

My Plan for Spiritual Growth in 2009 Through Discipleship and Service

Dear Friend,

My Plan for Spiritual Growth in 2009 is a way of helping you become specific about how you will grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. There are three components of this plan—*Discipleship, Service, and Giving* (the giving portion is located on a separate card called *Give and Grow*).

The *Discipleship* portion will invite you to:

- † Participate regularly in a Sunday School class, HomeGroup and/or Bible study group
- † Personally focus on growing in one of the listed 8 characteristics of a mature disciple
- † Select one or more courses within a certain characteristic as a means for growth

The *Service* portion of this plan will invite you to:

- † Indicate those ministries which you are now a part of and will continue to serve
- † Look for new ways to serve as you grow and indicate your new ministry choices

The *Give and Grow Card* will invite you to:

- † Make a financial commitment in support of the ministry of the church

Please take time to prayerfully read through both the *Spiritual Growth Plan* and the *Give and Grow Card*. For details pertaining to Discipleship and Service, please see the *Discipleship Catalog* and the *Serve and Grow Ministry Guide* found throughout the church and on our website at WWW.CUMCSL.ORG. For information regarding our church's financial philosophy, please see the back of the *Give and Grow Card*.

I believe that through discipleship, service and giving, you will continue to move toward your goal of living an extraordinary, remarkable life in Jesus Christ. The longest journey begins with a single step. Take a step in 2009 toward that abundant life and turn in both your *2009 Spiritual Growth Plan* and *Give and Grow Card* during worship services on **Sunday, November 16th**.



Psalm 1:2-3

Bless you,
Morris Matthis

My Plan for Spiritual Growth in 2009 through Discipleship

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In order to grow as a mature follower of Jesus Christ, I will do each of the following in 2009:

† **Be a participating member of a Sunday School Class, HomeGroup or Bible Study Group**

The name of the class/group is:

Please contact me and help me find a class/group/Bible study

† **Commit to personally focus on one of the 8 characteristics of a mature disciple (see the list of 8 characteristics below). The characteristic I will focus on is:**

† **Take one course being offered next year to help me grow in the characteristic I have chosen.** Please choose your desired course(s) from the list below. Indicate your choice by filling in the circle. For a complete description of these courses, please see the 2009 Discipleship Catalog *Charting Your Course* or go to WWW.CUMCSL.ORG.

1. Salvation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>What's So Amazing about Grace</i> | 10 wks | Jan-March/Sept-Nov |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Abide in Christ</i> | 6 wks | Online |

2. Faith Story

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go Fish</i> | 6 wks | Feb-March |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Becoming a Contagious Christian</i> | 6 wks | Oct-Nov |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Navig8 to Life</i> | 10 wks | Jan-March/Sept-Nov |

3. Scriptures

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>DISCIPLE Bible Studies</i> | 30-34 wks | Aug 2009 -May 2010 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>DISCIPLE Invitation to the Old Testament</i> | 13 wks | Jan-May |

4. Theology

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Christian Believer</i> | 30 wks | Aug 2009 –May 2010 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alpha</i> | 10 wks | Jan-March/Sept- Nov |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Surprised by C.S. Lewis</i> | 2 hrs | Feb 22 nd |

5. Spiritual Gifts/Fruit of the Spirit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Spiritual Gifts</i> | 6 wks | Feb-March/June-July
July-Aug/ Oct- Nov |
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6. Discipline

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Celebration of Discipline</i> | 12 wks | Feb-May/Sept-Dec |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Contemplative Prayer</i> | 2-3 hrs | May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>First Place</i> | 13 wks | Jan-Apr/Sept-Dec |

7. Generosity

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Irresistible Invitation</i> | 5 wks | June-July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Financial Peace</i> | 13 wks | Jan-Apr/Sept-Dec |

8. Service

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A Servant Like My Savior</i> | 5 wks | Apr-May/Oct-Nov |
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Note: You can expect to receive an informational email for the course(s) you select no later than 2 months prior to its start date. This email will include specific dates, times, locations and resource material fees (if applicable) for each selected course, as well as an online registration form for that course.

My Plan for Spiritual Growth in 2009 through Service

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

By filling in the circle (s) of those that apply, I commit to continue my involvement in or become involved in the following ministries (see the Serve and Grow Ministry Guide found in the literature racks at church, the Christ Church Bookstore, those held by your group leader, or visit WWW.CUMCSL.ORG for more details on each of these service opportunities):

Adult Educational Ministries

- Long-term Study Leader
- Long-term Study Teacher
- Short-term Study Leader
- Short-term Study Teacher
- Library Assistant
- Curriculum Review Team
- Planning Team

Adult Group Ministries

- Adult Group Leader
- Emmaus Retreat Team
- Family Ministry Team
- HomeGroup Ministry Team
- Men's Ministry Team
- United Methodist Men
- Singles' Ministry Team
- Sunday School Class Leader
- Sunday School Roving Teacher
- Women's Ministry Team
- United Methodist Women
- Young Adult Ministry Team
- Piecemakers

Audio Visual Ministries

- Sound Team
- Videography
- Photography
- Youth Audio & Video
- New Member Photography

Children's 2009-2010

- 9:45 SS Teacher
18 months to Kindergarten

- 9:45 Rotation Workshop
Teacher – 1st & 2nd Grade
- 9:45 Rotation Workshop
Shepherd – 1st & 2nd Grade
- 9:45 3rd Grade SS Teacher
- 9:45 4th Grade SS Teacher
- 9:45 5th Grade SS Teacher
- 11:05 Wee Worship and
Worship Alive Helpers
- Mission Coordinator 4th & 5th
Grade
- Sunday School Coordinator
Age/Grade Level
- Substitute
- Hospitality Helper
- Children's Check-In Team
- Vacation Bible School
Leadership Team
- 4th Grade *Girl Time* Leader
- 5th Grade *Girl Time* Leader
- 4th and 5th Grade *Guy Time*
Leader
- Summer SS Teacher
- MOP's Steering Team
- Playgroup Leader
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scout Troop 441

Church Administration

- Finance Committee
- Staff Parish Relations
- Board of Trustees
- Stewardship Steering
Committee
- Helping Angels
- Telephone Assistant
- Library Team

Missions Ministries

- Angel Tree
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Disaster Relief
- East Fort Bend Human Needs
- Fort Bend Family Promise
- Garden Ministry
- Gifts Unto Others
- H.O.M.E. Project
- Habitat for Humanity
- Four Corners
- Manna Bags
- Mary Austin Holley Elementary
- Meals on Wheels
- Medicine Boxes/Flood Buckets
- Mexico Mission Trips
- Nothing But Nets
- Restorative Justice Ministry
- S.I.R.E.
- S.O.S. School Supplies
- Sock Monkeys
- Soles for Souls

Music & Fine Arts Ministries

Adult

- Chancel Choir 11:05 Service
- Joyful Noise Choir 9:45 Service
- Festival Choir
- Singing Churchmen
- Women Choir
- Handbell Choir: Jubilation
Ringers
- Handbell Choir: Joy Bells
- Praise Band
- Instrumentalists
- Music Office Volunteers
- Praise Dancers
- Visual Arts
- Theater Arts/Drama Ministry

Children

- Cherub Chimes Director
- Cherub Chimes Parent Helpers
- "Wee"joice Choir Director
- "Wee"joice Choir Parent Helpers
- Music Makers Director
- Music Makers Parent Helpers
- Finalé Director
- Finalé Parent Helpers
- Sunday Singers Director
- Sunday Singers Parent Helpers
- Administrative Volunteer

Older Adult Ministries

- JOY! Planning Team
- JOY! Participant
- ENCORE! Planning Team
- ENCORE! Food Coordinator
- ENCORE! Lunch Event Theme Team
- ENCORE! Participant
- Book Discussion Group
- Gentle Yoga Participant
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Retirement Community/Assisted Living Facility Bible Study Leader
- Retirement Community / Assisted Living Facility Bible Study Participant
- SAGE Participant

Outreach Ministries

- Alpha Support Team
- Bread of Life
- Christ Corner Bookstore
- CC101:Explore Christ Church
- Easter at the Creek
- Greeters
- Hospitality
- Muggers
- New Residents Team
- Parking Lot Ministry
- Welcome Call Team
- Welcome Center

Communications

- Communications Support
- History Guild

- Newsletter – Monday Mailing
- Newsletter – Thursday Printing
- Newsletter – Friday Preparation

Prayer, Care, and Support Ministries

- Altar Prayer Partner
- Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver Support Group
- Alzheimer's Care Facility Visitation
- Blessing Baskets
- Care Team
- Caring Cards Correspondent
- Caring Chefs
- Cookie Angels
- Cooking Crew
- DivorceCare Team
- Driven by Love Driver
- Grief Support Ministry
- Grace in Grief Funeral Ministry
- Hearts of Grace Prayer Group
- Homebound Visitation
- New Baby Bags
- Nursing Home Visitation
- Prayer Pagets
- Stephen Ministry
- Telephone Buddies

Recreation

- Adult Sports Leagues
- Camp Coordinator
- Children & Youth
- Events Coordinator
- Exercise Instructors
- Hatha Yoga & Exercise Classes
- Planning & Guidance Committee
- Special Events
- Support Team Chili Cookoff

Worship

- Acolyte Coordinator
- Acolyte Coordinator Assistant
- Advent/Christmas Decorating Coordinator
- Advent/Christmas Decorating Team
- Altar Flower Delivery
- Communion Coordinator
- 8:15 Communion Server
- 9:45 Communion Server

- 11:05 Communion Server
- Lay Reader Coordinator
- 8:15 Lay Reader
- 9:45 Lay Reader
- 11:05 Lay Reader
- Sanctuary Care Coordinator
- Sanctuary Care Team Member
- Usher Coordinator
- 8:15 Usher
- 9:45 Usher
- 11:05 Usher
- Worship Displays

Youth 2009-2010

- Youth Ministry Discipleship Team Coordinator
- Snack Supper Team
- Feed the Youth
- Drama Team
- Multimedia Team
- Prayer Team
- Praise Team
- Member Care Team
- Welcome Team
- Sports & Recreation Team
- Youth Patrol
- Confirmation Teachers
- Youth SS Coordinator
- Youth SS Teacher & Assistant Teacher
- Re:Find Helpers
- Retreat Trip Counselor
- Youth Lay Reader
- Mission Trip Counselors
- Adult & Youth Helpers
- Parent Office Helpers

Can't Find Your Ministry? (write it here)
