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*Declaring the greatness of God as He transforms lives  
by loving and reaching people and making disciples of Jesus.*

## Our Campus



# A Look at Our Salvation

## How We Declare God Great

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### What Does it Mean to be a Christian?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “WHY?” They exist year after year with no idea of why they are alive or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is “Why am I here?”

Everyone wants to be fulfilled. People try many ways

- ...Some look for fulfillment by acquiring possessions
- ...Some look for fulfillment by experiencing pleasure
- ...Some look for fulfillment by gaining prestige and power

But real fulfillment comes from understanding your purpose.

### Why am I Here?

#### 1. God made me for His purpose and pleasure.

*“I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” (Isaiah 43:6-7, ESV)*

*“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:11, NLT)*

#### 2. God created me to find ultimate satisfaction in one source - Him!

*“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4, NIV)*

*“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Psalm 73:24-25, ESV)*

*“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’” (John 6:35, ESV)*

#### 3. God created me so that I will bring glory to Him.

*“So God created human beings, making them in His image.” (Genesis 1:27, GNB)*

*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31, ESV)*

If this is the kind of life God intends for us to have, why aren’t most people really fulfilled?

# A Look at Our Salvation

## *How We Declare God Great*

### What is the Problem?

Man has a natural desire for control and to ignore God's principles for living.

Examples:      "Look out for #1"  
                      "If it feels good, do it!"  
                      "It's my life and I'll do what I please!"  
                      "Do your own thing!"

### THE BIBLE CALLS THIS ATTITUDE: Sin

**Sin = To miss God's mark**

*"All of us like sheep have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way." (Isaiah 53:6)*

*"If we say that we never sin, we are really only fooling ourselves, and refuse to accept the truth."  
 (1 John 1:8)*

Sin **separates** us from God and causes us to live our lives outside of His will.

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)*

**When our relationship to God isn't right, it causes problems in every area of our lives – marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.**

### What is the Solution?

**The answer is found in a person – Jesus!**

Jesus said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me!"*  
 (John 14:6)

**God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself and enable us to live the God-centered lives He created us to live.**

**The Good News: Although your sin has separated you from God, Jesus has taken care of your sin problem!**

*"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
 (Romans 6:23)*



# A Look at Our Salvation

## How We Declare God Great

**What does God want me to do?**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ that God has not been first place in my life and ask Him to forgive my sins.**

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrong." (1 John 1:9)*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died to pay for my sin and that He rose again and is alive today.**

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)*

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)*

**3. I \_\_\_\_\_ God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.**

*"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the Lord (in control) of your life.**

*"To all who receive Him, He gave the right to become children of God. All we need to do is trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! Not a physical birth...but from the will of God!" (John 1:12-13)*

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ to a life of daily submission.**

*"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)*

**You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment. It might be like this:**

Dear Jesus, thank you for creating me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I desire now to turn away from my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for my forgiveness and for your gift of salvation that is forever because you rose from the dead. I desire to follow you daily. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I now receive you as my Lord and Savior.

*"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)*

# Who We Are

## Our Faith + Beliefs

### Our Founding

Kiokee Baptist Church was founded in the spring of 1772 by pioneer preacher and church planter, **Daniel Marshall**. The word “Kiokee” was a term common to Cherokee and Creek Indians. It meant sweet or drinkable. We are Georgia’s oldest **Baptist Church**.

Kiokee was a leader in the founding of several Baptist organizations and churches including:

- The Georgia Baptist Association in 1784
- The Georgia Baptist Convention in 1822
- The Southern Baptist Convention in 1845

### Our Practice of Faith

#### In essential beliefs, we have unity

*There is only one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4–6)*

#### In non-essential beliefs, we practice liberty

*Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. (Romans 14:1,4,12, & 22)*

#### In all things, we practice charity

*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2)*

# Who We Are

## *Our Faith*

### Our Essential Beliefs

- **About God**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities:

- Father
- Son
- Holy Spirit

The three are co-equal and are one God.

- **About Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is one with the Father. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless human life, and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sin by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

- **About The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift, or gifts, when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His guidance daily.

- **About the Bible**

The Bible is God's Word to us. Human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote it. It is the supreme source of Truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is Truth without any mixture of error.

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- **About Human Beings**

People are created in the image of God to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by sin that separates us from God and causes many problems in life.

- **About Salvation**

Salvation is God's free gift to us. It must, however, be accepted. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by surrender to Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness, can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life with God begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

- **About Eternal Security**

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot lose it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

- **About Eternity**

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are real places of existence.

### Baptist Distinctives

- **The Bible as our sole authority**

*...And how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)*

- **The Autonomy of each local church**

*And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy. (Colossians 1:18)*

- **The Priesthood of every believer**

*...And has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever! Amen. (Revelation 1:6)*

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)*

- **Tithing**

*A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. (Leviticus 27:30)*

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)*

# A Look at What We're About

## Baptist Beliefs

### • Immersion

*...Having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12)*

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)*

### • Spirit-filled living

*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

*(Ephesians 5:18) So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the*

*sinful nature. (Galatians 5:16)*

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)*

### • Telling others about Christ

*But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

*(1 Peter 3:15)*



# Being Baptist

## *A Look at Our Affiliations, Structure and Make-Up*

### Our Affiliations

- The Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
3,400 churches that fellowship together with the goal of evangelizing our state
- The Southern Baptist Convention  
40,000 churches that cooperate together in a worldwide effort of missions

### What is the Southern Baptist Convention?

- **It is the largest association of Christian churches in Georgia and in America.**  
One out of every ten churches in America is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.
- **It is the most diverse association of churches.**  
SBC churches include every race, nationality, and ethnic group. Each Sunday, services are held in over 80 languages in the U.S. One out of every three black churches in the U.S. is Southern Baptist.
- **It is one of the fastest growing groups in the U.S.**  
As a whole, SBC churches baptize an average of over 1,000 new believers a day in the U.S. and begin almost 5 new churches a day!

### Why not just be an independent church?

We are an independent church. Every SBC church is completely independent. There is no denominational control or hierarchy, as there is in most denominations. Each church is self-governed and determines its own affairs. For example:

- Every SBC church chooses its own pastor and staff
- Every SBC church owns its buildings
- Every SBC church determines its own budget

### What are the advantages of affiliation with the SBC?

1. It allows us to cooperate with other believers around the world who are known for their commitment to the Bible. Scripture alone is our sole authority.
2. It allows our church to participate in the largest missionary organization in the world. Through giving to the SBC Cooperative Program we help support over 7,500 missionaries in over 100 countries around the world.

### Does Kiokee participate in missionary activities?

Yes! We not only support missions financially, but we send groups throughout our area to other countries.

# Our Vision

*Declare, Demonstrate, Disciple*

***Declaring the greatness of God as He transforms lives by loving and reaching people and making disciples of Jesus.***

## Why do we exist?

Many people have their own idea about why a church exists. Jesus stated the purpose in two great declarations:

**The Great Commandment:** *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* (Matthew 22:37-40)

**The Great Commission:** *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:18-20)

A GREAT **COMMITMENT**

TO THE GREAT **COMMANDMENT**

AND THE GREAT **COMMISSION**

WILL GROW A GREAT **CHURCH!**

**Vision** = describes the win for Kiokee.

***Declaring the greatness of God as He transforms lives...***

**Mission** = is how we accomplish the win.

***... by loving and reaching people and making disciples of Jesus.***

# Our Vision

*Declare, Demonstrate, Disciple*

## We declare the Greatness of God!

To Declare God's Greatness = **expressing the truth about God.**

A primary way we declare His greatness is through corporate worship.

*"Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." (Matthew 4:10)*

*"...True worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."  
(John 4:23-24)*

**Style and methods** can CHANGE but **Spirit and Truth** are ETERNAL

## Expressions of Worship

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| ○ Singing          | (Ephesians 5:19)         |
| ○ Commitment       | (Romans 12:1-2)          |
| ○ Praying          | (Psalm 95:6)             |
| ○ Hearing the Word | (John 17:17)             |
| ○ Giving           | (1 Corinthians 16:3-4)   |
| ○ Baptism          | (Romans 6:3-4)           |
| ○ Meditating       | (Habakkuk 2:20)          |
| ○ Lord's Supper    | (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) |

## We set apart Worship Time for the purpose of honoring God

As the Creator of our world and everything in it, God has revealed Himself to us in many different ways. We believe this gives us the freedom to respond to God through various types of worship. For this reason, we have two different worship services at Kiokee.

The 9:00 AM service includes a choir and orchestra while the 10:30 AM service has a worship band. We hope you will find the service that encourages you to most freely respond to God's Word.

# Our Vision

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## He transforms lives

Transformation = the process by which God matures believers into the likeness of Christ.

*"Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..." (Hebrews 6:1)*

*"(God has given)...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the Body of Christ may be built up until we all... become mature... like Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-13)*

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." (Romans 12:2)*

## Two Ways We Demonstrate Our Allegiance to Jesus

### 1. We want to love people

*"By this shall all men know that you are My disciples – that you have love for one another." (John 13:35)*

*"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)... All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27)*

At Kiokee:

- Every member is a servant
- Every task is important

Every member is a "10" in some area/Spiritual gifts

### 2. We want to reach people

**Evangelism** = communicating the Good News that salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone!

# Why Our Church Must Never Stop Growing

## 1. Because God has **provided one means of salvation - Jesus Christ.**

*"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)*

## 2. Because God **loves people.**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)*

## 3. Because God commands us to **reach out**

*"Go out into the hill country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that my house will be full." (Luke 14:23)*

*"...You will be My witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)*

## Un-biblical Excuses for Not Growing:

- "God isn't interested in numbers"
- "Our church wants quality not quantity"
- "Large churches are impersonal"

In order to be faithful, Kiokee must always strive to reach more people for Christ and **assimilate** them into the body as fully functioning members of the family.

To do this, our church must grow larger and smaller at the same time!

## We want to make disciples of Jesus who make disciples.

*"... Go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19)*

A disciple is someone who is ...

- Following Jesus
- Being changed by Jesus
- Committed to the mission of Jesus

# Making Disciples of Jesus

*"He (Jesus) said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:19 (ESV)*

## What is a Disciple?

We use head, heart, and hands to help us understand this definition. Each of these words illustrates a key *aspect* of discipleship.

### "Follow me" (Head)

Disciples follow Jesus. He leads; we follow. We make a deliberate decision to change the direction of our lives and follow Him.

### "I will make you" (Heart)

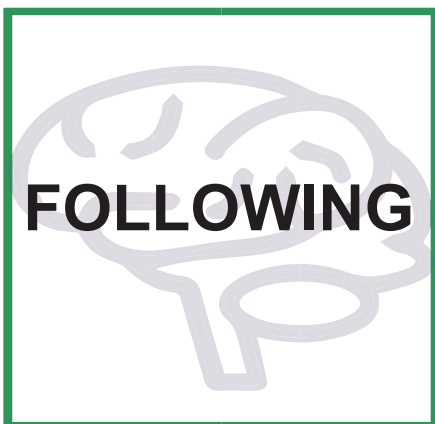
Disciples welcome the process of being changed by Jesus. Through this process of sanctification, Jesus transforms our character to be more like His.

### "Fishers of men" (Hands)

Disciples commit themselves to the mission of Jesus. A disciple wants to help others know about who Christ is and what it means to follow Him.

## A Disciple is someone who is...

- Following Jesus
- Being changed by Jesus
- Committed to the mission of Jesus





# Making Disciples of Jesus

## How does one become a Disciple?

Using head, heart, and hands will also help us understand three key *components* of the discipleship process. We desire for every member of Kiokee to commit to include each of these elements in their life.

### There are three key components:

#### **Group — Getting to Know God through the Study of His Word**

Each disciple needs a time during which they learn more about the Lord as He reveals Himself through His word. As a result, we offer Discipling Groups to help followers of Jesus learn more about the Bible.

**Corporate Worship — Offering our Love and Praise to God through Corporate Worship** The Bible also stresses the importance of the Church to gather for Corporate Worship. Our desire is for each person at Kiokee to “Declare the Greatness of God” together in Corporate Worship. We offer two Worship Services on Sunday morning for our people to offer praise and glory to God.

#### **Ministry — Offering our Time, Talents, and Gifts to the Lord through Service in Ministry**

Growth in our relationship with Jesus happens as we spend time working out the truth we’re learning by serving in ministry. We encourage each member of Kiokee to find an area in which to serve. There are multiple opportunities to find a place to plug in here on campus, or you can move past the walls of the church and serve the Lord in our community.

## How is discipleship an extension of our mission statement?

### We Declare the Greatness of God

- Through dynamic corporate worship and disciplined private worship developing a God-centered view of ourselves and His world (*Acts 17:23-28*).
- We seek to live all of our lives *Coram Deo*, as before His face, cultivating a disposition to live out our beliefs. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. (*Isaiah 61:3*)

### He Transforms Lives

- We seek to live in obedience to the Lord as He changes us from the inside out. (*Philippians 2:12-13; John 13:34-35*)
- We work to learn more about who Christ is, setting our minds on His person and purposes. (*Romans 12:1-2*)
- We become more like Christ by exhibiting Christ-like character in our relationships — loving, serving, forgiving, encouraging. (*Colossians 3:12-17*)

# Making Disciples of Jesus

## We Love and Reach People for Christ

- By equipping and encouraging our members to share their faith in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 28:18–20*)
- We love and reach people by personal involvement in and financial support of local, state, national, and international missions. (*Acts 1:8*)

## We Make Disciples of Jesus

- We encourage and equip our members to share the gospel. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
- We equip leaders by helping them to develop and use the skills and abilities given to them by God so that they may in turn develop others. (*2 Timothy 2:2*)
- Through Worship Services and Discipling Groups, we teach the truth of God's Word, cultivate a passion for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom and a love for others, and we seek to live obediently to the teachings of Scripture. (*John 8:31;13:34-35; 15:8*)
- By creating an environment of service, encouraging and equipping our people to serve, and by providing opportunities to do so. (*Mark 10:45; Galatians 5:13-14*)

## What are our values? What is important to us as a church?

- Making disciples who make disciples. (*2 Timothy 2:2*)
- The authority of Scripture and therefore the importance of teaching Truth. (*2 Timothy 3:16*)
- The importance of relationship - authentic, kind, friendly, and being interested in the spiritual growth of and investing in the spiritual life of others. (*1 John 4:7-21*)
- Coming along side families through our Preschool, Children and Student Ministries. (*Deuteronomy 6:1–7; Psalm 78*)
- Impacting our community and the world for Christ (*Matthew 5:13–16*): we desire to reach the lost, help the hurting, and build bridges between our church and our community
- Equipping leaders for ministry. (*Ephesians 4:12*)

Kiokee Baptist Church exists to...

declare the greatness of God...

as He transforms lives by loving and reaching people...

and making disciples of Jesus.

# Declare | Demonstrate | Disciple

# What It Means To Be A Member

The difference between attenders and members can be summed up in one word: **commitment!**

**At Kiokee we recognize the need for a formal membership. We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:**

**A Biblical Reason:** *Christ is committed* to the church.

*"...Christ loved the church, and gave Himself up for her." (Ephesians 5:25)*

**A Cultural Reason:** It is the *antidote* to our society.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything. This attitude has produced a generation of "church shoppers and hoppers." Membership swims against the current of America's "consumer religion." It is an unselfish decision. Commitment builds character.

**A Practical Reason:** It defines who can be *counted* on.

Every team has a roster. Every school has an enrollment. Membership identifies our family.

**A Spiritual Reason:** It produces *maturity*.

The New Testament places an emphasis on the need for believers to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you're not committed to any specific church family.

# Kids Ministry

At Kiokee, we are working together with a common vision **to declare the greatness of God to the next generation by loving and reaching children/families and making disciples of Jesus.**

We want this generation and every generation to come to declare our God great and learn to set their hope in Him and Him alone. As parents and leaders in the church, we have the unique opportunity to partner with each other to be the two greatest influences in a child's life.

It is our desire to partner with you and together help all children be able to look back on their early life and say "...my life was significantly impacted by my parents and church."



### The Role of the Parent:

We believe that the Bible tasks parents with the primary responsibility of nurturing the faith of their child. In Deuteronomy chapter 6, parents are instructed to teach their children “diligently” to fear the Lord their God and to walk in His ways, keeping His statutes and commands, enjoying a long life. In every aspect of their day, whether they are sitting at home, walking along the road, lying down or rising (vs. 7) parents have the wonderful opportunity to talk to their children about God and His Word and help their children learn to view all of life through the lens of Scripture.

### The Role of Kid’s Ministry:

We believe that from birth children need to hear about the greatness of God. It is our desire to be intentional in how we minister to children of all ages. We want to lay spiritual foundations in the lives of kids. While we strive to provide a safe environment at Kiokee and desire that your kids have a great time and enjoy what they participate in, our over-arching goal is to introduce each child to Christ and make disciples of Jesus.

### Safety and Security:

At Kiokee, we take safety and security seriously. We believe that when a child is safe and well cared for, we have the basis we need for ministry to happen for both children and their parents.



...that the generation to come might know. (Psalm 78:6)



## Kiokee Kids Ministries

### Worship

Worship at Kiokee Kids provides an atmosphere for kids of all ages to come together and discover some big truths directly from the scripture. Each Sunday kids will participate in age appropriate music, crafts, and activities that will help reinforce the lesson through various learning styles, meeting each kid where they are!

### Nursery

Babies and Toddlers are cared for on the first floor of Building B during both our 9:00 and 10:30 Worship Hours.

### Preschool Worship

Preschool Worship is designed for kids 3yo-Kindergarten and happens at The Clubhouse in Building A during the 9:00 Worship Hour. Preschool Worship utilizes the curriculum Wonder Ink by David C. Cook.

### Kids Worship

Kids Worship occurs during the 10:30 Worship Hour at The Treehouse in Building A. Kids Worship includes both large and small groups and is designed for kids in 1st-5th Grade. Kids Worship utilizes the curriculum Wonder Ink by David C. Cook.

### Sundays

### Discipleship

Sunday Discipleship classes provide an opportunity for kids to dive into the Word with kids their own age. Utilizing age appropriate curriculum, teachers share about our great God and how He can transform the lives of all who place their trust in Him.

#### 9:00am

Nursery & Preschool Worship (Babies-Kindergarten)  
Elementary Discipleship (1st-5th Grade)

#### 10:30am

Nursery & Preschool Discipleship (Babies-Kindergarten)  
Kids Worship (1st-5th Grade)

### Midweek Ministry

Midweek provides an opportunity for kids to have fun and get to know their peers while participating in Bible studies designed just for them. Wednesdays also provide the space for kids to learn about missions in their community and around the world!

### Nursery

Nursery care is provided for our youngest friends in our babies and toddler classes.

### First Steps

First Steps provides an opportunity for children who have turned 2-3 years old by September 1st of the current ministry year to begin learning about basic Bible stories and mission opportunities.

### Team Kids

Team Kids is a ministry designed for kids in K4 and Kindergarten where stories from the Old and New Testament are taught along with an introduction to North American and International Missionaries.

### GAs

GAs is a ministry for girls in 1st-5th Grades. Each year the girls focus on a different area of scripture, identifying how the Bible relates to their everyday lives. GAs also provides opportunities for girls to participate in local mission projects, discovering their role in God's plan.

### RAs

RAs is a ministry for boys in 1st-5th Grades. Boys have the opportunity to learn about becoming godly young men by diving into the Word and participating in hands on activities aimed at training them to become spiritual leaders.





# Students

6th - 12th Grade

## *Declaring the Greatness of God Through Our Students*

Our goal is to be intentional and strategic in everything that we do in the Student Ministry. We want every aspect of our youth group to have the purpose of declaring, demonstrating, and discipling. Practically, we carry this out by discipling our students in small groups, expanding their biblical literacy, engaging them with service and mission-centered opportunities, and much more.

We do not want to shelter our students from culture or water down the gospel. Rather, we strive to train them to respond to culture by equipping them with God's Word.

Additionally, we want the focus of the Student Ministry to be completely about Jesus. To elaborate, we want kids to grow in their love of Jesus, not in their love of youth group. Yes, we still want kids to love youth group, but we want them to keep coming back because of Jesus, not because of hype. Don't get us wrong, we take fun VERY seriously. The Gospel is the best news ever and deserves to be celebrated. We never want to bore a student with the Gospel, we want to keep everyone engaged in fun and in relationship with one another.

### **SUNDAYS**

We offer Sunday Discipling Groups for Students on Sunday Mornings at 9 AM.

Occasionally, our Student Ministry will have "Breakfast Sunday." These are scheduled on our Student Ministry Calendar in advance. During Breakfast Sunday, students will have food at 9 AM in the Café and then gather in D106 (main youth room) and sit at tables with their small groups. We will play games, have a lesson taught, and answer some discussion questions at tables.

### **Our groups are organized as follows:**

Middle School Boys - D101 | Middle School Girls - D104 | High School Boys - D102 | High School Girls - D108

### **Here's a glance of our Scope and Sequence for Sunday Discipling Groups:**

Middle School (6th-8th): Biblical Literacy Core: The Foundation Series by YM360

High School (9th-12th): Apologetics, Biblical Manhood/Womanhood, Taking Ownership of Your Faith, Discipleship 101, Life Younique, etc.



### **What goes on for students at Kiokee on Wednesday Nights?**

During the school year, we offer a student Worship Service known as "Midweek." This service takes place in Building D (which is the old school buildings up on the hill behind the church to the right). Midweek lasts from 6:15-7:30 PM, with our doors opening around 6 PM.

### **What actually happens during Midweek?**

- Midweek is designed for students to hang out with friends, participate in worship, play games, be challenged with a message from our Student Pastor, and engage with one another in small groups! We choose our content for Midweek based on topical things happening in culture, as well as studies through books of the Bible and studies of people in the Bible.
- Small groups do not occur every Wednesday. Typically, we have small groups a few times during our current sermon series. For example, if we have a 5-week sermon series, we will probably have two small group nights during that 5-week period. Small group nights largely depend on the current series we're studying. If we feel that the series needs more small group nights, then we'll adjust accordingly.
- We also have special Midweek nights called "Midweek Mash-Up." During these nights, we have a time of worship and testimonies given by students and leaders. We eat together and have several game options to play. "Mash-Up" nights usually occur between sermon series.
- Other special Midweek events include Missions Night, Thanksmas, Night of Worship, and the Humphrey Awards.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### It's my first time. What if I don't know anybody?

No worries, chances are that there is someone here from your school that you probably know. We have students from most schools in Columbia County and the surrounding areas, including public, private, Christian, and homeschooling.

### Where is Building D?

Building D is located behind the church, up the hill to the right. It's an old elementary school that has been renovated into our Student Building. It's where we do our Discipling Groups and Midweek Service.

### What else do you have for Students besides Sundays and Midweek?

**Our Student Website is the best place to look at all our current student activities. You'll find stuff like:**

- HS Hangtime/MS Chilltime/Student Hangout (MS and HS combined):  
These are laid-back, low-cost activities for students. We do movie nights, Nerf battles, bowling, TopGolf, dodgeball, kickball, and much more!
- Kingdom Weekend (DNOW): This is a weekend-long event where we have worship and do activities with other churches in the CSRA. Our students stay at host homes in their small groups during the weekend.
- Retreat: Our retreats are usually overnight trips that take place over a few days. Sometimes we go to places with our "Kingdom Weekend" churches, or it'll just be Kiokee students at the Retreat.
- IMPACT CAMP: This is the most exciting summer camp your student will ever attend! IMPACT is usually the first full week of June and a for-sure event you don't want to miss.
- Mission Trips: Kiokee has built up mission partnerships all over. We tend to stick to a mission trip model of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth. We rotate mission trips based on distance. For example, we may do a 4 year rotation of Clarkston, GA, and the CSRA; Boston, MA; Anchorage, AK; and Costa Rica.

### How can I get involved?

We love that question! Get in touch with us using the information below. There are several avenues for students to get involved, including our Student Worship Band, our Sound/Tech Crew, and more! For adults, there are also several avenues for you to get involved, including small groups, Midweek Leaders, substitutes, event help, host homes, drivers, cooks, and much more!

### I still have questions. What do I do about that?

For more information, contact Christabelle Adams at 706.541.1086 or [christabelle@kiokee.org](mailto:christabelle@kiokee.org).



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# Guest Services

*Creating a welcoming environment for all*

As a member of our Guest Services Team, you will help create a comfortable environment for our guests so they can be open to hear the truth of God's word and respond in obedience. We exist to declare the greatness of God as He transforms lives by loving and reaching people and making disciples of Jesus. Our team loves and reaches people by welcoming, informing, and serving each guest that comes to our church with the prayer that they, too, will become disciples of Jesus.

Whether they've discovered us on the web, been invited by a friend, or just up and decided to visit that big church they pass on the way to work everyday, each Sunday is someone's first Sunday here at Kiokee. When they arrive, we want them to feel welcome, valued, and prepared for. When they get home, we want them to feel glad that they came and excited to come back. But ultimately, we want to create an environment where they are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as God's Word is preached and as His people gather for Worship.

## Team Roles:

- **Greeters** - Great each guest (and regular attendee) enthusiastically. Show them you are glad they are here. Smile. Make eye contact. Be enthusiastic. Door holders, mom assisters, guest reassurers...
- **Connect Table** - Welcome those who come to the table before or after the service. Give Welcome Bags to first-time guests, get basic contact information, direct them to [kiokee.org](http://kiokee.org), and invite them back. Your job is to specifically care for and connect with our newest attendees.
- **Ushers** - Actively look for guests to assist and politely ask if they have a seating preference and do the best you can to accommodate their request. Rather than direct or point, walk with them to their seat.
- **Welcome Center** - Welcome guests as they approach the Welcome Center. Assist them by answering questions about Discipling Groups, Wednesday Nights, Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, etc. Be willing to walk with them to their destination.
- **Coordinator** - Point Person for our team. Provide leadership, coaching, and communication to team members. Handle logistics for Sundays. Communicate with team members and team leaders about schedule. Help spot and troubleshoot issues as they arise.
- **Sunday / Service Team Leader** - Lead pre-service muster. Make sure all spots are covered. Keep team members updated on room changes, church-wide emphases, or special events. Identify church members who could serve on our team. Fill in for vacant spots. Help troubleshoot aspects of our guests' experience.

*For more information about this ministry, contact Wes Gardner at 706.541.1086 or [wes@kiokee.org](mailto:wes@kiokee.org)*



# Mens Ministry

*Building the Kingdom by Discipling Men*

## Kiokee Baptist Church has an active Mens Ministry

We believe the men of Kiokee are one of her strengths. As go the men so goes the home, so goes the church, so goes the country.

**Our mission is to declare God greatness as He transforms lives by loving and reaching people and making disciples of Jesus.** We believe this is accomplished when men become connected with other men and develop a sense of community in which they grow and mature in their Christian walk and help others do the same.

We know that discipleship to Jesus is a lifelong process that happens best shoulder to shoulder with other men who are on the same journey with you. We have a variety of ways men can be in a small group – prayer groups, Bible study groups, and accountability partners. If you are available there is a place for you.

## There are a variety of activities to support our mission and encourage men:

- **Discipling Groups** - Fellowship groups that meet weekly for building one another up in the Word of God.
- **Mens Gathering** - An annual weekend gathering for men across the entire church to grow through quality time together.
- **Outdoor Ministries** - The Appling Archers and reach men through a passion for outdoors, including the annual Bowhunters Festival
- **Kruise-In** - An annual day of fun and fellowship centered around classic cars. There is a Spring Show.
- **Other Opportunities Include:** Childrens Ministry, Royal Ambassadors (1st through 5th grade), and Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade) to raise up the next generation of men.

**Come join us as we seek to grow and reflect Christ in our individual lives.**

*For more information about these and other men's ministry activities at Kiokee, contact Jeff Meeks at 706.541.1086 or by email, [jeff@kiokee.org](mailto:jeff@kiokee.org).*



# Women's Ministry

*Encouraging and equipping women for eternity*

Since the fall of 1999, Kiokee Baptist Church has had an active Womens Ministry. Our purpose is to encourage women to grow in their personal relationship with Christ by equipping them through Bible studies, fellowships, retreats and ministry opportunities so that they can declare God's greatness, love and reach people, and make disciples.

We offer the following:

**Fellowship:** Our purpose is to encourage + equip women to build fruitful lives for Christ through fellowship.

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus." (Romans 15:5)*

**Bible Study:** Our purpose is to encourage and equip women to reflect Christ by providing opportunities for them to study and apply God's Word to their lives.

*"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness that the (woman) of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

**Retreat:** Our purpose is to provide an environment and opportunities to deepen the bonds of sisters in Christ through fellowship and Bible study.

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)*

For more information, please contact the church office at 706.541.1086 or visit [kiokee.org/womens](http://kiokee.org/womens)

## WMU

Kiokee also has a Womens Missionary Union (WMU) that is involved with local, national, and international missions. They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. For more information, please contact Marcia Bailey at 706.556.6530.



# Worship Ministry

*Declaring the Greatness of God Through Music*

*Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Psalm 96:2-3 ESV*

**Sanctuary Choir:** The Sanctuary Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 PM. The group is open to anyone interested in joining. A passion for singing His praises and a dedication to this ministry are the only prerequisites. In addition to leading in worship each Sunday morning, the Sanctuary Choir performs special seasonal programs throughout the year. Come and be our guest this Wednesday night at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room

**Sanctuary Orchestra:** This ensemble meets on Sundays at 9 AM and is open to wind, string, and percussion players at the high-school level and up. The Sanctuary Orchestra plays in the 9 AM Worship Service and joins the Sanctuary Choir to present seasonal programs.

**Praise Band:** Formed in the summer of 2002, the Kiokee Praise Band leads worship in our 10:30 AM Worship Service. This group plays more modern worship music. If you are interested in finding out more about the Kiokee Praise Band, please contact Ethan DeMore at [edemoresfs@gmail.com](mailto:edemoresfs@gmail.com).

## **AVL Team:**

**Audio:** Operate sound system for Worship Services. Set up and run sound system for church wide events on and off campus. Provide support for midweek Praise Band rehearsal. Run sound for special and seasonal events

**Video:** Run presentation software (ProPresenter) for Worship Services and other worship environments. Make changes to lyrics and scripts as necessary. Run camera systems.

**Lights:** Run lights for morning Worship Services and special productions.

**For more information about any of these areas, please call Wes Gardner at 706.541.1086 or email [wes@kiokee.org](mailto:wes@kiokee.org).**



# Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and having been baptized (or agreeing to be baptized) and being in agreement with Kiokee's purpose and structure, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Kiokee Family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to other members to do the following:

## 1. I will protect the unity of my church

- By acting in love toward other members
- By encouraging others in their relationship with Jesus
- By supporting and respecting leadership

*"Live in complete harmony with each other – each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."*  
(Romans 15:5, LB)

*"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts."*  
(1 Peter 1:22, GNB)

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only that which is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."* (Ephesians 4:29)

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."* (Hebrews 13:17)

## 2. I will support the testimony of my church

- By attending faithfully
- By living a God-honoring life
- By giving regularly

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... but let us encourage one another."* (Hebrews 10:25)

*"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ."*  
(Philippians 1:27)

*"Each one of you, on the first day of the week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering."* (1 Corinthians 16:2) *"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, it is holy."* (Leviticus 27:30)

# Membership Covenant

## 3. I will serve the ministry of my church

- By discovering my talents and passions
- By being equipped and seeking a place to serve
- By developing a servant's heart
- By cheering on others in their gifts

*"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." (1 Peter 4:10, PH)*

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." (Philippians 2:3-4,7)*

## 4. I will share the responsibility of my church

- By praying for its growth
- By reaching out and inviting the unchurched/lost
- By being kind and welcoming toward those who visit

*"To the church at Thessalonica...we always thank God for you and pray for you."*  
(1 Thessalonians 1:2)

*"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7)*

# Opportunities To Serve

## Preschool Ministry

### Discipling Group Teacher or Assistant

Prepares a Bible lesson and activities that reinforce the Bible truths taught in the lesson. Serves weekly with a co-teacher.

### Worship Hour Leader or Assistant

Prepares a follow-up summary of the Bible lesson and activities to reinforce the Bible truth. Serves once a month during the Second Service.

### Facilitator

Responsible for overseeing the Preschool area as they assist and/or equip parents and leaders with the check-in process, classroom supplies, etc. Serves once a month during Discipling Groups or the Second Service.

## Kids Ministry

### Discipling Group Teacher or Assistant

Prepares a Bible lesson and activities that reinforce the Bible truths taught in the lesson. Serves weekly with a co-teacher.

### Kids Worship Leader or Assistant

Collaborates with a team that plans and leads a time of praise and Worship, Bible teaching and activities that reinforce the Bible truth for the day. Serves once a month during the Second Service throughout the school calendar year.

### Wednesday Leader or Assistant - *GAs, RAs, Team Kids*

Collaborates with a team that plans and leads a time of bible teaching as well as games and activities that reinforce the Bible truth for the day. Serves once a week on Wednesday evenings throughout the school calendar year.

### Special Needs Ministry Leader or Assistant

Loves and cares for children with various disabilities that may not allow them to participate in regular ministry activities. Serves once a month during Discipling Groups or the Second Service.

## Student Ministry

### Discipling Group Leader

Our Sunday Discipling Groups are formatted in a way that emphasizes engaging discussion. There are two main tasks that we strive to accomplish in our Sunday Discipling Groups: Teaching and Shepherding. Leaders have the freedom to share the teaching responsibility week to week, but don't feel like you must be a "teacher" in order to be a leader in our Discipling Groups. We also need great "shepherds" that care for the inward needs of the group. Shepherding responsibilities can include: reaching out to inactive students, communicating with students during the week, visiting students during the week at their extracurriculars, organizing times for serving together and fellowshiping together. Successful shepherding is "doing life together" with students and their families.

### Midweek Leader

Midweek Leaders share the same responsibility of helping teach and shepherd our students, but the environment is more of a "high-energy" feel. A Midweek Leader is not a chaperone - they are engaged in the same things that the students are doing at the Midweek Service. This can include: participating in games, facilitating table discussion, listening to the lesson and taking notes, engaging in Worship, and more. On small group nights, leaders will guide discussion from a provided lesson.

### Tech Leader

Music and video is of high value to this generation. Serving as a Tech Leader is an important part of our Student Ministry. We need someone who is willing to be trained on our simple software to help run the video portion of our Wednesday Night experience. We are also in need of those who are willing to be trained on our sound board as well.

### General Expectations:

Meet Kiokkee's safety and security requirements of Background Check and Minor Protection Training. Faithful member of Kiokkee: including active participation in Worship, a Discipling Group, and in your area of service. Hard worker with a flexible attitude and teachable spirit. Must go through "on-board" training process to be a Leader in the Student Ministry.

# Opportunities To Serve

## Churchwide

### Greeter / Usher

Serves to greet guests and members as they arrive on campus before Worship and Discipling Groups in and just outside our facilities.

### Parking Lot Greeter

Serves to greet guest and members as they arrive on campus in our parking areas, making sure guests feel welcome and know where they are going.

### Discipling Group Leader or Co-Leader

Discipling Groups are where we grow deeper in our relationship with Christ. It's also a place to cultivate great friendships with those in our church. You will facilitate conversation relevant to the current curriculum which will have specific Scripture and questions for you to engage your group. Groups can meet on Sunday mornings or throughout the week.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in serving in the following area(s):**

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Preschool Ministry

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Worship Ministry

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Children's Ministry

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Men's Ministry

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Student Ministry

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Women's Ministry

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Discipling Group Ministry

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AVL Team

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Guest Services

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Security Team

# Request For Membership

Kiokee Baptist Church - *Four Requirements*

**1. Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

When?

Where?

\_\_\_\_\_ In this class

**2. Have you been baptized by immersion (under water) after you committed your life to Christ?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

When?

Where?

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be baptized at Kiokee Baptist Church

**3. Have you completed our Kiokee Membership Class?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Do you desire to abide by the Kiokee Membership Covenant?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I do!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please sign your name and date

*Welcome to our family!*

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

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E-Mail Address

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Date