

Meet Our Ministry And Support Staff



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Our Shared Vision:

To see the gospel of Jesus Christ
transform our lives, our
neighborhood, and the world

Our Mission:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we
each use our gifts to embody,
proclaim, and advance the
Kingdom of God

Join us for Worship!

Sundays - 10AM

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Gold Avenue Church



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A Place Where You Can Belong



"The Lord has anointed me to
bring good news...to bind up
the brokenhearted, to proclaim
freedom for the captives, to
comfort all who mourn, to
bring gladness instead of
mourning, praise instead of a
spirit of despair."
Isaiah 61:1-3

Welcome to Gold Avenue Church!

We are a warm and welcoming community united by the gospel of Jesus Christ. We worship together, care for one another, pray together, and get equipped together. These four core areas are described below.

We look forward to connecting with you! Please scan the QR code on the back to go to our website so you can fill out the connection form!

WORSHIP

Worship is more than just a Sunday service, it is a spiritual celebration of living every day of our lives for the glory of Jesus. In our church services, we worship God by singing to Him, hearing His voice through Biblical preaching, and responding in joyful obedience. As we gather together as a church family, we use our gifts to share testimonies of how God has been working in and through our lives as well as receive encouragement from God's Word.



CARE

We express God's love by caring for each others' needs. Our Deacons serve church attenders and neighbors by tending to physical and financial needs. Our Care Elders love to answer spiritual questions, pray for the needs of our members, and offer a listening ear and encouragement as we follow Christ together.

Discipleship is a way of offering care to one another. We seek to make and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ through sharing life and studying the Bible together.

PRAYER

We highly value prayer. Whether we are making leadership decisions, offering care, or engaging the world around us, we try to start and saturate everything in prayer.

Everyone is welcome to take turns praying in our services. We also offer opportunities to have people pray with you, like our Prayer Partners after the service, and our Prayer Ministry appointments for those who are hurting or need freedom. We have a weekly prayer meeting on Zoom for the church, and have resources to help you grow in prayer.

Approach to Ministry

We have adopted a shared approach to ministry based on the book Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Our leaders and congregation are seeking to grow in embodying the Kingdom of God and be led by the Holy Spirit. We often talk about some of the dynamic ways the Holy Spirit leads and invites our cooperation through: love, prayer, faithful obedience, God's guidance, discernment, spiritual gifts, and watching for God's timing. We would love to share more about how we have experienced unity as a result of this approach.

EQUIPPING

We are committed to equipping the body of Christ to live out Jesus' Great Commission effectively. We look forward to helping you grow in your relationship with God, discover your gifts, and learn to share your faith. Some of our core equipping opportunities include:

The Visual Gospel
The Gospel Tool
Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit
Empowered for Witness

