

Spiritual and Biblical Foundations



Overview

One of All Saints Church's great strengths is its' strong and vibrant worship offerings on Sunday, as well as many thriving Bible studies, prayer groups, small groups and ministries throughout the week. All of these activities offer a strong foundation for the spiritual formation of many parishioners. And yet, there is a strong yearning for even deeper and expanded spiritual practices within the parish.

To address this desire, and take our efforts to the next level of engagement and involvement, we will create more opportunities for spiritual growth and meaningful Christian connections *in all aspects of life*. We seek to connect each parishioner more closely to the vision of All Saints and to inspire and equip them to grow in the Kingdom of God. As we live out our faith throughout the week, we will transform our own lives, our families, and our community.

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Five-Year Goals

1. Increase Biblical engagement
2. Make All Saints a praying church
3. Increase spiritual formation and development
4. Grow and demonstrate a united body of Christ
5. Become a beacon of light to Washington D.C.

1. Increase Biblical engagement

Increase knowledge and engagement on both a personal and collective level.

- **Bible Literacy Sprints**- *multi-generational schedule for reading entire Bible over two years with monthly scriptural memorization challenges*
- **"Lunch and Discuss"**- *offered at church and other locations and times to discuss difficult passages*
- **Trip to the Holy Land**- *Feb 25th- March 9th, 2021. Virtual Tour for non-travelers*

2. Make All Saints a praying church

Transform lives by connecting all ministries, initiatives, and individuals through a vibrant network of prayer.

- **Prayer training and outreach for all members**- *systematic and cyclical curriculum with entry points throughout the year offering basic through advanced prayer training*
- **Quarterly opportunities to engage with ASC Prayer Ministry** - *explore the power of prayer through prayer vigils, healing prayer, etc.*
- **Prayer partnerships**- *small teams activated throughout congregation*

3. Increase spiritual formation and development

Develop a church-wide culture that sparks individual spiritual development in all seasons of life, helping congregants to integrate faith in all aspects of life, including work, school and family.

- **Christian classics “pop-up” book club-** *top picks from ministry leaders*
- **Reintroduce ancient spiritual disciplines-** *book club, Sunday school and small group mini-retreats provide content*
- **Work and vocation initiative-** *to help parishioners learn to live out their Kingdom calling in their work and other places of influence*
- **Hire lay minister to assist in discipleship initiatives-** *when funds allow*

4. Grow and demonstrate a united body of Christ

Reflect the heart of God for one heart, one mind and one spirit, while embracing the unique and creative contributions of many different congregants and different worship styles.

- **“E Pluribus Unum” lay team formed-** *assist leadership in coordinating, praying for and connecting themes across all age-groups*
- **Annual “Discover your Unique Spiritual Gifts” seminar-** *offered to all members to help them identify a good fit for serving in a ministry*
- **Develop opportunities to worship and learn together –** *6 joint Sunday school forums*

5. Become a beacon of light to Washington D.C.

Become salt and light in our communities, inspiring other Christian communities to seek their place in transforming this world and ushering in the Kingdom of God today.

- **Connect All Saints to other churches who are leading Kingdom initiatives and partnerships-** *assist Father Ed in carrying out his vision for the city*