on national and international mission trips. A simple coffee can help put a dent in the price of a plane ticket to the Village of Hope in Uganda!

# CARE & RECOVERY

Being Christ's Hands And Feet In A Broken World



BAY LIFE PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

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

The Bay Life Pastoral Counseling Center is directed by our Associate Pastor, Jon Weaver, and Care Pastor, Brenton Shepard, and provides quality Biblical counseling to individuals and families, helping clients find emotional, spiritual, and mental restoration. Our goal is to help people be free to fulfill the purposes for which God has uniquely designed them.

Certified Counselors

- **Ilene Stubbs**  
Pre-marital, marital, individual, and family counseling
- **Tom Sledd**  
Addictions, intervention services, and individual counseling
- **Philip Bockemeier**  
Adolescents, families, and addictions counseling
- **Genevieve LoCicero**  
Breakthrough support groups coordinator, individual counseling

## Premarital Counseling

*Sunday, August 9-September 27 //9:30am*

*Private Couples' Counseling Also Available*

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 will 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 by calling the Counseling Center at 813.319.0183.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

[wrctampa.org](http://wrctampa.org)  
813.661.3696 X242

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.



WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

## BREAKTHROUGH GROUPS

Sundays // 9:30am

Thursdays // 7pm

Don't be trapped into thinking you're the only one experiencing your current feelings, that no one understands, or that circumstances will never change!

Breakthrough Support Groups provide safe, confidential, and caring environments where you can feel comfortable and safe talking about your struggles and grow toward wholeness.

Check [baylife.org/breakthrough](http://baylife.org/breakthrough) for group openings.

### DivorceCare

Sundays // Room 602

This group can help you on your journey toward recovery from divorce. You'll find caring people who understand the issues you face. We meet weekly to help you face these challenges and rebuild your life.

### Boundaries

Thursdays // The Loft

Do people take advantage of you? Do you have trouble saying no or when someone tells you no? You will learn appropriate boundaries and personal property lines that influence all areas of your life.

### GriefShare

Thursdays // The Loft

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. We will help you process your loss.

### Shelter From the Storm

Thursdays // The Loft

Shelter From the Storm tells the stories of many survivors and their journeys to recovery from the trauma of sexual abuse, as we help you walk through your own personal healing.

### The Anger Workbook

Thursdays // The Loft

We all deal with anger in our lives that can involve such emotional responses as frustration, irritability, annoyance, aggravation, blowing off steam, or fretting. The good news is that anger can be managed.

Register for any of these groups online or contact Genevieve LoCicero at [breakthrough@baylife.org](mailto:breakthrough@baylife.org).

# PRAYER

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



## PRAYER

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.

### [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) or submit a prayer request at [baylife.org/prayer](http://baylife.org/prayer). There, you can also view prayer requests, indicate that you prayed for a specific request, share a request via social media, and send a note to the person who requested prayer.



# WORSHIP ARTS

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



Through music, we hope to accomplish two things: worship our great God, and lead our people in doing the same. We do this by seeking to play music that is beautiful, aesthetically pleasing, and teaches the truth of the Scriptures. We want people to genuinely understand who God is and what He has done through Jesus Christ.

## 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 contact Ben Diehl at [bdiehl@baylife.org](mailto:bdiehl@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. Email Ben Diehl at [bdiehl@baylife.org](mailto:bdiehl@baylife.org) to set up an audition and interview with our Worship Pastor.

## Choir

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

Our choir ministry is the heart of the Bay Life Worship Arts community. Choir members enjoy great relationships and fellowship with friends who have a passion for worship. The choir sings in our worship services monthly and will participate in 2-3 major events each year. No audition is necessary and childcare is available (with registration).



## Technical and Production Arts

### Technical Team

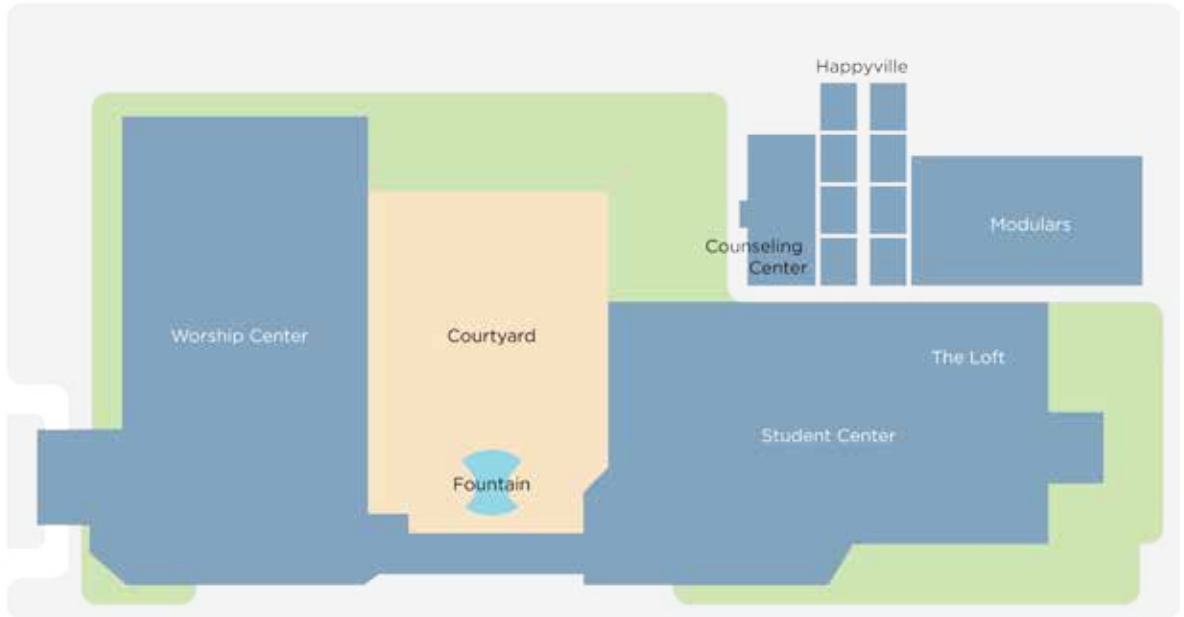
Our tech team provides audio, video, and lighting for each service and special events. They are integral our church family in creating meaningful worship experiences. We have opportunities on the technical arts team. Individuals will interview with the Technical Director and must be team players with a desire to learn and share their skills.

### 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 Ben Diehl at [bdiehl@baylife.org](mailto:bdiehl@baylife.org) for more information.

# FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

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

### **Sanctuary**

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

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

### **Lobby**

- Student Café

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

### **Student Worship Center**

### **The Loft**

### **Happyville**

Rooms 500–507

### **Modulares**

Counseling Center

Rooms 601–606

Women's Resource Center



**Bay Life**  
CHURCH

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Service Times:

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11am