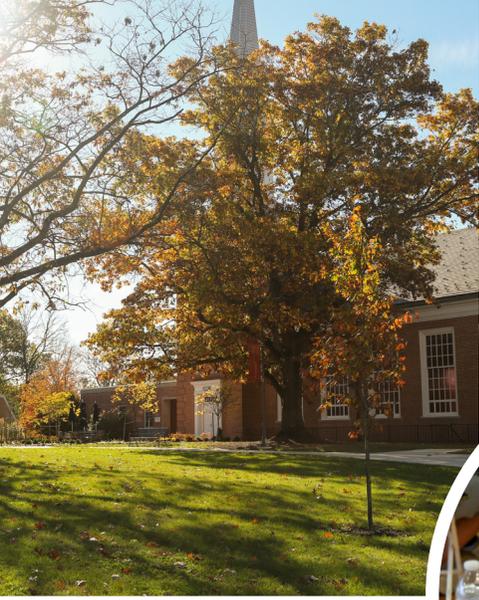


Spiritual formation at Messiah University



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At Messiah University, we understand Christian spiritual formation as the lifelong process of being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ to the glory of God and for the sake of others.

Humans are spiritual beings; everything we do shapes or forms us in some way. We want to help students be intentional and join in the transformational work God has already begun. Our prayer is that Messiah alumni would be equipped for a lifetime of following Jesus, glorifying God and bringing flourishing to their communities.

Your faith
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“ Being at Messiah has the ability to transform you. Students coming to Messiah should anticipate being renewed and strengthened.”

– Emilie Rush '23
Digital media,
Orchard Park, New York



Our approach to spiritual formation

We take a holistic approach to student spiritual formation at Messiah University, because we believe God invites us to experience transformation in every area of our lives. As such, our framework for spiritual formation addresses three distinct, yet deeply connected, areas of life: being, knowing and doing.



At Messiah, students nurture a personal and communal relationship with God

...finding their **IDENTITY** in Christ and viewing themselves as image-bearers and children of God.

...cultivating Christlike **CHARACTER**.

...developing meaningful relationships in Christian **COMMUNITY**.

...learning and engaging in **PRACTICES** that foster healthy spirituality.





At Messiah, students grow in knowledge of God, self, the Church and the world

- ...learning the story of God as told in the Old and New Testaments of the **BIBLE**.
- ...growing in awareness of their spiritual gifts, skills and abilities toward discerning God's **CALLING** on their lives.
- ...growing in awareness and appreciation of **DIVERSE EXPRESSIONS** of the Christian faith.
- ...growing in **WISDOM** to think and act faithfully in a complex world.



"I chose Messiah because Messiah really values both students' faith and academics. At Messiah, chapels and Bible studies are provided for students to grow spiritually and strengthen their relationships with God."

– Alan Wang '24
Finance,
Shan Xi, China



At Messiah, students respond to God's reconciling work in their lives and the world

- ...actively engaging in a life of **WORSHIP** and **SERVICE**.
- ...developing skills and gaining experience in Christian **LEADERSHIP**.
- ...enacting Christ's gospel of **PEACE** and **JUSTICE**.
- ...inviting **OTHERS** to learn and follow the person and way of Jesus.



Opportunities for students

Spiritual formation happens all over campus — in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the art studio and in the residence halls — but here are some common places students turn when they want to grow in their Christian faith:



CHAPEL

The Office of Campus Ministries hosts more than 40 unique chapel opportunities every semester. Chapel is the place where our campus community regularly gathers for worship through song, scripture, teaching, artistic expression, small groups and more. Because of our commitment to intentional Christian spiritual formation, full-time residential students are required to attend at least 14 chapels per semester.



STUDENT MINISTRIES

A variety of student-led ministries are available on campus, ranging from men's and women's life groups to Bible studies to prayer ministry. Student ministries provides opportunities for students to deepen their faith as they connect with one another and with God and to gain mentored experience in Christian leadership.



CHURCH

Messiah University is deeply committed to interacting with local churches in our community, and on-campus ministries are in no way designed to replace student involvement in local churches. We strongly encourage students toward involvement in the life of a local church, both while they are students and for the rest of their lives. The campus ministries website maintains a directory of local churches, including many that provide shuttle service to and from campus.



CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Questions about spiritual formation at Messiah? Visit messiah.edu/ministries or email campusministries@messiah.edu.