Community Life + Worship

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Southwest Baptist University
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 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 the 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

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.

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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. Please note these important upcoming dates and opportunities:

Global Connections Week

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
10 a.m. Chapel – Global Connections Projects for 2019-20

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
10 a.m. Chapel – Global Connections Projects for Summer 2020

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
Global Fest - 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
10 a.m. Chapel – Nations Award presented to one alumnus and one SBU employee

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.
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

**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

**Salvation Army of Bolivar**
(417) 326-2769
320 S. Market Ave., Bolivar, Mo.
www.salvationarmyusa.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
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

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

Phi Eta Sigma Coffee Talks are all at 7 p.m. at Kaldis Coffee.

Free Drinks to the first 20 students in attendance. The purpose of Coffee Talks is to provide students with an opportunity to engage with faculty around academic topics outside of the classroom. During a Coffee Talk, you will learn something new from the discipline, as well as something new about the faculty member personally.

September 17
November 5
CLW resources

CLW Ministries Office:

LOCATION: Goodson Student Union

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

Community Life + Worship
Community Service Volunteer Form

Attendance Forms
Small Group Leader Form
Student Small Group Attendance Form

Forms may be downloaded on the portal.