

Maywood's Ministries

Adult Bible Study

Purpose: to further the edification and discipleship of believers through the study of the Bible and its application.

Adult Sunday School

Purpose: to teach the truth of God's faithfulness, His deliverance and plan of salvation.

Audio/Visual Team

Purpose: to provide technical resources to support and enhance corporate worship and preaching of the Word.

*Children's Ministries**

Purpose: to partner with families in equipping children to become devoted and fervent followers of Christ.



- AWANA is the single largest outreach to children and families and is effective because it is centered entirely around God's Word. Volunteers have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of children for the kingdom of God.

- Christian Education

- *Sunday School*

Even at the youngest of ages, God's Word is taught through age-appropriate means. Teachers with years of experience work to cultivate an atmosphere of Christ's love and his teachings. **Average attendance (includes nursery): 445**

- *"Uptown" Children's Church*



Specifically designed for 1st through 4th graders, the purpose of our "Uptown" program is to teach children to know and love the Lord, to encourage their spirit and the work of the Holy Spirit, and to tend to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs while parents attend worship service.

Average attendance: 34

- Early Childhood

- *Church-time classes* (2-year old - 5-year old)

Average attendance: 19 (first service); 36 (second service)

- *Nursery* (infant - 2-year old)

Purpose: to provide a loving, safe, fun and spirit-filled place for parents to leave their infants and toddlers during worship services and other activities.

- Club 56 is a program created specifically for our fifth and sixth graders to help them make the all-important transition to the teenage years and future involvement in the church's youth ministry programs and activities.



- Family Bible School is an alternative to the traditional Vacation Bible School, inviting families to share in an action-packed adventure that

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challenges them to build character qualities honoring to God. Through fellowship, song, games, crafts, contests and family time around God's Word, families have the opportunity to draw closer to God and to each other.

- Kids' Basketball. Playing sports holds great potential for growth in godliness, especially if players are led theologically and strategically. Our volunteer coaches are encouraged to exhibit godly character and leadership as well as emphasize and celebrate good sportsmanship and determination.
- Kids in Action is a program designed to redirect the focus of our 1st through 6th graders toward doing God's work and ministering to others. Children are encouraged to share their gifts and talents in order to experience the joy of serving the Lord.
- Mom's Day Out reaches out to families by providing moms with a needed respite from the everyday pressures of caring for young children. By providing a secure and loving environment for the children, the staff seeks to demonstrate the importance of a true relationship with God and the job of serving Him.
- Snow Camp. Created especially for 4th - 6th graders, the Arctic Blast Snow Camp is a one-night retreat at Camp Timber-lee which provides a time of evangelistic outreach and spiritual renewal. Not only do our kids have a lot of fun meeting and sharing fellowship with kids from other churches, but they also have the opportunity to refocus on what is truly important in life.
- Tutor Club is a program designed to help at-risk students in the community improve in school. By tutoring one-on-one, providing a nourishing hot meal and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, tutors have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the kids as well as reach out to their families.
- Family Activities. One of the main focuses of Children's Ministries is to partner with parents in strengthening faith in the home as well as to celebrate and support families in their faith journeys. Activities such as Family Skate Night, Family Film Night, Grandparents' Night, etc. are planned to encourage families to spend time together, living in the light of God's love and practicing the Christian faith.
- Parent Education. Parents are the chief influence on the values and beliefs of their sons and daughters, and God holds parents—not churches—primarily responsible for their kids' spiritual development. The purpose of offering seminars and workshops for parents is to equip them with the tools and training to "*train up a child in the way he should go*" and teach the next generation to light their lives with God's truth.



Contact

The purpose of Contact is to provide answers to the tough questions young adults, ages 18 - 25, may have about God, the church and their beliefs as well as to give them an op-

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portunity to be together in Christian discipleship, fellowship, worship and Evangelism.

Greeters

Our greeters are an integral part of Sunday worship. By welcoming worshippers in a warm and sincere manner, they help to create an atmosphere that is comfortable, welcoming and joyous. A friendly handshake and warm smile also creates a great first impression for our visitors, putting them at ease and setting the tone for a meaningful worship experience.

Hilltoppers

Senior adults are meant to be an important asset to any church, but to do that, they must stay connected and feel a part of the church ministry. Through Hilltoppers, the seniors in our church family are able to stay active and involved as well as participate in fun activities, trips and service.

International Students Ministries

In the Old Testament, God commands His people to love the aliens in their midst (Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Leviticus 19:33-34), and Jesus also speaks of the importance of welcoming the stranger (Matthew 25:35). Our ministry to International Students includes many activities which focus on helping these students come to faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Our prayer is that they will be built up in faith to serve Him joyfully and faithfully and that, when they return home, they will reach out to others and share the knowledge of salvation in Christ.

Library

Purpose: to provide reading material and audio/visual materials to our church family for their spiritual enrichment and enjoyment.

Men's Ministries

Purpose: to help men fulfill God's purposes in their lives by establishing men in their faith; equipping men to serve others; encouraging one another and building each other up in their Christian walk and service; and evangelizing the lost.

- Community Bible Study is an in-depth men's Bible study which combines a daily study of God's Word with weekly small group interaction and fellowship with other believers.
- County Jail Ministry is an outreach, through chapel services and one-on-one discipleship/visitation, to individuals incarcerated in the Winnebago County jail.
- For Men Only Ministry is a healing, deliverance and support ministry for men who struggle with pornography addiction and desire an accountability group to help them walk in a manner pleasing to God.
- Isaiah 58 Ministry seeks to show God's love and mercy by reaching out and helping broken people with clothing, food and shelter. It provides men with housing and disciples them in the power of God's Word.
- Men's Fraternity is a study that combines biblical teaching and small

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group interaction to teach and encourage men to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God.

- Men's Monthly Breakfast is an opportunity for men to get together and enjoy great food and fellowship.
- Missions is an opportunity for men to connect with our missionaries and encourage, support and strengthen them. Short-term mission trips bless and transform the lives of all men involved by allowing them to see how God is at work in other parts of the world.
- Nehemiah's Walk is a teaching and support, healing and deliverance ministry for men who deal with same-sex attractions and who desire to walk in a manner pleasing to God.
- One-on-One Discipling Ministry helps Christian men mature in their faith through a mentoring relationship. Discipleship helps a believer to be further empowered and equipped to live as a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Prayer Ministry is an opportunity for men to express their dependence upon God by committing themselves to be men of prayer, thereby becoming men of integrity in their home, church and workplace.
- Special Events are periodically scheduled to challenge and strengthen men's Christian walk. Activities such as men's retreats and conferences provide a time of relaxation, spiritual growth and renewal.
- Sports Ministry is an opportunity for men to have fun and get acquainted with other men while playing slow-pitch softball or basketball.
- State Prison Ministry goes behind bars to declare the Good News of Jesus Christ to men impacted by crime. The ministry involves regular meetings and direct contact with inmates in group settings to study the Bible and discuss how it relates to life situations.
- Valet Parking Ministry is an opportunity to serve this body in Christ by parking vehicles for those needing assistance before and after the Sunday morning worship services.
- Widow Care Ministry provides an opportunity for service in caring for the various needs of Maywood's widows.

Orphan Ministry

Purpose: to participate in and support projects that ultimately bring the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to orphans, trusting that God will bring more orphans to Him through our service. The ministry seeks to offer support, encouragement and resources to adoptive families and those considering adoption. It also ministers to those still living in orphanages or on the street through a variety of special projects, fundraisers and missions trips.

- Covenant Families Fellowship. The mission of this ministry is to promote fellowship between adoptive families, support adoptive families through prayer and encouragement, be a helpful resource for those considering adoption and to further God's kingdom by encouraging as many Christian families as possible to minister to orphans

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through adoption.

- The Christina Fund is a designated fund for monies given by individuals or groups wishing to aid in the ministry to orphans and/or give financial assistance to Maywood families in the process of adoption.

Single Adult Ministries (S.A.M.)

Purpose: to minister to the unique needs of single adults; to enable them to be equipped with the skills for living productive lives; and to provide opportunities to minister to others through involvement in church activities and service projects to the community.

Small Groups

Group life lies at the core of the church; people long to connect to life-changing communities where they can be transformed and empowered to serve Christ and His kingdom. The purpose of our Small Groups Ministry is to develop deeper Christian relationships through prayer, accountability, encouragement and fellowship.

Tape/CD Ministry

Purpose: to provide copies of the morning worship service to all those who missed the service or who are unable to attend.

Trustees

Purpose: to pray for the needs of the church body and to assist the custodial/maintenance staff with building and property needs.

Wedding Coordinator

Purpose: to provide assistance in the planning and arranging of weddings here at the church; to help at the wedding rehearsal and the day of the wedding.

Women's Ministries

Purpose: to nurture women so they:

KNOW...Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior

GROW...in the knowledge of God and in the fruit of the Spirit

SOW...the truth of the Gospel in Christian service so Christians may be encouraged and others may come to know the Savior.

Women's ministry provides opportunities for personal spiritual growth through Bible studies, fellowship, prayer, outreach and support.

- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a Christ-centered ministry for expectant mothers and mothers with at least one child who is not yet in school (birth - 5 years old). It provides a place to make new friends, share experiences, laugh and express creativity. Speakers share biblical truths as well as practical ways to fulfill the roles of mother, wife and woman. MOPS gives moms the chance to know that they are not alone in the daily struggles and joys of raising young children.

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- MOPPETS is a quality children's program where little ones are taught, loved and cared for. It is a constructive, organized program that includes crafts, Bible stories, a snack, video time and play time in the gym.

- The Missions Branch of Women's Ministries is involved in the Network of Nations which ministers to international students.
- Other activities include the Christmas Tea, Spring Brunch, Women's Retreat, Bible and book studies, Prayer Breakfast and outreach activities such as the cookie bake for Rockford Rescue Mission women.

Worship Ministries (Worship Choir, Orchestra and Praise Band)

Purpose: to assist worshippers in experiencing a personal encounter with the Living God that He may be glorified.

- Maywood Worship Choir sings music from a broad range of styles, seeking to build up this body of Christ by leading in meaningful truth-filled singing. The mission of the Choir is to nurture deep appreciation for the music of the church and lifetime involvement in singing.

(The choir year runs from September through May, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.)

- Maywood Orchestra exists for the purpose of glorifying God through music by adding a "full sound" of instruments to the worship service. Members desire to play skillfully, following the command of Scripture, to praise the Lord (Psalm 33:2-3). The mission of the Orchestra is three-fold: (1) to provide an outlet to the membership for worshipping God through instrumental music; (2) to lead in worship through special music, preludes; offertories and concerts; and (3) to provide accompaniment for the Maywood Worship Choir.

(The Orchestra rehearses on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.)

- Praise Band is comprised of individuals seeking to use their instrumental talents and gifts to worship God (Psalm 150) as well as accompany and enhance the leading of congregational worship.

Youth Ministries*

The scope of Maywood's Student Ministries encompasses all ministry involving Junior and Senior high students. We are committed to the continual proclaiming of Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We value the Bible as the special revelation of God to us, without error, and sufficient for all teaching in every aspect of life. The goal of these ministries is to bring each student to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and the continual discipleship of these students to transform them into the likeness of Him. The students are trained through the Bible to make the right choices in life and to defend and proclaim the gospel without apology to a world that desperately needs it.

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- Senior High

- ♦ *initnotofit* is our weekly program devoted to the outreach and discipleship of our students. It is a night that mixes times of fun, worship, and teaching in order to give the students a place of belonging and a foundation of truth.

(*initnotofit* meets every Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

- ♦ *insight* is our Sunday school program with the main emphasis on teaching. Typically, *insight* is where we take a particular book of the Bible and go through it verse by verse. The mission of *insight* is to encourage strong Bible teaching as a normal and necessary routine of life.

(*insight* meets every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.)

- ♦ *Journey (Sr. High AWANA)* is our weekly Bible study where the students are not only taught but are challenged to defend what they are taught. This is a highly interactive study with apologetics (defense of the gospel) as the main focus.

(*Journey* meets every Sunday night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

- ♦ *integrate* is our weekly event where the kids are divided into four teams and compete against each other in a particular sport or activity. The purpose of this program is to teach teamwork, good competition that inspires excellence, coping with victory and loss, and good character. It is also organized as a good place to bring in new students and get them connected to other students.

(*integrate* follows *Journey*—every Sunday night from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

- ♦ Besides these regularly scheduled weekly activities, we also do many other extra activities such as a fall retreat, snow camp, paintball, LaserQuest, leaf raking, etc.

- Junior High

- ♦ *Quest* is our weekly event devoted to fun, teamwork, and teaching. During this night we learn from the Bible and then divide up into break-out groups to further discuss what was taught. These break-out groups then remain as teams for game time that night. We greatly value teamwork, encouragement, and continual growth in Jesus.

(*Quest* meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

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- ♦ *Quicken* is our Junior high Sunday school, and its focus is in-depth teaching and training in the Bible. We go through a variety of subjects, all with the focus on learning biblical truth.

(*Quicken* meets every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.)

- ♦ *Trek (Jr. High AWANA)* is devoted to biblical teaching and scripture memorization. The students enjoy a night of game time and interactive learning.

(*Trek* meets every Sunday night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

- ♦ Apart from the scheduled events, we also do other fun activities with the focus of outreach and service. Some of these things are snow camp, Magic Waters, Operation Christmas Child, etc.



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Our Junior High kids packed over 100 shoe boxes this year.

** All Children and Youth ministries programs and activities are governed by Maywood's Child Protection Policy which defines policies and procedures that ensure the protection and safety of those who participate. Personnel who have any contact with children or youth are required to take a Child Protection Policy training class and submit a volunteer profile with references.*