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SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2021
Community Life + Worship

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.
TEMPORARY CHANGES FOR SPRING 2021

Several temporary changes are being made to the Community Life + Worship program for the Spring 2021 semester because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CLW Points Policy for Spring 2021
Students will receive 11 “free” CLW points, meaning that students will need to acquire only 14 points to reach the 25-point total for the semester. In addition, two CLW points will be given for each Chapel service attended in person. The number of points a student may earn through other CLW categories will remain unchanged. Therefore, students may attend seven Chapel services during the semester to earn 14 points, or combine Chapel attendance with other CLW point options (small groups, etc.) to reach 14.

A student who is currently behind in CLW points may use this semester to earn enough points to get caught up. However, CLW points cannot be “banked” for future semesters. For example: If a student is behind 20 CLW points, they may earn their 25 points this semester but also earn up to the 20 points they need to get caught up.

All Chapel services will be available for viewing via livestream for personal enrichment and participation in the important discussions on the character of God we will have during Chapel this Spring. No CLW points will be given for watching the livestream.

Chapel
Seating in Mabee Chapel is limited to 250 people (as of Aug. 11, 2020) as outlined by local governmental health authorities. A pre-registration system will be used for students to sign up for in-person chapel services. Pre-registration is required at SBUniv.thersvpapp.com. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and we ask that all students register before entering Mabee Chapel.

All students will enter through the back doors and exit through the side doors. Seats will be clearly marked for maintaining social distancing guidelines. Masks will be required in Mabee Chapel. To receive points, each student will scan before and after Chapel.

Other CLW point options for Spring 2021
Small groups will be encouraged as usual. They may be led by SBU faculty/staff and students. Each group will be required to keep social distancing guidelines and wear masks. See Page 7 for more details.

Community Service will be available at all pre-approved organizations. See Page 9 for a list of organizations. Each organization will set its own COVID-19 procedures.

As the Center for Global Connections is able to offer short-term mission teams, CLW points will be awarded as stated in the CLW handbook.

Special Interest opportunities for CLW points will be available throughout the semester as usual.

Pre-register at SBUniv.thersvpapp.com
5 Categories of CLW

1. Chapel
   Our Community Gathered Together

2. Small Groups
   Our Community Sharing Life

3. Global Connections
   Our Community Being Sent Out

4. Serving Our Community
   Our Community Engaging the Community

5. Special Interest
   Our Community and Culture
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 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. in Pike Auditorium.
Seating is limited for in-person Chapel services. Pre-registration is required at SBUniv.thersvpapp.com.

The God We Know

INTRODUCTION: WHY THE DOCTRINE OF GOD MATTERS

Wednesday, January 20  Zack and Nate  |  Praise and Worship
Monday, January 25  Dr. Brad Johnson, acting SBU president
Wednesday, January 27  Center for Global Connections  |  2021 Spring/Summer teams

CREATOR AND GOD OF JUSTICE

Monday, February 1  Dr. Amos Gichamba, Assistant Professor of Computing
Wednesday, February 3  Daniel Ogunyemi ’15, SBU Alum
Monday, February 8  D and Chi  |  Praise and Worship
Wednesday, February 10  H’Enrie Williams ’14, SBU Alum
Monday, February 15  Michael Byrd, Pastor of Faith Community Bible Church, St. Louis
Wednesday, February 17  Jon Nelson, Pastor of Soma Community Church, Jefferson City
Monday, February 22  Alex Bryant  |  Alex Bryant Ministries
Wednesday, February 24  Alex Bryant  |  Alex Bryant Ministries

HOLY AND LOVING

Monday, March 1  Founders’ Day
Wednesday, March 3  Center for Global Connections  |  Introducing 2021 Fall mission teams
Monday, March 8  Center for Global Connections  |  Introducing 2022 January mission teams
Wednesday, March 10  Center for Global Connections  |  Commissioning Spring mission teams
Monday, March 22  Scott Brigman, SBU Technical Director
Wednesday, March 24  Higher Ground  |  Praise and Worship
Monday, March 29  Dr. Matt Kimbrough, Assistant Provost for Spiritual Formation
Wednesday, March 31  Todd Sukany, Instructor of English  |  Praise and Worship

UNIQUENESS OF GOD

Monday, April 5  Dr. Mike Fuhrman, Professor of Christian Ministry
Wednesday, April 7  Mike Hubbard, Pastor of Genesis Church, Eureka, Mo.

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Chapel Schedule

Monday, April 12  
Dr. Allison Langford, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Initiatives

Wednesday, April 14  
Kyle Kicker | Praise and Worship

Monday, April 19  
Dr. Kevin Schriver, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Wednesday, April 21  
Dr. Bing Bayer, Professor of Theology, Old Testament and Hebrew

Monday, April 26  
Dr. Eddie Bumpers, Pastor of Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield

Wednesday, April 28  
Student Activities

CONCLUSION

Monday, May 3  
Pick and Bow | Instrumental Praise and Worship

Wednesday, May 5  
Commissioning of CGC Summer mission teams
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.
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 3**
10 a.m. Chapel - Introducing 2021 Fall mission teams

**Thursday, March 4**
6-8 p.m. in Student Union - Global Fest
Visit booths representing each global mission opportunity

**Monday, March 8**
10 a.m. Chapel – Introducing 2022 January mission teams

**Wednesday, March 10**
10 a.m. Chapel – Commissioning Spring mission teams

Short-term Commitments
The CGC offers global outreaches during winter, spring, and summer breaks. Participants must have a 2.0 GPA. Acceptance to the outreach is contingent on an application, interview, and reference process. 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.
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

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

**Community Outreach Ministries**  
(417) 777-8589  
314 S. Market St., Bolivar, Mo.

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

**Service Oriented Aviation Readiness (S.O.A.R.)**  
(417) 777-6800  
4460 Airport Dr., Bolivar, Mo.  
www.soar-m17.org

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

**Convoy of Hope**  
(417) 823-8998  
330 S. Patterson Ave., Springfield, MO  
www.convoyofhope.org

**Springfield Victory Mission**  
(417) 864-2246  
700 W. Chase St., Springfield, MO  
www.victorymission.com

**Freeway Ministries, Springfield**  
(417) 616-1941  
(417) 866-7202  
739 W. Talmage St., Springfield, MO  
www.freeway-ministries.com
OPTIONS FOR SPRING

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Plaster Field House.
CLW
resources

CLW Ministries Office:
Jim Mellers Center 200C

Kurt Caddy | kcaddy@SBUniv.edu | 328-1902

FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED ON THE PORTAL:
Community Life + Worship
Community Service Volunteer Form

Attendance Forms
Small Group Leader Form
Student Small Group Attendance Form