

OVERFLOW

A PLACE FOR YOU

REACHING THE LOST,
REFLECTING HIS LOVE



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Welcome to Overflow Gathering Church, a vibrant and loving faith community located in East Tennessee! Our vision is clear: "That the lost are found, and those who are far are brought near." Whether you're seeking purpose, healing, or simply a place to belong, we invite you to join us on this journey.

During our weekend experiences, we engage in contemporary worship and hear Biblical messages designed to strengthen your faith in Christ and equip you to walk in His power every day. Our goal is to create an environment where you can encounter God's love, feel His transformative presence, and build lasting connections with others.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, there's a place for you here at Overflow. Come as you are and experience the warmth, grace, and community of a church where God's love overflows!

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome! Whether this is your first time visiting, you're returning after some time away, or you've been with us for years, we are so glad you've joined us at Overflow Gathering Church. We believe God has brought you here for a purpose, and we're excited to walk alongside you as you grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord.

To those who already call Overflow home, thank you for your faithfulness. Your passion for God's work makes this community what it is. Together, we've seen God move in powerful ways, and we know He's only just begun.

Looking back on the past few months, we've shared some incredible moments—Good Friday, Easter, and the launch of our monthly family Bible study. These experiences remind us that church isn't just a Sunday gathering; it's about growing together, seeking the Lord, and strengthening one another's faith.

As we reflect on how far we've come, it's also important to think about the journey ahead. At the start of this year, we asked an important question: What is your next step toward the Lord? Let's continue to seek God and move forward, whether it's serving others, giving generously, diving deeper into His Word, joining a group, praying more fervently, or walking in greater obedience. Whatever your next step, we are here to encourage and celebrate with you.

We believe church isn't just a place to visit—it's a place to belong. Whether you're exploring faith or have been walking with Jesus for years, we'd love for you to make Overflow your home. If you're ready to take the next step, we are here to walk with you every step of the way.

We're excited about where God is leading us as a church, and we pray you'll join us on this journey as we grow closer to Him—together.

In Christ's Love,

Brad Beeler
Lead Pastor
Overflow Gathering Church



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GATHERINGS

SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Sundays are important. Hebrews 10:25 (CSB) urges us to “not neglect to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” There’s something truly powerful that happens when we come together to connect with God and with each other.

At Overflow, we’re committed to creating authentic, multigenerational experiences every week where people of all ages can engage with the life-transforming power, presence, and love of God. We believe that when we gather, we are not only strengthened by God—but also by the community He’s placed around us.

We truly believe there is a place here for you—your family, your friends, even your coworkers. Whether you’re exploring faith for the first time, returning after a season away, or simply looking for connection, we invite you to come and experience all God has for you.

Let’s grow together in faith, connection, and love—because Sundays matter.



SUNDAYS | 10:30AM
WATCH ON FACEBOOK

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

We love our kids! At Overflow Kids (grades 1–5) and Overflow Students (middle and high school), we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for children and students of all ages. We also offer nursery and toddler care on Sunday mornings to ensure our youngest members are cared for and loved.

- Overflow Students meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM before the gathering and again Sunday nights at 5:00 PM.
- Overflow Kids meet during the gathering following worship and again Sunday nights at 5:00 PM.



Whether it's through engaging Bible lessons, fun activities, or time spent in community, our goal is to help every child and student grow in their relationship with the Lord, connect with others, and feel supported along the way.

Join us at Overflow – a place where kids and students of all ages can grow, learn, and experience God's love in a fun and nurturing environment!

COMING UP

The Adventurer’s Club: A VBS Experience!

This year, we’re heading into the heart of the Amazon for an exciting adventure exploring God’s Creation! Get ready for a week filled with fun, games, delicious food, and inspiring Bible stories for all ages. Whether you're young or young at heart, we’ve got a class for everyone!

Invite your friends, and don’t miss out on this amazing experience as we discover the wonders of God’s world together!

We can’t wait to see you there!



4th of July Cookout

Join us for a great evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fireworks as we celebrate together! We'll have plenty of delicious food on the grill, and we'd love for you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Think you make the best dessert? Put it to the test in our Dessert Competition for a chance to win bragging rights and a sweet prize!

Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your appetite! Grab your lawn chairs, invite your neighbors, and join us for a night of celebration and community.



11 years of Overflow!!!

We’re so excited to celebrate 11 years of God’s faithfulness at Overflow! What began as a step of faith has grown into a church family committed to loving Jesus and reaching our community. As we look back on all He’s done, we’re filled with gratitude—and as we look ahead, we’re full of expectation. Join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to all that’s still to come. Here's to many more years of overflow!



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UPDATE

GOOD FRIDAY KNOXVILLE

It's hard to put into words all that the Lord did on Good Friday. Over 200 people from across Knoxville gathered with us to worship, remember the cross, and lift high the name of Jesus. As we sang and shared the gospel, people walking by stopped—some just to listen, others to join in. It was powerful to witness God moving in our city.

At least one person gave their life to Jesus that night, and several others came forward for prayer.

We may never know the full impact this side of heaven, but we believe stories will be told in eternity about what God began in hearts that evening.

We're already filled with expectation for next year. Thank you to everyone who came, prayed, served, and worshiped. Jesus was lifted high in Knoxville—
He is worthy!

Here's to even more lives being transformed by the power of the cross!



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is always an exciting time in our house, and this year was no exception! We were joined by 109 people as we came together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. From worship to communion, the message to the response—God was clearly moving.

This has been a special season in our house, and Easter was no different. God is changing lives for His glory, and we're deeply grateful for all He is doing. That morning was a powerful reminder of the hope found in the empty tomb—because every promise hinges on that moment.

I can know I'm saved, forgiven, free, and never forgotten... because Jesus is alive.

Remember: anything is possible at the empty tomb.



MISSION AND VISION

As a church, it's essential that we not only know but also live out the mission and vision God has given us.

Our mission is simple but powerful: **To actively engage the community and the world for the sake of the gospel.**

This means we are not just a church that gathers together; we are a church that goes out—reaching our neighbors, our city, and the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has called us to be His hands and feet, sharing His love and message wherever He leads.

Our vision flows directly from this mission: **The lost are found, and the far will be brought near.**

This vision represents our desire to see lives transformed, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. We believe that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and as His followers, we are called to bring those who are far from Him into His loving embrace. This vision challenges us to look beyond ourselves, to reach those who haven't heard the gospel, and to bring those who are far away from God closer to His heart.

As we live out our mission and vision, it's important to remember that it's not just about what we do—it's about how we do it. Our actions, attitudes, and efforts should always reflect the love, grace, and truth of Christ.

Together, as a church, we are called to make a difference, to be a beacon of hope in a world that desperately needs it. Let's commit to living on mission and pursuing this vision, knowing that with God's guidance, the lost will be found, and the far will be brought near.

Priorities

Our priorities as a church reflect how our mission and vision are lived out in the body of believers here at Overflow. Scripture reveals that God intends for these practices to be a natural part of every believer's life. When we live according to these priorities, we will grow and flourish in our relationship with the Lord. These priorities—often referred to as our “next steps”—are clearly modeled in the lives of Jesus' disciples as they walked with Him.

Priority One: Gospel-Centered

Everything we do begins with the gospel. Our mission is to actively engage the world for the sake of the gospel, and we are called to live gospel-centered lives. This means our actions, words, and attitudes reflect the reality that we have been forgiven and are walking with God. “Saved” people are “changed” people. As Paul urges in Ephesians 4:1, we strive to live lives worthy of the calling we have received—walking in grace and being a light to the world.

Priority Two: Overflow Serves

As followers of Jesus, we are called to serve others just as He served us. Serving isn't just something we do—it's who we are. At Overflow, we serve by meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of those around us. Through acts of compassion, generosity, and care, we reflect the love and grace of God in tangible ways.

Priority Three: Active Discipleship

Discipleship is a lifelong journey of becoming more like Jesus. Active discipleship means not only growing in our own faith but also walking alongside others to help them grow. It involves learning, teaching, encouraging, and holding one another accountable as we pursue Christ together. Every believer is both a disciple and a disciple-maker.

Priority Four: Intentional Community

We were never meant to follow Jesus alone. Intentional community means building authentic relationships where we can be known, encouraged, challenged, and supported. At Overflow, we value doing life together—sharing burdens, celebrating victories, and helping one another grow in faith through real, meaningful connection.

Priority Five: Telling Others

The good news of Jesus is too good to keep to ourselves. Telling others is not just a suggestion—it's our mission. We look for opportunities to share the hope of the gospel in everyday conversations, trusting that the message of Jesus has the power to transform lives. We speak boldly, love genuinely, and point others to the One who saves.

These five priorities guide us on our journey as believers. As we live out these next steps, we will grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord, stronger in our community, and more faithful in our mission to engage the world with the gospel. Let's commit together to living in these priorities, trusting that as we do, God will lead us to greater depths of faith and service to His kingdom.

NEXT STEPS

Baptism

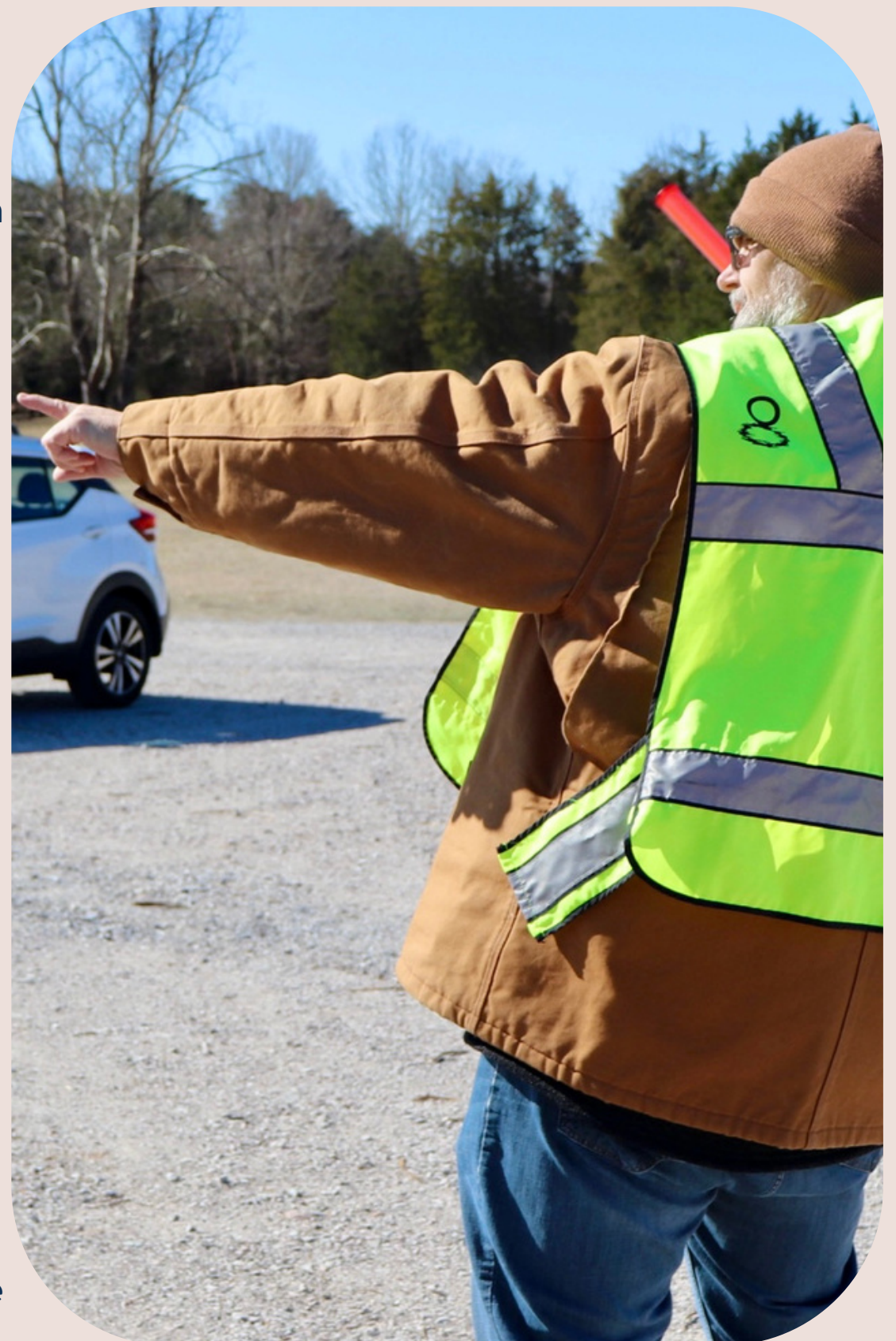


Baptism is a powerful public declaration of an inward transformation. It symbolizes the death of the "old me" to sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ. We believe that baptism is an important step taken after choosing to follow Jesus, marking the first act of obedience as a believer. Through baptism, you publicly proclaim to the world that your life has been forever changed by Jesus, and you are committed to walking in His ways. To take this step, simply sign up at the Welcome Table or visit us online at overflowgathering.com. We look forward to celebrating this special moment with you!

Serve

At Overflow, serving is at the heart of who we are. We believe that serving is not just an activity, but a reflection of Christ's love and sacrifice. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and as His followers, we are called to do the same. Serving in the church is an opportunity to use our unique gifts, talents, and time to build up the body of Christ, meet the needs of others, and advance the mission of the Gospel. Whether it's through ministry, outreach, hospitality, or behind-the-scenes support, every act of service is significant. We serve with humility, joy, and excellence, understanding that our efforts, no matter how small, contribute to God's bigger purpose. When we serve, we don't just help others—we grow closer to God and one another, building a community where everyone can experience His love and grace.

If you're ready to start serving at Overflow, we make it easy for you to get involved. Simply visit our Serve with Us page on our website at overflowgathering.com, or sign up at the Welcome Table during any gathering. You can explore different opportunities to serve in areas such as greeting, parking, hospitality, or children's ministry. Fill out a quick form, and someone from our team will connect with you to help you take the next step in using your gifts to make an impact. We can't wait to see how God will use you!



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COMMUNITY

At Overflow, we believe community is a vital part of walking out our faith. We are not meant to do this life alone, and we were never designed to. In the early church, believers met daily to encourage one another, build each other up, hold each other accountable, and pray for each other:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

Community is a gift from God, and it is through these relationships that we grow stronger in our faith and are able to support one another. Whether it's through Community Groups, Small Groups, or church dinners, we encourage you to get involved and be part of the family here at Overflow.

Together, we grow, we pray, and we walk through life side by side. Join us as we build a strong community that encourages and strengthens one another.



Family Dinner Night

Join us on the second Wednesday night of each month for our Family Dinner Night! It's a great opportunity to build community, share a meal, and connect with others in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

Bring your favorite dish, side, or dessert to share, and enjoy time with your church family. Whether you're new or have been with us for a while, we would love to see you there!

Let's break bread, build relationships, and grow as a community. See you there!

GROUPS

At Overflow, we believe that groups are vital to the discipleship process. They provide a space for meaningful connections with God and others, allowing us to grow together in faith and follow Jesus more closely.

This reflects our commitment to Jesus's command in Matthew 28:19-20: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” In our groups, we learn, encourage, and support one another as we live out the call to be disciples who make disciples.

2 TYPES OF GROUPS



COMMUNITY GROUPS are gatherings of 10 – 70 people who meet at Overflow Gathering for biblical study and discussion. Anyone is welcome to join at any time.



SMALL GROUPS are gatherings of 6 – 15 people who meet regularly throughout the year in homes or other settings for biblical study and discussion.



Scan the QR code to begin your journey of connecting with others, growing in your faith, and making a difference in our community. Whether it's a Community Group or Small Group there's a place for you to get involved.

Don't wait—scan now and take the next step in your spiritual journey!

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Thursday Night Bible Study

Join us every Thursday as we journey through the Book of Isaiah. This study offers a deeper understanding of one of the Bible's most prophetic books and its relevance to our lives today. Whether you're new to Bible study or looking to go deeper, you'll find a welcoming space for learning and growth. Come dive into God's Word with us!



Celebrate Recovery



Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program that helps individuals find healing and freedom from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Whether you're struggling with addiction, broken relationships, grief, or any other challenge, Celebrate Recovery offers a supportive community where you can experience transformation through biblical principles. We provide food before each meeting, so come early to enjoy a meal and fellowship. Everyone is welcome, and it's never too late to begin your journey toward healing and freedom in Christ.

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CULTURE

At Overflow, we are passionate about living out the heart of the Gospel through everything we do. Our culture is built on values that reflect the truth of who God is and what He has called us to be as His people. We believe in creating a community where worship, generosity, excellence, and grace are not just ideals, but daily expressions of our lives. We focus on knowing Jesus, sharing His love, and making His name famous in all that we do.

Here are the values that shape our culture:

- Extravagant Worship: Worship is not just a moment, but a lifestyle—a bold and continuous response to the reality of who God is.
- Generosity: God is a giver, and we reflect His generosity by leveraging all we have to make His name known.
- Excellence: God created with perfection, and we follow His example by giving our best in everything, with attention to detail.
- Jesus is the Point: Jesus is the cornerstone of our church and lives. Our goal is to lead people to Jesus, not just church attendance.
- Abundant Life: In Christ, we live free from condemnation, walking in the fullness of life, purpose, and freedom.
- Jesus is Greater Than Sin: We focus not on the symptoms of sin, but on the cure: Jesus, who changes us from death to life.
- Relationship > Religion: We choose relationship with Jesus over ritual and tradition. Grace has set us free to follow Him, not out of duty but out of love.
- Words Matter: Our words shape our culture. We use language carefully to reflect God's truth and grace in everything we say.
- Jesus People: We are united in Christ, working together as one family to expand His Kingdom, regardless of background or denomination.
- Celebrators of Grace: We celebrate grace for all people—no one is beyond the reach of God's love and forgiveness.
- One House, One Family: Our diversity is beautiful. We are united by the cross and live as one family, overcoming divisions to share the Gospel with the world.
- We are Guides: Having been forever changed by Jesus, we are committed to helping others see Him, experience His freedom, and move from death to life.

These values guide who we are and what we do as a church. We believe that by living them out, we will see God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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WE PRAY... A LOT

AND ALOUD

At Overflow, we believe deeply in the power of prayer. We know that nothing happens on earth that doesn't first originate in heaven, so we call out to God with faith and expectation. Sometimes, when we pray, we do so aloud, together as a community. To some, this might sound like chaos, but we trust that God hears every voice. Praying aloud together is a way for us to participate—not just listen—allowing His Spirit to move among us in a unique and powerful way.

It's not just about asking for things—it's about aligning our hearts with God's will, building our faith, and creating space for God to speak, heal, and move in our lives. We pray aloud because no one knows your heart and needs better than you do, and when we call out together, your voice is the most powerful one to pray for you. As we join our voices in prayer, we believe God listens and responds, moving in ways that only He can.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:



Women's Prayer Group meets on Wednesday nights at 6 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for the women of our church to come together, share both their burdens and the victories they've experienced in Christ. It's a time of fellowship, prayer, and mutual support, where we encourage one another and lift each other up in the presence of God. We invite you to join us as we grow together in faith, prayer, and community.

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Rooted in the Word

At Overflow, we want to be a people who are deeply committed to reading, loving, and living out God's Word. We know that Scripture is reliable and the ultimate source of truth—and the more we know it, the more we can know Him. That's why we intentionally root ourselves in the Bible through teaching, personal reading, and growing together in community.

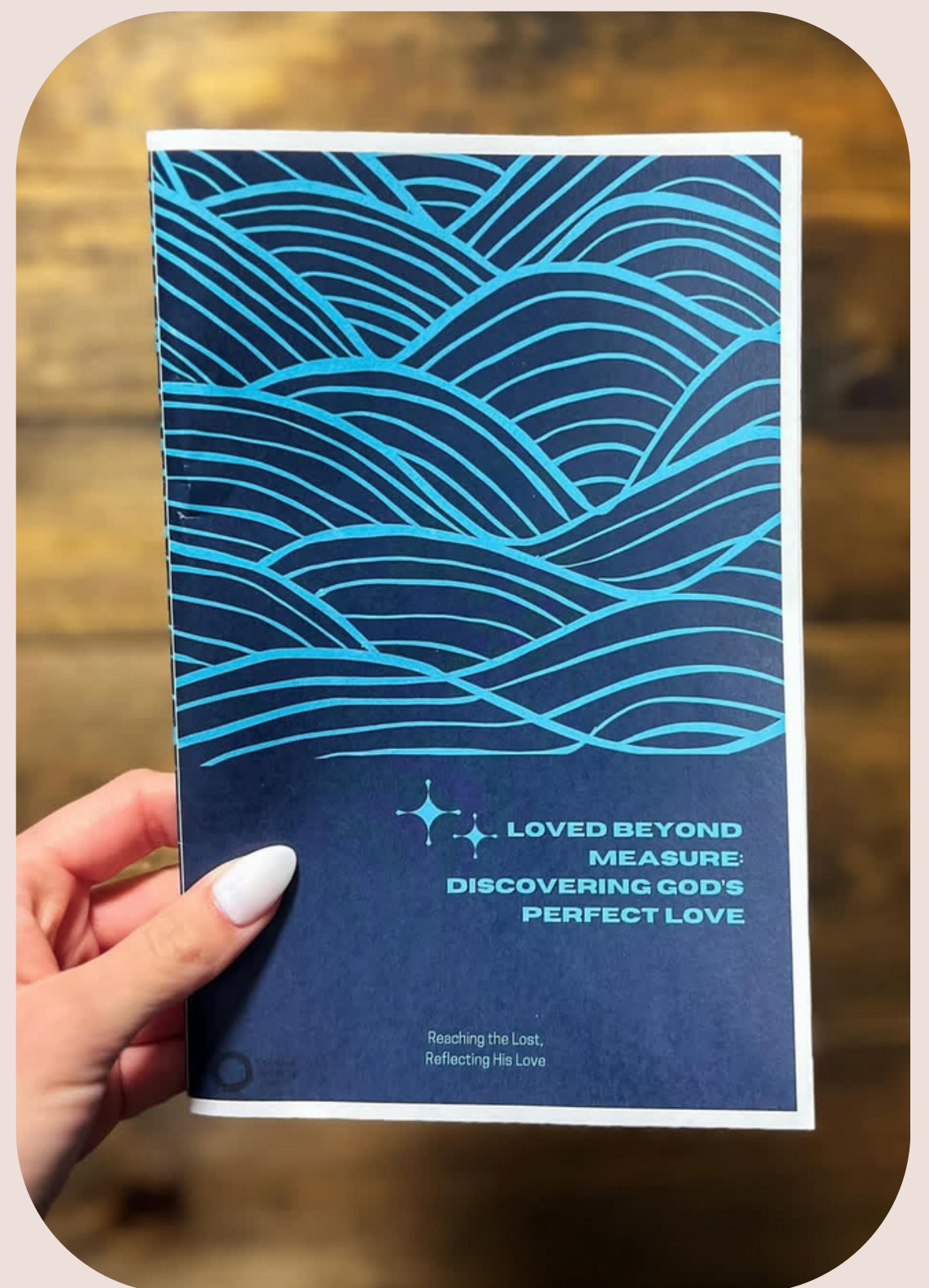
We long to be shaped by His truth, anchored in His promises, and led by His voice. When we love God's Word, we love Him better—because His Word reveals His heart, His will, and His ways.

Family Bible Study

At Overflow, we believe spiritual growth happens best together—both in community with your church family and with those in your home. That's why we've created our Family Bible Study: a simple, take-home resource designed to help you grow in God's Word—right from your living room, or wherever you are.

Each month, families of all shapes and sizes (yes, even a family of one!) are invited to dive into Scripture through guided questions, discussion prompts, and a central theme. Whether you're walking through faith with your kids, your spouse, roommates, or on your own, this study is meant to spark meaningful conversations and deepen your relationship with Jesus. And though we may be in separate locations, we're growing together as one church family.

You can pick up a copy at church or download it online. Then, carve out time each week to open the Word together. Let's build strong lives and strong families—anchored in His truth.



If you need a Bible, please stop by the info table in the hallway and let someone know—we'd love to get one in your hands!

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Connecting With God's Word

R5 Bible Reading Plan:

This simple, yet powerful strategy is designed to help you connect with God's Word in a meaningful and intentional way. Whether you're following along with our monthly family Bible study or using it individually, this plan helps you dive into God's Word, understand it deeply, and apply it to your life.

Reach:

Before diving in, take a moment to pray. Ask God to speak to you through His Word and to grant you wisdom as you read. Invite Him to reveal new truths about His love that will transform your heart.

Read:

Read each verse carefully. Don't rush through—take your time to understand what God is saying in the Scripture.

Reflect:

Reflect on what this passage means. Consider the context, the words, and what God is teaching us.

Respond:

This section is focused on understanding the meaning of the verse. Journal about what the verse is saying. What is God communicating through this passage? Reflect on the key messages, words, or ideas that stand out to you and how they relate to the broader context of Scripture.

Relate:

How does this passage apply to your life? How does this truth speak to your current situation? How will it influence your thoughts, actions, or decisions moving forward? Consider how you can live out this verse today and in the future, and what changes it might inspire in your life.

We pray that this plan helps you grow closer to God, understand His Word more deeply, and experience lasting transformation in your life.

WORDS MATTER

You may have noticed that, at Overflow, we intentionally use words that may differ from those you've encountered in other churches. We believe words are central to shaping our culture. Just as the Word of God spoke all creation into being, we believe words have the power to shape our thoughts, emotions, and actions. They evoke images, stir memories, and communicate the deepest truths of our faith.

We understand that the language we use goes beyond communication—it shapes our culture. The words we choose reflect the thoughts and ideas God has placed in our hearts, guiding how we live out our mission as a community. That's why we carefully craft our language to align with the vision God has given us, cultivating a culture that reflects His truth, love, and purpose.

GUIDES > VOLUNTEERS

Guides are not just volunteers; they are individuals who have been deeply transformed by Jesus and are committed to leading others to Him. While volunteers may assist with tasks, Guides serve with a deeper purpose: to point the broken and hurting to the one who can heal and restore them. Driven by Christ's love, Guides walk alongside others, not only for their own growth but to help others experience the same life-changing transformation. Guides serve so others can see Jesus—inviting, praying, growing, and serving so others can move from death to life through Him.

GIVING OFFERING

We use giving instead of offering because, while offerings may sometimes be given out of surplus or duty, giving flows from a heart transformed by God's radical generosity. Our God is not a taker but a giver—He created and owns everything, and everything we have flows from Him. Jesus, the ultimate example of generosity, gave His life to purchase our freedom. Knowing we can never out-give God, we give our resources and lives to make His name known among the nations.

WE CALL IT A GATHERING

Attending church on Sunday is not an act of service to the Lord, as many often think. That's why we call our meetings gatherings rather than services. While we do have people serving in roles like parking, greeting, children's church, and more, these are not the primary functions of Sunday mornings. The truth is, most people aren't actively serving on Sundays; instead, we gather to celebrate Jesus's resurrection and the hope it brings to us. This is a time to receive His gift of encouragement, renewal, and empowerment. The gathering is an opportunity to be filled, refreshed, and equipped by His presence and Word, so we can walk faithfully after Him throughout the week. It's a time when God ministers to us as His body, strengthening us for the work of His kingdom.

WE'RE MAKING ROOM

Overflow is growing, and with that growth comes the need for more space to accommodate our expanding community—praise the Lord! Our mission is to actively engage our community and the world for the sake of the gospel, and we cannot accomplish that big goal with the little space we have now. To meet this need, we not only require a larger auditorium but also additional classroom space for Overflow Kids, Overflow Students, and our adult Bible small groups.

We are currently gathering quotes for the project ahead, and we ask for your prayers as we seek God's wisdom in making these exciting decisions. As we plan for more space, we are committed to ensuring that growth in numbers is paired with growth in faith—physical expansion without spiritual growth would mean very little.

Here's how you can be involved during this exciting time:

- Pray for God's guidance: Ask Him to lead us clearly and wisely in our decision-making.
- Pray for provision: Lift up our need for the resources to fund this expansion.
- Pray for spiritual growth: Pray that our church not only grows physically but also deepens in faith and community.
- Consider your involvement: Seek how God may be leading you to contribute, whether through prayer, financial support, or serving in other ways.
- Spread the word: Encourage others to join us in prayer and support as we move forward.

We are still in the planning stages, and there's much to be done in terms of funding and construction. However, we trust that God will provide the direction and resources necessary to bring this vision to fruition. Please continue to pray with us as we move forward in faith!

Scan the QR code below to give toward our exciting new building expansion. Your generosity will help provide space for more people to grow in their faith and serve our community. Scan now and be part of this exciting step forward!

