

What Else?

- ◆ **Events:** Along with Sunday services, we have worship nights twice a year, and we give people the opportunity to get baptized and commit their lives to Christ at least once a year. We have retreats for men, women, and teens. We have summer camps and Vacation Bible Xtreme for the kids. We also do movie nights, coffee dates, chili cook-offs, and more!
- ◆ **Service:** We're partnered with several local schools to help meet needs of local families. We make it a priority to serve families in need throughout the year, not just at the holidays. If you're looking for a way to actively give back to your community as part of an active faith, Real Life can connect you!
- ◆ **Growth:** On our website and blog, you'll find plenty of resources where you can learn more about the Bible, God, and what it means to follow Jesus. We may not be able to answer all your questions, but we'll do our best to help guide you.
- ◆ **Want to know more?** No need to wait until we move—come visit us this Sunday at 9 or 10:30am!



Hello, Neighbor!

We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves and help you get to know us!

We're so excited that our church is moving into your neighborhood in spring 2019. Our future building is located at 8100 Mill Plain Boulevard, near David Douglas Park and PeaceHealth Southwest. We've outgrown our original building and we're so excited and grateful for the opportunity to move into a bigger space!

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Who We Are

The boring answer is that we're Real Life Community Church of the Nazarene. The longer, more interesting answer is that we're people who love God and want to glorify Him by serving our community, having authentic and honest faith that isn't afraid to ask questions, and worshiping God with our voices, time, and resources.

Currently there are around 300 people in our congregation, with nearly 70 teens involved in our youth ministries and many, many kids at Sunday morning's Kidz Life. On any given Sunday, you'll see people in Marvel t-shirts or team jerseys or leggings or hats. This isn't a church where you have to dress up! We love it when people come as they are to worship their Creator.

We believe that everyone has a voice and a story, and that anyone can be used by God to serve Him and make His creation – Earth and everyone on it – better.

What We Believe

To put it briefly, we believe in God who has complete power and is wise, good, loving, forgiving, and faithful. We believe He sent His son Jesus and that Jesus was fully God and fully man. We believe that Jesus was crucified and resurrected as the fulfillment of God's covenant to bring us into full relationship with Him. You can read more about our beliefs regarding works of faith, spiritual gifts, getting baptized, and more at www.seekreallife.com.

You can also find our 6 Core Values on our website. These values define our ministry and give direction to our community. They are:

- ♦ **Experiencing.** Church isn't just a place you go on Sundays – it's a daily, lifelong decision to grow and encounter the life God has in mind for you.
- ♦ **Growing.** At Real Life, we never stop learning and renewing ourselves. We participate in small groups, read the Bible and books that explore it, pray, and together grow more connected to Jesus.
- ♦ **Inviting.** When God changes someone's life for the better, how can they keep that to themselves? That's partly why you're getting this letter: our church has seen so many lives changed because people trusted in Jesus and we want more people to experience it!
- ♦ **Serving.** Jesus was the ultimate servant-leader, someone who lovingly put others' needs before his own and led by gracious example. Real Life prioritizes volunteering both at church and within our community. There are plenty of ways to get involved and give back at our church, and year-round opportunities to support our local schools and families in need.

How Our Church Does Sundays

Our services are at 9 and 10:30am and last roughly 70 minutes. You can get a feel for our messages at vimeo.com/reallifechurch. **Or come visit us this Sunday!**

Our worship music ranges from rock covers of old-timey hymns to current songs from a variety of worship bands. Some of our favorites right now are Ghost Ship, Vertical Worship, John Mark McMillan, and Lauren Daigle. (If you want to get a feel for the kind of music we do, check out the Worship tag on our blog, seekreallife.wordpress.com.)

If you have kids between the ages of infant and 5th grade, they'll go to **Kidz Life**, our Sunday morning program. The nursery, toddler room, preschool, and school-agers all enjoy age-appropriate activities that will capture their attention so Jesus can captivate their hearts. Teens are invited to participate in the regular Sunday service; **Real Life Student Life**, for grades 6-12, meets Monday nights.

Don't worry about dressing up for us! We're a pretty casual bunch. Also, we have coffee.

- ♦ **Belonging.** When we invite you to come as you are, we mean it. You don't have to have it all together before coming to God – He knows and loves you as you are right now, and He has blessings in mind for you! We all have a part to play in God's plan. What will yours be?
- ♦ **Celebrating.** We give thanks every day for how God has worked in our lives. When someone's prayer is answered, we celebrate with them. When we're able to meet a need in our community, we glorify God for it!