

Next Sunday - March 7 - is Church Visit Sunday!

As you're probably aware, our regular worship space is occasionally unavailable due to workshops that Therapy West hosts. To accommodate the scheduling of those workshops, we've often held our service Sunday evening (as we'll do March 21—see a note about that down below). However, more recently, we've been mixing things up a bit. We've had some services at the FourPoints Sheraton (where, by the way, we'll be Easter Sunday, April 4).

This coming week (**March 7**), we're using the schedule conflict as an opportunity to worship with other churches in our community. We know it's possible for Sunday mornings to become routine and for our times of worship to lose their sacredness. So we think this'll be a great chance to shake up our routine by experiencing worship in a different setting and by fellowshiping with another group of Christian brothers and sisters. It'll also provide a Sabbath of sorts for the many folks at Catalyst who work so hard each week to prepare for our worship service.

So we're encouraging you to get out and visit a church in your neighborhood this coming Sunday. We realize that, for some of us, this'll be hard—it can be intimidating to visit an unfamiliar place. For that reason, it would be great if you could grab 1 or 2 others from Catalyst and make a plan in the coming days, so that no one will wake up Sunday without a place to go or friends to go with.

And speaking of waking up, we really do want you to get up and out —“Bedside Baptist” and “Pillow Presbyterian” don't count this week! There's value in rest, of course, but we also believe that worshipping in another church will be a significant “shared” experience for our church (even as we experience it in many different places). Please take a few minutes before and after your visit to reflect on the questions listed on the back of this page. We'll also spend some time Sunday evening, March 21 (see note below), to talk about our experiences.

Questions or concerns? In need of suggestions for a church to visit? Please let us know. We pray that you'll be blessed as you fellowship and worship in a new place this week and that you'll be a blessing to those you meet!

The Catalyst Leadership Team
Pastor Doug, Christie, Angela, Phil, Janell, Mark

*Note: Please plan to come **Sunday evening, March 21 at 6PM at Therapy West** for a potluck dinner, fellowship, worship, and church business (no morning service that day). For those of you who've been around Catalyst for a bit, think “dinner church” and core team meeting, all in one evening!*

Reflection Questions

Please take a moment to read through these questions, prior to your church visit. Then, soon after your visit, jot down a few thoughts and bring this page to our Sunday evening gathering on March 21 (6PM at Therapy West),

In what ways was the service similar to Catalyst (e.g., the music, the teaching, communion)? In what ways was it different?

What things did you appreciate most about the worship service?

Was there anything you experienced that you think Catalyst could learn from? If so, please describe.

Was there anything you experienced that made you appreciate something about Catalyst? If so, please describe.

What was it like being a visitor? From your experience, do you have any thoughts concerning how our church can be welcoming to our guests?

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 *“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”*