



THE WELL CHURCH

STORY

The Well Church was born out of a desire to see people who are spiritually thirsty find satisfaction in Jesus. The name of our church comes from a story in John 4 in which Jesus meets a woman who was alone at a well in the heat of the day. She was retrieving water to satisfy her physical thirst, but Jesus knew that she had a spiritual longing that had yet to be satisfied. She looked for satisfaction in religion and in unhealthy relationships, but to no avail. Ultimately, she was a sinner in need of a savior and nothing in the world would be able to satisfy her apart from Christ.

In his kindness, Jesus exposed her sin but he also revealed to her who he was. He was the Christ, the One who could give her living water that would satisfy her longings! In her joy, she ran to tell others of this Jesus who is the Savior of the world!

This is our hope. That people would receive living water through a relationship with Jesus. So many people around us have tried religion, relationships, work, money, comfort, etc. but nothing seems to satisfy. Only Jesus saves. Only Jesus satisfies. And it is our ambition to make much of Jesus, for the good of people and the glory of God.

The Well Church began with four families in a living room. Those families began to pray and fast, asking God to give clarity and wisdom so that The Well Church would be planted according to His will, for his glory. Over the years, God has been faithful to his church, as he always has been and always will be. We have seen people come to faith in Christ, we have seen our church grow from four families to what it is today. We have seen people celebrate life's joys and mourn life's sorrows. And through it all, God has been faithful. We have watched as God has taken a group of people who had little in common and knit us into a family who all have Jesus in common.

God continues to write the story of The Well. We are not perfect, but the author is. And we are hopeful that God will continue to do more than we know how to ask or even imagine. We long for revival and renewal. To that end, we are committed to planting more churches and to be a praying church, who is seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

In the beginning of 2021, after a tumultuous and confusing year, The Well Church adopted a new statement that will guide us for years to come: To pursue the power and presence of God for the renewal of all things. And as we work and pray towards this end, we know that Christ will return to make all things new. And we will be completely satisfied as we enjoy his presence forever.

Amen.

VISION

Our vision is to be a church that welcomes people into friendship with us and with God. We desire to see people from all walks of life come into our community and have an encounter with Jesus and find belonging in his church.

In addition to this, we believe that the church ought to be a people who are in community with one another for the purpose of spiritual formation. That is, as we follow Jesus together, we ought to be made more like him.

We carry out our vision through a few simple rhythms:

Community Groups: Community Groups are intended to provide purposeful connection of believers with the goal of growing in love for Jesus, for each other and for our neighbors.

Sunday Worship Gathering: We gather weekly to worship God together and to be reminded of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our liturgy—everything from the welcome, to the singing, to communion and the sermon are all important components of our gathering that point us to Christ and remind us of the gospel.

Prayer Meetings: Multiple times each week, we have prayer gatherings in which we spend time praying for one another and for others. We believe in the power of prayer because we believe in the power of God.

Special Called Gatherings: From time to time, we will have other opportunities for people to engage in for the sake of their spiritual health. These gatherings include Word and Worship nights, Men's and Women's Retreats, Church-wide Prayer nights, and more.

VALUES

As we live out our vision, we desire for these six cultural values to shape and form us into a people who make much of Jesus:

A Culture of Grace

As we have been transformed by the grace of God, we seek to extend grace to those around us.

A Culture of Hospitality

As God has been hospitable to us, inviting us into his family, we want to be hospitable to others. Hospitality is how we love our neighbors and show others the love of God.

A Culture of Empowerment

As we are empowered by the Spirit, we empower men and women to lead in the church and city.

A Culture of Family

As we are reconciled to God and adopted as His sons and daughters, we are also reconciled to one another as brothers and sisters in the family of God.

A Culture of Prayer

As we have been made sons and daughters of God, we have been invited to seek God through prayer, asking him to do what we can't and trusting his goodness in all things.

A Culture of Joy

As co-heirs with Christ, and believing that our sin has been forgiven and our future has been secured, we can rejoice in all things, for the God who is making all things new delights in us.

BASIC BELIEFS

The Scriptures are true, authoritative and sufficient.

(Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

There is only one true God, Creator of heaven and earth, who eternally exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *(Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 46:9-10; Matthew 28:17-20; John 17:3; 1 Timothy 2:5)*

All things exist for the glory of God. *(Psalm 148; Proverbs 16:4; Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 1:3-14)*

All humanity, Christ excluded, is sinful by both birth and action. *(Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 5:8; Ephesians 2:13)*

The deserved penalty for sin is physical and spiritual death. *(Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 5:12, 6:23; James 1:14-15)*

Jesus Christ is the eternal son of God. He was born of a virgin and is both fully God and fully human. *(Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:52; John 1:14; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:13)*

Jesus Christ died as the sacrificial substitute to pay the penalty for sin. (*John 1:29; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)

Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will one day physically return.(*Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:18; Luke 24; 1 Corinthians 15:12-34; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 22*)

There will be a future physical resurrection of the dead. Only those who turn from sin and to Jesus in faith and repentance will be raised to eternal reward. Those who do not turn from sin and to Jesus will experience sternal punishment. (*Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Act 24:15*)

Only through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ and repentance from sin can one be reconciled to God and experience true life and joy. (*John 3:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12*)

THEOLOGICAL DISTINCTIVES

1. The Sovereignty of God:

God is sovereign over all things such that there is no aspect of reality outside of His ultimate control, including the work of salvation. We believe that it is exceedingly good and glorious news that salvation is not dependent on the desires and deeds of man, but is grounded instead in God's eternal decree of election. Though man is responsible for his sin, God is ultimately and entirely responsible for drawing those He would save unto Himself and overcoming their natural resistance to the gospel.

See: Psalm 115:3, 135:6; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 1:3-14; Philippians 1:29; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

2. The Sufficiency of Christ:

Jesus Christ is sufficient for every need in time and eternity. He is the author and perfecter of our faith. He is the perfect atoning sacrifice through which we have salvation and peace with God. Christ is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Because of our union with Christ, we have the fullness of Christ, our hope of glory. The Church, which is the bride of Christ, has all that she needs in Christ. Jesus is the hope of the world and the Messiah of which all of Scripture is written. Jesus transcends social, racial,

economic, and geographic barriers, bringing unity to all believers because He is all and in all.

See: Luke 24:27; Romans 3:25-26; 1 Corinthians 1:29-30; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 12:1-2

3. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we see exercised in the Scriptures did not cease with the death of the last Apostle or the closing of the New Testament canon. They are available today and are to be eagerly desired and practiced in submission to the Scriptures.

See: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12 & 14; Ephesians 4:1-16

4. The Authority of Scripture:

The Bible is to be seen as the ultimate standard of authority for God's people. The Bible derives its authority from the self-revealing and self-authenticating God. The Bible's authority can and does communicate across cultural, geographical, and temporal differences between the biblical world and our setting. Scripture is authoritative as it is rightly and faithfully interpreted in its historical setting. The Holy Spirit illumines our minds and hearts to understand the biblical message. Likewise, the Spirit leads us to recognize the authority of Scripture and to respond and obey its message today. Scripture is inerrant, yet man's interpretation is not inerrant.

See: Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21

5. Believer's Baptism by Immersion:

Baptism is intended only for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ. It involves the immersion of a believer in water as an act of obedience symbolizing the death and resurrection of Jesus. We baptize by immersion because the word "baptize" means "to immerse". Furthermore, this mode of baptism best symbolizes the reality to which baptism points: our death and resurrection in Christ.

See: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:28; Romans 6:1-11

6. The Value of Men and Women:

Men and women are absolutely equal in essence, dignity, and value but are different by divine design. These differences are God's grace to man and woman and are to be protected and preserved for His glory and our joy.

See: Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:17

7. The Sanctity of Human Life:

God created men and women in his image. Therefore, He has bestowed upon human beings intrinsic value and dignity.

Humans are distinct from the rest of creation, though human beings are creation, because they are created in the image of God. Human life is sacred and holy before God. Sin has corrupted man and marred the image of God in mankind. However, this reality does not negate the good design of God's creation in men and women. Life is valued and holy before God. Therefore, the church has been called to stand up against a culture of death that would seek to destroy life in all stages. To hold sanctity of life means that we are for the rights of the unborn, we care for the orphan, we are against racial injustice, we are for the lives of refugees who have been driven out of their homeland, we are for the elderly who can no longer care for themselves, and for any other sanctity of life issue that presents itself in our cultural moment.

See: Genesis 1:27; Leviticus 19:32; Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 6:25-26; James 1:27

8. The Relationship of God's Glory to Man's Joy:

We believe that man's greatest joy is found only in faithful obedience to God and that our enjoyment of Him is the chief way we glorify Him.

See: Psalm 16:11; Matthew 13:44; John 15:11; Hebrews 11:6

MINISTRIES

Community Groups || Community Groups are small communities of people who gather regularly to carry out the mission of the church. They are designed to be a primary place for people to gather with other believers, grow in their love for Jesus and one another and to go to our neighbors and the nations with the gospel.

Kids at the Well || Kids at the Well exists to come alongside parents to train up children to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We hope to assist parents in developing their children into Christ-exalting, Gospel-proclaiming men and women.

Connect 56 || Connect 56 is a bible study designed for 5th and 6th graders. We believe these students are fully capable of understanding the Word of God. Therefore, Connect 56 exists to help these students encounter the truths of God's word in a safe and comfortable environment.

TWC Students || We believe that one of the most important things we can do at The Well Church is invest in the next generation. We want to invest in the lives of teenagers so that they will invest their lives in the kingdom of God. TWC Students is for 7th-12th grade students. Each week, these students gather in a safe place to process the teachings of Jesus and to build healthy relationships within the church. We also aim to partner with parents to help them build young

men and women prepared to navigate through life with a biblical worldview.

Serve Teams || Jesus said in Matthew 20:28 that the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus gave us an example to follow. Serve Teams are about more than just setting things up on Sunday or making sure kids have a place to go. Serve Teams build regular rhythms into our lives to follow the way of Jesus in serving others. The primary Serve Teams are: Mobile Team, Kids at the Well, Hospitality Team and Prayer Team. Each team is vital to our ability to minister on Sunday mornings.

LovingWell || The Bible calls us to care for one another. It is clear in Scripture that God has designed the church to be a place where people are cared for; a place where the needs of the body are met because we love one another the way Christ has loved us. Life happens. Sometimes we need to celebrate together, sometimes we need to mourn together, but we need to do it together. This is the heart behind LovingWell. This ministry exists to be an organized way to meet the needs that exist in our church.

Biblical Counseling || Counseling is a gift from God to be used to build up one another with the gospel. Everyone struggles. No one is immune to the difficulties that life presents. We all have hurts and brokenness and we all need help. Asking for help is not failure. Asking for help is a step towards wholeness. Pastor Steven Gibley is a trained Biblical

Counselor who offers free counseling to every member at The Well Church.

Church Planting || We are a church that plants churches. We believe that God's primary mechanism to reach the world is through planting more churches. We are committed to participating in the work of Church Planting through raising up men and women in our own church to be sent out and to support the efforts of church planters around the globe.

Prayer Ministry || Prayer is essential to our church as it is for every believer. Because we believe in the power of God, we are compelled to pray. Our prayer ministry functions each Sunday morning with pre-service prayer gatherings and ministry time during the worship service. Our prayer ministry continues on Monday morning for our weekly prayer gathering.

Note: Throughout the year we will have other ministry opportunities not listed above. These opportunities will be communicated to the entire church.

PARTNERS

First Baptist Church, Weatherford

Christ Central Church, OKC

Frontline Church, OKC

Bridgeway Church, OKC

Renewal Fellowship, South Africa

Woodcrest Baptist Church, Guthrie*

Acts 29 Network

North American Mission Board

**Woodcrest is a church revitalization work led by Wes + McKenzie Robertson from The Well Church.*

LEADERS

Stephen Myers — Lead Pastor / Elder

Steven Giblet — Pastor of Care and Counseling / Elder

Collin Bricker — Elder

Peter Gill — Elder

Bryan Myers — Elder

Clayton Myers — Elder

Roy Wyckoff — Elder

Adam Zodrow — Worship Pastor / Elder

Paige Bricker — Children's Minister

Jessica Pool — Minister of Prayer and Discipleship

Nate Randell — Student Minister

**PURSUING THE POWER AND
PRESENCE OF GOD FOR
THE RENEWAL OF ALL
THINGS.**

