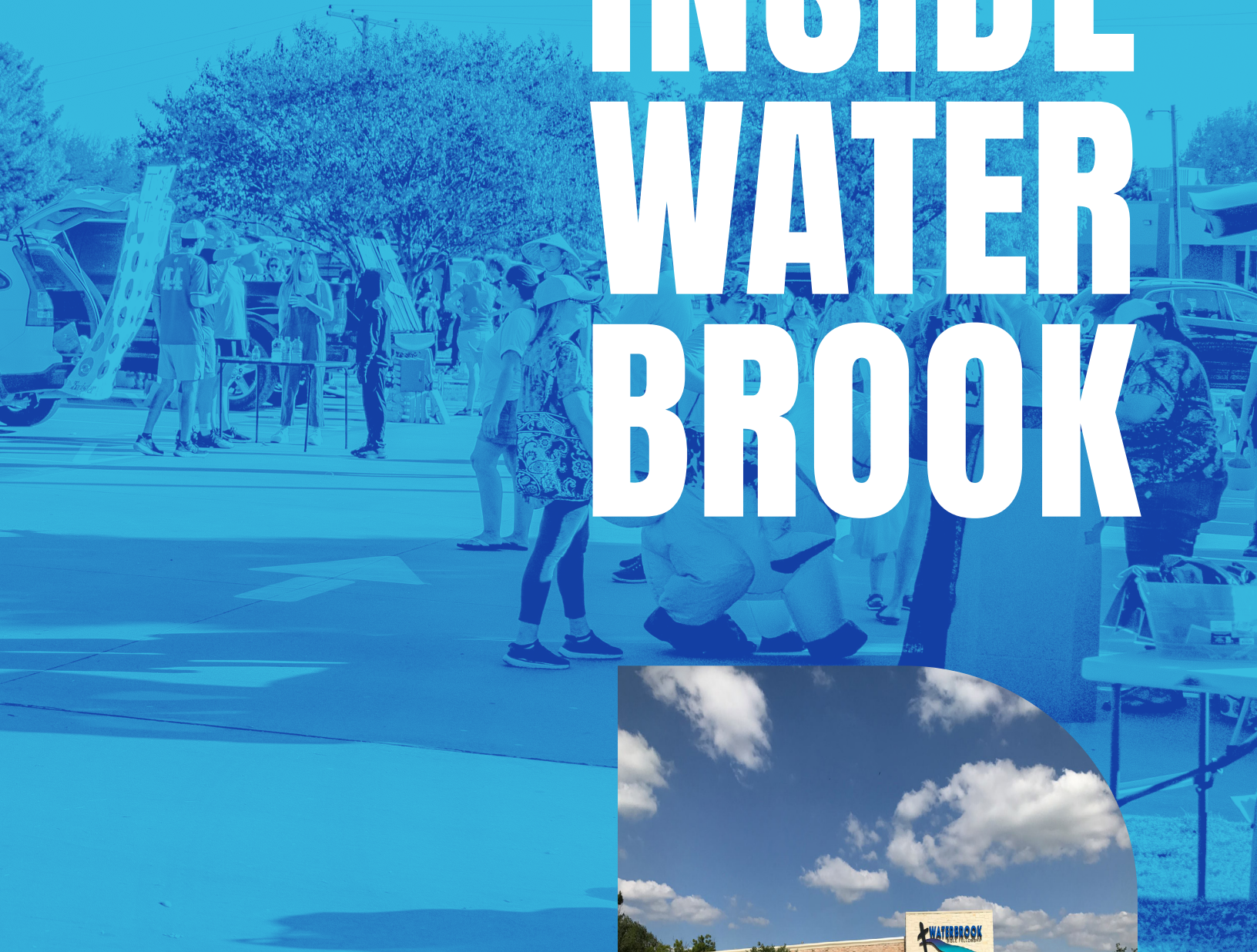


# INSIDE WATERBROOK



**GLORIFYING GOD BY MAKING AND GROWING  
DISCIPLES IN WYLIE AND BEYOND**

# A PLACE TO BELONG.

Waterbrook is a church made up of ordinary people who gather together to worship a holy and awesome God. We hold firm to the truths found in scripture and teach in a way that allows for the Bible to in practical ways impact our daily lives.

Our mission at Waterbrook is to “*glorify God by making and growing disciples in Wylie and beyond.*” We believe in the power of relationships and know that to be in one that matters starts with connecting with others. Those connections can create opportunities for community and we believe that intentional community can help us to live a life that looks more like Christ each day.

There are a lot of ways to connect and find community at Waterbrook and we'd love to help you in that journey. Reach out so that we can help Waterbrook be a place where you belong.



## YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

[waterbrook.org](http://waterbrook.org)

# GATHERINGS



## SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us not to forsake the gathering, as some are in the habit of doing, but to encourage one another all the more. There is something beautiful that happens when we gather to connect with God and others. Our commitment every week is to create vibrant multigenerational experiences in which everyone can participate.

We believe that Waterbrook is a place to belong for you, your family, friends, and co-workers. We invite you to experience God's word in a fresh way and build community that can impact your life!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We live in a world often consumed by nonstop running from one thing to the next, with a constant sea of distractions fighting for our attention.

Because of this, we have created additional opportunities for you to connect each week in an effort to engage in scripture and build community with others. We have classes for kids, students, men, and women.



**SUNDAYS | 9:30AM & 11AM**  
**WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM**

[WATERBROOK.ORG/SERMONS](https://waterbrook.org/sermons)



# 7 CORE

At Waterbrook we have seven core values at the center of what we believe, who we are, and what we do.

We believe these are essential for genuine, life-change. Embracing these values, we move from merely talking to engagingly walking our faith.



## WORSHIP

*Romans 11:33-12:2, John 4:24, Ephesians 5:18-24*

Worship is actively responding to God both individually and as a church to who God is and what He has done; expressed in the things we say and the way we live.



## COMMUNITY

*Colossians 3:12-17, Ephesians 4:1-6, Hebrews 10:24-25*

Genuine biblical community means living in caring relationships that are guided by biblical truth and grounded in spiritual accountability. We value real community, and yes, we know how messy and hard it is. But, we also know that real and lasting life-change - spiritual transformation - primarily occurs in the unity and diversity of authentic relationships.



## PRAYER

*Matthew 6:5-13, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2, Ephesians 6:18*

We are committed to under-girding every ministry with intentional and faithful prayer. Prayer is the practical demonstration that acknowledges that God is powerful and we are not. We will constantly call one another and this fellowship to prayer.



## GROWTH

*Ephesians 4:14-16, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 1:2-29, 2 Peter 3:18*

Spiritual growth means that over time we are becoming, looking, and acting more and more like Jesus Christ. It is progressively moving toward spiritual maturity. A commitment to growth is not easy, because growth means change, and change is difficult. However, growth means we are living, really living, as the life of Christ is reproduced in our own lives.

# VALUES



## SERVICE

*Ephesians 4:11-13, Mark 10:43-45, 1 Peter 4:10-11*

Jesus demonstrated that the most influential life is a life of sacrificial service. In the words of Mark's gospel, Jesus "did not come to be served by to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." Likewise, we believe that we will influence the world for Christ, when resting in, and motivated by His great love for us, we extend that love through our own hands and feet in acts of service to others.



## GENEROSITY

*John 3:16, Proverbs 11:25, 2 Corinthians 8-9*

Every act of God is an act of lavish generosity. He gives freely, fully, graciously and without measure. Generosity means living life with our hearts and hands open, generously giving away the truth, time, talent, and treasure that God so graciously entrusted to us.



## EVANGELISM

*Mark 16:15-16, John 3:16, Colossians 4:3, Luke 10:2, Luke 19:10*

We believe that we are called to intentionally build bridges to people who are without Christ. We believe that every person should be equipped to clearly and boldly explain the good news of the gospel. We believe that evangelism, like prayer, must be intrinsically woven into every ministry at Waterbrook.

# DISTINCTIVES

1. We believe in the authority and relevant application of God's Word throughout each day and moment of the week.
2. We believe in Team Ministry.
3. We believe in the power and absolute priority of relationships.
4. We believe in the church's responsibility to equip the community of believers for kingdom building.
5. We believe in reaching young people with the gospel and with teaching them biblical truths for life.
6. We believe in missions and have committed ourselves to setting aside 10% of our budget to support missionaries and short-term mission trips.
7. Waterbrook Bible Fellowship values the ministry of women.
8. Waterbrook Bible Fellowship is committed to influencing our community.
9. Waterbrook Bible Fellowship is committed to maintaining a fluid culture.

# BELIEFS

## THE BIBLE

(2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12)

We believe that the Scriptures in all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God, error free in the original manuscripts, and the supreme authority of faith and practice for followers of Christ.

## GOD

(Deuteronomy 6:4)

We believe there is one living and true God, who is one in essence, while eternally existing in three distinct persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*\*For an extended breakdown of Waterbrook Bible Fellowships Beliefs please visit [www.waterbrook.org/beliefs](http://www.waterbrook.org/beliefs)*

## MAN

(Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 1:18-32, 3:10-23)

We believe that mankind was directly created in the image of God to enjoy His fellowship and fulfill His purposes on earth. However, in Adam, all mankind fell into sin; consequently all people are spiritually dead and subject to the certainty of both physical and spiritual death apart from faith in Jesus Christ.

## SALVATION

(John 1:12, 3:16, 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. All who believe in Him are declared righteous by the Father on the grounds of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection, being regenerated by and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

## THE CHURCH

(Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12-14)

We believe that all who are "born again" by the Holy Spirit belong to the one true church and are instructed by the Scriptures to associate themselves in local, visible churches.

## THE FUTURE

(Matthew 24-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We believe the next great event of human history will be the personal return of Jesus Christ (Rapture). This is the blessed hope for which all those who love Christ yearn. While the exact time of Christ's return is unknown, it is imminent and certain.

## LEADERSHIP

(1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 6:1-6)

We believe that Jesus Christ leads the local church through a plurality of elders who have been called, gifted, and appointed by Him. By seeking the mind of Christ, depending upon the Holy Spirit and diligently examining the Word of God, the elders provide spiritual oversight and direction for the church. The qualifications of elders are character-based as defined in 1 Timothy and Titus.

# ORDINANCES

## BAPTISM

(Matt. 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-7)

We believe that baptism is an essential “first step” for all who having believed in Christ for salvation, desire to walk as His disciple. Baptism is a clear injunction of the Scriptures which outwardly expresses the inward reality of new life in Christ. Our method of baptism is immersion as described in the New Testament and practiced in the early church.

## COMMUNION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

We believe that the Lord’s Supper is a memorial of Christ and His redemptive death. It is also an expression of our fellowship with one another. In communion we are reminded of Christ’s first coming, and encouraged to look forward to His coming again.

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Want to know more about why we all need salvation? Watch this video.



# BAPTISM

## What is Baptism?

Anytime we do a baptism it raises questions. Why should... Who should...How should...we baptize? Since such a variety of backgrounds and traditions exist, we offer this information as an explanation of what we believe the Bible says about the topic, and why we do what we do at Waterbrook Bible Fellowship.

## Get Baptized!

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision. If you are interested in getting baptized, you can sign up using the QR code and filling out the interest form. Once you have submitted the form, you will be contacted by our church with more information!



## CHURCH CENTER - CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH

Church Center is a community-focused mobile app and website designed to connect your congregation with every part of church life, powered by Planning Center products.

**Key Features:** A ready-to-use platform to serve as your church's central hub.

**Event Registration:** View upcoming events, sign up, and complete registrations in-app.

**Volunteer Scheduling:** Volunteers can respond to requests, see their schedule, and connect with teams.

**Secure Family Check-Ins:** Pre-check children in and scan a phone code for fast and safe entry.

**Profile Management:** Update personal details, manage privacy settings, and more.

**Media Access:** Stream sermons, listen to audio, or take notes live or later.

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# CHURCH CENTER

### NEED PRAYER?

Our church family considers it a privilege to lift up the needs of others in prayer. If you have a request—big or small—we would be honored to pray alongside you. All prayer requests are prayed for during our weekly prayer meetings and also shared with our Elders, who are committed to praying with care and confidentiality.

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” (James 5:13)



### JOIN OUR WEEKLY CHURCH EMAILS

Stay informed, encouraged, and connected by subscribing to our Weekly Church Emails!

Each week, you'll receive updates on our current Sunday sermon series, important church announcements, and details about upcoming events designed to foster community and spiritual growth. These emails also include helpful resources, uplifting messages, and meaningful ways to engage with others at Waterbrook Bible Fellowship.

Sign up today and never miss a moment of what God is doing at Waterbrook!



# GET CONNECTED

If you are looking for what the next steps might be at Waterbrook, we'd suggest the following:

## FIND YOUR PLACE LUNCH

We host quarterly lunches with the intention of giving people who are new to Waterbrook a chance to meet the staff and for the staff to meet you. If you've been here less than a year and haven't attended one of these lunches, please make plans to attend.

## WATERBROOK 101

Every other month we hold a class called Waterbrook 101 where attendees get a chance to hear the history of Waterbrook, learn about theology, our leadership structure, our ministries, and ask questions.

## MEMBERSHIP AT WATERBROOK

After attending Waterbrook 101 class, you can become a member of Waterbrook by submitting an application which is reviewed by the Elder council. We ask members to commit to being actively involved at the church in their worship, generosity, service, prayer, commitment to community, growth, and evangelism.

## SERVE IN A MINISTRY

You don't have to be a member to serve in some ministries at Waterbrook, but we do ask for those who consider Waterbrook their church home to find a place to get plugged in and involved. This is a great way to be part of making and growing disciples!

# NEXT STEPS



# NEXT GEN



We are committed to reaching the next generation for Christ. We believe that the best way to do that is through intentional relationships and strong Biblical teaching. From the youngest in the building to the next leaders of families, businesses, and church, investing in the next generation has a profound impact on families. To learn more about any of our groups that meet each week, visit our website. We have groups that meet every week across all ages.



## KIDS CLASSES

All school age children (K-4th) meet in the Student & Discipleship 200 Building where they meet in grade-level classes for fun, games, crafts, and a Bible study lesson from the Gospel Project curriculum. Nursery through Preschool are more than just “childcare” and meet in the 100 Building. Classes are led by our screened and approved children’s teaching volunteers.

## STUDENTS

Students includes grades 5-12 that breakout into smaller groups by grade level. 5th-6th graders meet at 11am in one of the breakout rooms of the student ministry area. All our Jr High and High School students meet together on Sunday mornings at the same time in the large room in the student ministry area.



## YOUNG ADULTS

The Harbor is our fellowship group for young adults aged 18-30. If you need a place of rest and peace or a place of community with other young adults, we invite you to join us on Sunday nights at 6:00pm for worship and Bible study.



Waterbrook Wee School is located in the children's area on the Waterbrook campus. We have classes for your "Wee Ones" ages 18 months to 5 years old!

Wee School is open daily from 9am to 2pm Monday through Thursday with extended hours from 8:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Extended hours are flexible as needed by the family. You can enroll your child in Wee School from 1 day a week to 4 days a week depending on your child's and families needs. All students pay a once per year registration and supply fee depending on the number of days they will attend. Wee School families do not pay for days that our Wee School is closed due to holiday or staff development days and follow the Wylie ISD calendar.

# MORE GATHERINGS

## LIVING THE LIFE

For all adults, this class meets in the Youth Room at 9:30 am. Primarily focused on life discussions of personal growth, relationships, and how Scripture applies to our lives. This adult class is led by Bob Williams, Ross Perterson, and Rob Whapham.

## THRU THE WORD

For all adults, this class meets in the Orange Classroom at 9:30 am. Focused on a careful study through the text of Scripture. These studies are led by Jim Woolard, Brian Jeffreys, and Karl Kloppmann.

## YOUNGISH

For couples or singles that have kids living at home. This is a discussions based Bible study on varying topics. This class meets at 11 am in the Orange Classroom in the 200 building.

# MINISTRIES AT WATERBROOK

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry of Waterbrook seeks to connect women of different ages and life stages together in a way that fosters discipleship.

### MEETINGS

They gather the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights for Bible study and small groups. They also gather throughout the fall and spring on Thursday mornings for Bible study. They also hold various events and activities to help build connection with others.



To learn more about the Women's Ministry at Waterbrook, visit [waterbrook.org/womens-ministry](https://waterbrook.org/womens-ministry).



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Men's Ministry provides ministry opportunities to meet the unique needs, relationships, and spiritual growth of men. They seek to walk alongside other men providing wise counsel and leadership to become the men that God created them to be.

### MEETINGS

They gather on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights for Bible study and meet the second Saturday of each month for breakfast and prayer. They also hold various events and activities to help build connection with other men at Waterbrook.



To learn more about the Men's Ministry at Waterbrook, visit [waterbrook.org/mens-ministry](https://waterbrook.org/mens-ministry).



## DEEP WATERS MINISTRY

At Waterbrook we believe that there is no retirement when it comes to our faith! We have a vibrant ministry of senior adults that are leaders in prayer, faith, and discipleship.

### MEETINGS

Our Deep Waters ministry gathers the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and Bible study.



To learn more about the Deep Waters ministry at Waterbrook, visit [waterbrook.org/senior-adults](https://waterbrook.org/senior-adults).



# MDWK

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

For more information on men's and women's Wednesday Night Bible Studies please visit [www.waterbrook.org](http://www.waterbrook.org)



### KIDS MDWK

**Wednesdays | 6:30–7:30 PM | Kids Room, 200 Building**

Looking for a midweek opportunity where your kids can grow in their faith, build friendships, and burn off some energy—all in one hour? MDWK is designed just for that! Every Wednesday night during the fall and spring, kids enjoy a fun, safe environment filled with games, engaging Bible lessons, music, and meaningful connection.

### STUDENTS MDWK

**Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Student Ministry Room, 200 Building**

MDWK for Students is the place to be on Wednesday nights! These Wednesday nights are a fantastic way for our students to have fun, find deep community, and grow as disciples of Jesus! There will be games, a lesson, and a breakout time for small group discussion for our students to grow together. You won't want to miss Wednesday night and neither do your friends.

So, make sure to invite a friend!



### PRETEEN MDWK

**Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Orange Room, 200 Building**

MDWK for Preteens is a fun place to be on Wednesday nights! It's where you can have real talks, make new friends, and learn more about God in fun and exciting ways. Come hang out, grow in your faith, and have a blast—right in the middle of your week!

# MISSIONS

Missions matter at Waterbrook. We know that our ability to impact this world is tied to the missionaries and organizations who have connections in their regions. It's why we take 10% of our giving and apply it towards missions. This money goes to support our 16 missionaries around the world, short-term mission trips, and various mission projects throughout the year.

## MISSIONARIES

We At Waterbrook, we believe in the power of service and the importance of spreading hope and love around the world. Our Missionary work focuses on sharing the message of Christ through outreach, support, and community engagement. You can read more about each of our missionaries and their heart behind their ministry below and please join us in praying for each one of them!

## CLOSED COUNTRIES

Waterbrook Bible Fellowship supports missions groups and missionaries that serve God in closed countries. What is a closed country you ask? Any country or culture that forbids by force or intimidation worship of any belief but their own.

There are two main ways Christian's experience persecution in a closed country.

**Pressure** - measured in five spheres of life: Private, Family, National, Church, and Community.

**Violence** - based on the number of attacks and deaths due to religious belief.

# GO

Visit [waterbrook.org/missions](https://waterbrook.org/missions) to learn more about our trips and find links to register.



# PRAYER

One of the seven core values here at Waterbrook Bible Fellowship is Prayer. We are committed to under-girding every ministry with intentional and faithful prayer. Prayer is the practical demonstration that acknowledges that God is powerful and we are not. We will constantly call one another and this fellowship to prayer.

## SUNDAY PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

If you feel led, please join us every Sunday morning from 9:00am to 9:15am every Sunday in the Auditorium for a time of self-guided prayer. Pray by yourself or with a partner.

We are giving you a vital invitation into the highest calling of a person and a church – the call to pray and plead with God to do what we know we cannot do.

Waterbrook is God's church and Jesus is the Head. We will ask Him to guide us in transition. We will ask Him for spiritual fruit for His glory. We will ask Him for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done as He told us.

He has the power. We do not. Wage war in the heavenlies! The stakes are high! Pray with us!

If you are interested in joining the Waterbrook Prayer Team, which commits to pray through the body's weekly prayer requests, please reach out to church office.

### A few verses behind our core value of Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV)  
Pray without ceasing.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (ESV)

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, 2 and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.



Waterbrook's mission is to *glorify God by making and growing disciples in Wylie and beyond.*

Part of accomplishing this mission is “growing disciples”. But what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Our definition here at Waterbrook is: “As a believer, discipleship is growing in your knowledge and understanding of Jesus with the purpose of becoming like him and doing like he did.”

To get people to this point though, there has to be a starting point. That's why we see everything we do as a pathway to discipleship. That pathway starts with people finding connection with others at Waterbrook. That connection creates an opportunity for people to experience community. Community isn't the end goal though, we see community as a necessity to help people have the opportunity to pursue discipleship.

## **Connection → Community → Discipleship**

Let's look at those in more detail...

### Connection

Connections are bridges that lead people into community and belonging. They happen when two or more people find a shared interest, experience, stage of life, or belief. These connections give people a common ground that can lead to an opportunity for that new person to find community within Waterbrook. It has to start with connection, without it, people don't feel like they belong and instead see themselves as outsiders to the work that God is doing here.

### Community

Community is when people experience God through the love of others. Community is where strangers become family, where masks come down, and where people discover they are not alone. It is where people realize that they are known, loved, and belong. Good community combats the greatest need in our culture today, loneliness. It's a grace-filled space that says, “You belong here,” while also gently challenging each person to grow. More than just a group of people, community is a spiritual home where vulnerability is safe, love is authentic, and discipleship happens naturally through genuine relationships.

### Discipleship

As a believer, discipleship is growing in your knowledge and understanding of Jesus with the purpose of becoming like him and doing like he did. Simplified, discipleship is the marriage of what you know and what you do. The key to discipleship is that it cannot be done alone. While we can learn about Jesus in our personal studies, to truly live like him, we have to do it in relationship with others.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M GROWING AS A DISCIPLE?

Like any good workout or financial plan, it's important to know where you're going with discipleship. Here at Waterbrook, we believe that our 7 core biblical values are the picture of what the life of a disciple of Jesus looks like.

It's a person who is engaged in consistent corporate and personal worship of God, devoted to prayer and evangelism, the sharing of their faith with others. It's someone who is living in community with other believers, growing spiritually, generous with their time, talents and treasures, and actively serving both inside and outside the church.

## WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

If your journey is just starting at Waterbrook, then we want to get connected to others. You can do that by visiting our various Community Groups, checking out an Interest Group, or joining us for an upcoming church-wide event.

If you are looking to find community, then we would encourage you to check out our various types of community groups. Give it some time too! Community doesn't happen immediately, it takes time and consistency. And don't be afraid to try different groups. Sometimes you need some time to try out a group to see if it is the right fit for you. If not, then try something else.

If you are looking to be grow as a disciple, then we want to walk with you in that journey! On our website, you'll find tools, resources, and upcoming classes to help you learn in your knowledge and understanding of God's word. Remember though that discipleship doesn't happen in isolation, you need to be in close relationship with others where you can be transparent, honest, and accountable. If you need help in this journey reach out to us at **[discipleship@waterbrook.org](mailto:discipleship@waterbrook.org)**.

# LEADERSHIP AT WATERBROOK

## 2025 ELDER COUNCIL

Dan Carnefix, Elder Chairman  
Brian Villanueva, Elder Vice Chairman  
Ross Peterson, Secretary  
Bob Word, Treasurer  
Stephen Bramer, Teaching Pastor

Dave Burchett  
Paul Leininger  
Mike Mankin  
John Robbins, Lead Pastor

## DEACONS

Deep Waters (Seniors) Director - Vicki Rossetti  
Home Team/Life Group Director - Paul Leininger  
Men's Ministry Director - Mark Tapee  
Safety Team Director - Cliff Hansen  
Stewardship Team Chair - Bob Ervien  
Usher Ministry Director - Jacob Day  
Women's Ministry Chair - Carla Villanueva  
Young Adult Ministry Director - Ethan Russell



# GIVING



Your Support Matters! At Waterbrook, your generous financial contributions are instrumental in our mission to make and grow disciples, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. All people should give financially as God leads them. Giving should also be done with a good attitude since “God loves a cheerful giver”.

# MEET THE STAFF



**JOHN ROBBINS**

Lead Pastor



**STEPHEN BRAMER**

Teaching Pastor



**JACKSON ASHBY**

Student Pastor



**JENNIFER CROSSLEY**

Kids Pastor



**TRACEY HANSEN**

Executive Assistant and Facilities Manager



**EMMA VERDUIN**

Office & NextGen Administrative Assistant



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