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A Note From our Pastor

I want to say on behalf of our leadership team how glad we are to meet you. Our Pastoral Team at St. Stephen's is far larger than our clergy and spouses in the photo above. It includes some 20 other members of our staff who work with children and students, families and singles, newcomers and members. In fact, the leadership team extends much beyond these hard-working and much appreciated paid staff. It includes an exceptional Vestry and literally hundreds of volunteers who have found the joy of serving people in Christian ministry. We pray and listen and share, we teach and care and visit, we create and sing and much, much more. Our ministry teams help connect people with God and his healing, transforming purposes in life. Let us know how we can get to know you and help you along God's path for your life. And soon enough, I suspect, you will be eager to help others as well.

Warmly in our Lord Jesus,

Geoff Chapman
Senior Pastor

Our Denomination

St. Stephen's is a parish church of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the third largest Christian communion in the world. In 2008 we left the Episcopal Church with our Diocese to form a new North American Province, marked by its focus on the Good News of Jesus, its confidence in the Scriptures and its commitment to the mission of the Gospel. We are evangelical in faith and sacramental in worship style, rooted in ancient creeds, and eager to engage the modern world. We are old and young, ancient and modern, and we look forward to the opportunities of the future years.

Our Focal Points

At St. Stephen's, our desire is to be a healthy church. A church is like a human body. If your body is healthy, it will grow well and be able to serve God's purposes in this world. But if your body becomes ill or infirm, you will be hindered.

We have learned over the years that healthy churches are well-balanced in a certain set of priorities. Here are ours:

- **Grace** – We put God's grace first because everything flows from this. We focus not on what we do, but on what He has done through His Son, Jesus, and what He continues to do in the world today. He freely loves us, draws us, forgives us, gifts us with new life and welcomes us into His family. This new life is more powerful than death itself and it all comes freely to broken and needy people through His Son, Jesus. This is grace and we speak of it a great deal.
Grace brings a response. It reorders our desires and passions It creates and calls forth a new life with new purposes. These, too, are our priorities and include:
- **Fellowship** – Christ draws us into his family where we befriend each other, love each other, and live out our faith together.
- **Discipleship** – Healthy believers grow in Christ-likeness, and this happens through the timeless principles of trust and obedience, of faith and following.
- **Ministry** – People who have been deeply loved desire to love others. When God Himself has served us, we are eager to serve others.
- **Mission** – God's love always reaches out through his people to those beyond ourselves - into our neighborhoods, our city, and our world. We want to proclaim in word and deed the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who do not yet believe.
- **Worship** – We are a "multi-style" worshipping community with five different worship services each weekend. However, we know that Christian worship is not simply a focus of our weekends, but is a way of life in which we offer all we are and all we do for God's glory.

These six focal points are seen in almost every ministry of our parish.



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Welcome to St. Stephen's

We are glad to meet you! Many different people come here, people of all ages and backgrounds, people with different circumstances in life – all people who live in a fractured and difficult world. If you are like the rest of us, you are looking for something more in life, something that can make life new, deep and meaningful. We share that hope. Welcome to St. Stephen's.

Jump In!

We are a family with lots of opportunities to get involved. We have vibrant children's and student ministries, an active young adult community, a network of adult small groups, and a large team of caregivers who are experienced at bringing God's help to the hard places of life. We have adult seminars that focus on the real, felt needs of individuals and families, and we offer worship in several styles and times through the weekend.

At the Heart...

We are very normal people who have come to discover the extraordinary wonder of God's grace in Jesus Christ. We have been caught by his love, and taught by his words. You will discover that it is our habit to look to him, learn from the Bible, depend on his love, grow with his family and reach out on his mission.

Maybe you are just starting to think about matters of faith, or perhaps you are a seasoned follower of Christ. Wherever you are along this journey, we welcome you and look forward to getting to know you.

consist of everything from small and large group gatherings, meals together, outside events such as camps, missions trips, ski trips and anything that brings us together as a community of students learning to be Christ followers.

Come visit us at our 11:15 a.m. Student Worship service on Sunday mornings or our Middle and High school programs on Sunday nights for starters. Check out our website or call our Student Ministries staff for details.

Pastoral Care

St. Stephen's is a large family of folks who from time to time face personal struggles or heartbreaking crises. We are eager to help families or individuals who are going through a difficult season, bringing the hope and care of Jesus Christ. Our pastoral care teams are skilled in various ways to come alongside people with Christ's healing and compassion. Need help? Call the church office and ask for our pastoral care office. We look forward to talking with you.

Small Groups

A small group in a large church like St. Stephen's provides a place in which "everybody knows your name," where you become family. Most of our groups are friendship and Bible-



centered. Some of them are age and/or gender specific. We offer each of our members the opportunity to belong to one of these groups.

There are small groups meeting in locations around the area throughout the week. New groups are forming all the time. Please let us know if you're interested in joining or leading a group.

Ministry and Mission Teams

Everyone has something to give others; people who have been loved by God reach out in love. Through our ministry and missions teams, you can serve God and serve others by sharing your particular interests and talents. We have dozens of these teams that minister the grace of Christ among our membership, within our communities, and around the world. These teams are listed on our website.

Adult Seminar and Studies

At St. Stephen's there are men's Bible studies, women's Bible studies, seminars for seniors, groups for single or married young adults, a book club, a painting class...well, the list is long. Once again, we encourage you to visit our website for a description of each group.



Worship Schedule

Saturday - 6 pm in Grace Commons

Sat@Six is a casual service with lots of contemporary music, creative content, and a relaxed feel. Holy Communion once a month.

Children's Programs: Nursery - 5th Grade

Sunday - 7:45 am in the Sanctuary

A reflective "said" service (no music) of Holy Communion with a traditional Anglican liturgy.

No Children's Programs

Sunday - 9 am in the Sanctuary

A service with traditional Anglican liturgy and hymns; features a full choir. Holy Communion offered three times a month.

Children's Programs: Nursery - 5th Grade

Sunday - 11:15 am in Grace Commons

A service with contemporary music with a full praise band, a casual feel, and Holy Communion three times a month.

Children's Programs: Nursery - 5th Grade

Sunday - 11:15 am in the Henning House

Student Worship for High School Students - Energetic, Creative, Edgy!

Sunday Education Hour -

10:15 am Bible Teaching for all ages

Nursery age & Preschool (Preschool Wing)

Kindergarten thru 5th grade small groups (Promiseland)

Students (6th – 8th Grades) (Henning House)

Adults: Different classes (Main Buildings)

Children's Ministries

At St. Stephen's, our children are a big part of our church family. We work hard to help families introduce their children to God and grow up in him. Every weekend, Nursery to PreK meet in the Preschool Wing while parents are in services or Adult Education; during these special times they sing, play, and learn from God's Word. Elementary age children start out in services with parents and are dismissed to Promiseland during the sermon for worship and a lesson just for them. Then they join parents again for Communion.

Student Ministries

Student Ministries is a place where students (6th-12th) learn, search, and unwind. We are committed to developing students into those who demonstrate a life-long commitment to Christ on a daily basis. We want to see students become passionate about the things of God. We are also committed to partnering with parents when it comes to raising their children. We do this by providing them with the best resources possible, staying connected, communicating regularly and praying for families on a daily basis.

Many of our activities take place in the Henning House, a new state-of-the art/multi-media building located across the parking lot from the main church and auditorium. Our programs