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Community Life + Worship is more than a program. It is a way of living. It is our calling. May we challenge one another to be all Christ has created us to be so we can do all He has called us to do for His glory!

Community Life + Worship (CLW) is designed to cultivate an environment for spiritual formation on our campus. CLW recognizes that we are created to make connections with God, with others, and with our world. Making these connections is vital for spiritual life and health.

COMMUNITY: We are all part of a dynamic spiritual community. As followers of Christ, we cannot create this type of community. Rather, we all desire to experience the community Christ has created for His followers. At SBU, we believe in a Christ-centered and Christ-created community. Therefore, we will continue to gather as a community for worship, prayer, teaching, encouragement, and challenge from Christ, His Word, and each other.

LIFE: We are all uniquely fashioned in the image of God. As image-bearers, we are the recipients of the great gift of life. We are responsible for our "one life." How can "one life" impact the world? As followers of Christ, His life is now our life. Spiritual formation happens at the points where our lives collide with the life of Christ. At SBU, we believe in a Christ-empowered life, so we will be offering multiple options for our lives to be challenged, stretched, molded, equipped, empowered, and engaged!

WORSHIP: Worship is a lifestyle. A Chapel guest several years ago said, "We worship all the time, only the gods change." We are made to worship. At SBU, we believe that God is worthy of all worship. We believe that we can, and must, glorify God in everything we do. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Therefore, we will challenge each other to honor God in every aspect of life.

Requirements

We affirm that spiritual formation is individual and, at the same time, corporate. Our individual spiritual lives are shaped by our community. And our community is shaped by individuals. Community Life + Worship is designed to give you choices in what you do to foster spiritual formation in your life and in your community.

With that in mind, degree-seeking students on the Bolivar campus are required to complete the Community Life + Worship (CLW) program. For each semester of full-time enrollment on the Bolivar campus, students are required to earn 25 CLW points per semester, for a maximum of eight semesters. CLW points can be earned from a variety of options within five major categories: Chapel, small groups, mission team participation, community service, and areas of special interest. Chapel services are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. (with minor variations at times). No other required student meetings are held during Chapel. Each student is responsible for selecting CLW options that will meet the requirement.

5 Categories of CLW

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Chapel Schedule

SBU believes in the community of the saints. We gather every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for corporate worship, encouragement, teaching and equipping. There also will be several evening Chapel opportunities throughout the semester.

Chapel is Monday and Wednesday at 10 - 10:50 a.m. in Pike Auditorium.

Life Together

Wednesday, January 26	Zack Atchley and Nate Jones Praise and Worship
Monday, January 31	President Rick Melson
Wednesday, February 2	Center for Global Connections
Monday, February 7	Corey McElhaney, Head Cross Country/Track Coach
Wednesday, February 9	Center for Global Connections Panel
Monday, February 14	Student Speaker: Tyler Eads, Senior
Wednesday, February 16	Racial Reconciliation Task Force Panel led by Jon Nelson Pastor of Soma Community Church, Jefferson City, Mo., President of the MBC
Monday, February 21	Dr. Denny Burk, President of CBMW
Wednesday, February 23	Fred Broome, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Republic, Mo. SBU Board of Trustees Member
Monday, February 28	Inauguration Week: Matt Papa Praise and Worship Concert
Wednesday, March 2	Inauguration Week: Inauguration Ceremony
Monday, March 7	Jeremy Muniz, Pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.
Wednesday, March 9	Global Connections Week
Monday, March 14	Global Connections Week - Andy Pettigrew
Wednesday, March 16	Global Connections Week/Commissioning for Spring Break Mission Teams
Monday, March 28	Michael Byrd, Pastor of Faith Community Church, St. Louis Praise and Worship
Wednesday, March 30	Dr. John Murphy, Associate Professor of Biology
Monday, April 4	Ash Napier Praise and Worship
Wednesday, April 6	Dr. David Quackenbos, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry
Monday, April 11	David Brown, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo. SBU Board of Trustees vice chairman
Wednesday, April 13	Josh Trimble, Executive Vice President and Chief of Foundation Management The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, SBU Board of Trustees Member
Monday, April 18	Kurt Earl, Founder of Culture Coordinator
Wednesday, April 20	Mike Pitts, Director of Athletics
Monday, April 25	Dr. Dan DeWitt, Director of the Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Apologetics, Cedarville University
Wednesday, April 27	Kempton Turner, Pastor of City of Joy Fellowship, East St. Louis, Ill.
Monday, May 2	Chris Guffey, Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Sedalia, Mo.
Wednesday, May 4	Daniel Carr, Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Monday, May 9	Michael Byrd, Pastor of Faith Community Church, St. Louis
Wednesday, May 11	Zack Atchley and Nate Jones Praise and Worship Commissioning Service for Summer Mission Teams



Small Groups

SBU believes in the fellowship of the saints. We desire to cultivate the shared life. One aspect of the shared life is gathering together in small groups for equipping, encouragement and accountability.

How to be involved in a small group

1. Check the SBU Student portal for announcements about new small groups forming.
2. Check out the video announcements before Chapel for new small groups.
3. Check the time for the group and be sure it fits your schedule.
4. Contact the small group leader listed in the description via email or phone.
5. Sign up for the small group with the leader.
6. Note when the group meets for the first time.
7. Attend the small group.

Small Group Ministry

The Community Life + Worship ministry is committed to providing a variety of options for a student's spiritual formation. One of the best spiritual formation practices is participating in a small group. The Small Group experience allows you to go deeper into a subject. Small groups create opportunities for relationships to strengthen and for community to form. Spiritual community is essential to proper and healthy spiritual formation. The Community Life + Worship Small Group ministry is designed to be flexible and creative. Small groups are offered at a variety of times and locations. The topics and styles are as varied as the faculty, staff and students who form and lead them. If you are looking for a place to connect with students and SBU faculty/staff, then the CLW Small Group ministry is for you.

HOW TO JOIN A GROUP: As small groups form, a brief description of the group will be announced on the student MySBU portal and on the digital monitors across campus. They also will be announced during Chapel by way of the video announcements. To join a group, simply contact the small group leader and attend the meeting. You will receive 1 CLW credit for each meeting you attend.



Global Connections

Our Mission:

Provide a framework and strategy to increase missions education and involvement on campus.

Our Vision:

Make God's name known among the nations by providing training and mission outreaches in order that the campus can be an instrument of God's redemptive plan for all people. The Center for Global Connections is more than an avenue of sending students on short-term missions. It is committed to the spiritual equipping and nurturing of all SBU students. Please join the SBU community to participate and partner with the CGC in accomplishing this vision. If you would like to consider involvement with the CGC, please contact us at (417) 328-1900.

Global Connections Week

Please note these important upcoming dates and opportunities:

Wednesday, March 9

10 a.m. Chapel - Introducing 2022 Fall/2023 January teams

Thursday, March 10

1-7 p.m. CGC Global Fest in the Student Union

Monday, March 14

10 a.m. Chapel - Guest Speaker: Andy Pettigrew, IMB Student Mobilization

7-8 p.m. Evening worship in the Student Union with Guest Speaker, Andy Pettigrew

Tuesday, March 15

6 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Scott Bloom, Voice of the Martyrs

Showing of VOM movie: Sabina in the Student Union

Wednesday, March 16

10 a.m. Chapel - Commissioning Spring Break Mission Teams

Mission Awareness Events

Throughout the year, the Center for Global Connections will present a variety of mission awareness events for the purpose of expanding students' perspective of missions and culture. CLW Credit may be provided for the activity. Events this year could include:

- Movie nights that focus on missions and culture: (examples: Free Burma Rangers, Insanity of God, The Hundred Foot Journey, etc.)
- Viewing the series "To Be Chosen" on a weekly basis
- Topical studies such as Knowing God's Will, Biblical Basis of Missions, Cultural Awareness
- Monthly Unreached People Group event

Short-term Commitments

The CGC offers global outreaches that occur during winter, spring, and summer breaks and local mission projects that serve during the Fall/Spring semesters. Class credit in ICS-2901 or ICS-2911 requires outreaches over 7 days in length. Participants are required to attend weekly team meetings during the semester prior to the outreach. The cost of the outreach will be the responsibility of the participant through fundraising efforts and personal funds. The cost of the course is separate from the outreach. Ten (10) CLW points are provided upon completion of the outreach requirements. Please call (417) 328-1900 for more information.



Serving The Community

The Community Life + Worship program is committed to serving our community. It's in our name! SBU students contribute a great deal to Bolivar and the surrounding community. CLW is designed to give you opportunities to volunteer in our local communities. As you can see, we have several pre-approved ministries listed. These community-based nonprofits need and want your help. CLW wants to encourage you to find a place to serve.

Pre-approved Service Opportunities

Polk County House of Hope

(417) 777-3229
Bolivar, Mo.
www.pchouseofhope.org

Intervention Ministries

(417) 326-7352
315 N. Albany Ave., Bolivar, Mo.
www.interventionministries.com

Alpha House

(417) 777-2273
469 S. Albany Ave., Bolivar, Mo.
www.alphahouseprc.org

Convoy of Hope

(417) 823-8998
330 S. Patterson Ave., Springfield, Mo.
www.convoyofhope.org

Community Outreach Ministries

(417) 777-8589
314 S. Market Ave., Bolivar, Mo.

Springfield Victory Mission

(417) 864-2246
700 W. Chase St., Springfield, Mo.
www.victorymission.com

Exodus Ministries

(417) 777-6082
250 W. Austin St., Bolivar, Mo.

Freeway Ministries, Springfield

(417) 616-1941 | (417) 866-7202
1041 W. Kearney St., Springfield, Mo.
www.freeway-ministries.com

Service Oriented Aviation Readiness (S.O.A.R.)

(417) 777-6800
4460 Airport Dr., Bolivar, Mo.
www.soar-m17.org

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**FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Plaster Field House.

CLW

resources

CLW Ministries Office:

Jim Mellers Center 200C

Kurt Caddy | kcaddy@SBUniv.edu | (417) 328-1902

FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED ON THE PORTAL:

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Community Service Volunteer Form

Attendance Forms

Small Group Leader Form

Student Small Group Attendance Form



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