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Dear Friend,

I'm grateful you have joined us today and hope that you have been warmly greeted by our church family.

We realize that walking into a church building for the first time can be an overwhelming experience. In order to help you feel more at home, we have prepared this booklet. In here you'll find the basic information about our church's story, our values, and ministries.

We hope that this information will help you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Naturally, we cannot cover every topic in this short booklet, but we have tried to give you a clear idea of church life at Ninth & O. We trust you will find most of your questions answered. Please visit our naobc.org for more information.

We hope to see you again soon. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding spiritual matters. We will be glad to speak with you.

Blessings and joy,

Pastor Bill Cook

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ur story begins with an inspiring group of believers who acted on their Christian responsibility to reach Louisville with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We initially launched on January 15, 1906 as a Sunday School sponsored by Oakdale Baptist Church to minister to our city's growing population under the leadership of S.B. Caple. Ultimately, that Sunday School morphed into a mission on July 18, 1909, with twenty-eight founding members.

Because of our proximity to Ninth Street and O Street, we took on the name Ninth and O Baptist Mission and then constituted as an independent church on August 15, 1916, with reported a membership of 174.

Over 100 years have passed since our congregation's founders felt the Lord's leading to start an evangelistic work. Since conception, Ninth & O Baptist Church has been and continues to be committed to reaching our ever-changing city and world with the never-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Looking back, we celebrate a rich heritage, realizing we drink from wells we did not dig. Looking forward, we serve with great anticipation, realizing God still has much to accomplish through His people at Ninth & O Baptist Church.

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TRUTH

— *Values* —



In a world of shifting allegiances and faulty foundations, we seek to stand firmly upon the truth revealed in the Bible (John 17:17, Matthew 7:24-27). The Bible provides for us the only reliable guide for life, revealing to us the person and work of our Triune God (Jesus Himself being the very embodiment of truth--John 14:6), the way of salvation (2 Timothy 3:15), and our duty unto God (2 Timothy 3:16).

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, completely true and without any mixture of error. We are not searching for the words of God within the Bible; it is in its entirety the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21). Because God has spoken, we are accountable to it. Therefore, everything we believe and do as a church is informed and instructed by the Bible (Ephesians 2:20, James 1:22-25, John 14:15). Everything we teach is rooted in the Bible (2 Timothy 4:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:13).

WORSHIP

— *Values* —

he primary purpose of man's existence is to worship (Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 4:11). True Christian worship is directed to the Father through the merit of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit (John 4:23). As a congregation, we engage in worship through singing, meditating on the truths of Scripture as presented through readings and the sermon, participating in spirit with the offered prayers, giving financially during the offering, listening expectantly for ministry opportunities, and serving one another through fellowship and the right practice of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14). Our worship should be marked by a passionate love of God and resolve to glorify Him in all we do (Matthew 22:34-40, Colossians 3:16-17).

COMMUNITY

— *Values* —

he transformational love of Jesus provides the contours of biblical community (John 13:34). The God whom we worship is Triune, existing eternally as a community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). As those who are made in His image, human flourishing requires us to live in communities of love and care (Genesis 1:27, Hebrews 10:25). The authentic community fostered at Ninth & O is a radical call to intentional relational investment amid a culture of mere attendance and casual involvement. As a church family, we seek together to experience more deeply the joys, sorrows, and all realities of life in gospel-centered community (Galatians 6:2).

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MISSIONS

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*J*esus came to Earth on a mission to redeem and restore humanity and the cosmos (Luke 19:10, Romans 8, Ephesians 1:21-23).

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has perfectly accomplished this salvific work, and we believe and affirm that God has given His people, the Church, the mission of bearing witness to this salvation among all peoples of the earth (Matthew 28:19-20). Continuing Jesus' ministry of reconciliation, Christians are called to serve as agents of reconciliation and justice (Luke 10:25-37, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20), even while not being conformed to the pattern of the world (John 17:14-16, Acts 1:8). Rooted in the truth, we worshipfully work together to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among all peoples.

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GROUPS

ible Fellowship Groups (BFGs) are our small group Bible studies that gather on our church campus Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30. BFGs offer a setting for you to learn about God's Word through an interactive Bible study lesson that applies to everyday life. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions and learn from others within the group. BFGs are also designed to meet the needs of both new and mature believers and seekers. They also provide an opportunity for you to develop intimate relationships within a smaller community of believers where you will find encouragement, friendship, and prayer support. Whatever your age or stage of life, there is a BFG for you and every member of your family.



Equip

*E*quip is discipleship training for all of life. It is designed to assist believers as they seek to mature in their Christian faith helping them to love God and walk in His ways. With this objective in mind, we offer an array of discipleship courses throughout the year. Many of these courses focus on spiritual disciplines, ministry to families, theology, and evangelism.

In addition to discipleship courses, we have small discipleship groups that meet during the semester as well. More information can be found at naobc.org/equip.

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PHASE

At Ninth & O we want to come alongside parents in their God-given responsibility of evangelizing and discipling their children. The primary way we do this is through our Phase Ministry.

Our Phase Ministry is a comprehensive discipleship plan that allows us to partner with parents during the natural transitions in the life of a child with training, resources, and prayer.

Phase Ministry includes partnering with parents in our weekly ministry through email, parenting resources, and discipleship classes. Visit naobc.org/phase for more information.

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ur NAOBC Kids ministry is a great place for your children (K - 5th Grade) to grow in Christ and to make new friends to last a life-time! Your children will experience a loving environment with our trained teams of adult and youth volunteers who believe their calling is to love, nurture, and train children for the Kingdom of God. Check us out at naobc.org/kids.

Sundays

Sunday mornings at NAOBC Kids are exciting. Through dynamic worship and age-appropriate teaching, we hope to fuel your children's spiritual development. Large and small groups support your child's interaction each week as well as an age-graded curriculum that focuses on the big picture of Scripture that Christ is at the center of all things. Look for our NAOBC Kids Sunday Schedule at naobc.org/kids.

Equip Kids

Equip Kids meets when we are on our Wednesday schedule and is the next step in helping kids grow closer to God. Through large and small group discipleship, missions, Scripture memorization, and more, kids will learn the the answers to some of life's key questions. Learn more at naobc.org/equip.



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YOUTH



We are dedicated to partnering with families as they seek to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Our youth ministry is a place where young people can come together to worship God and study His Word. It is an environment where youth can mesh and bond with other youth of their age. It is a fellowship where encouragement is nurtured through a shared belief in a mighty and loving God. Sunday mornings are a great mixture of Bible study, eating breakfast, and great worship music. Learn more at naobc.org/youth.

Bible Fellowship Groups for Students

On Sunday Mornings, we meet in our Bible Fellowship Groups at 10:30. We are currently making our way through a chronological study of the Bible beginning in Genesis and working our way to Revelation.

Equip C-Groups

When on our Wednesday schedule, we meet in community groups broken down by age and gender to provide more opportunity for more intimate discipleship and relationship building.

First Step



Next Step



We offer two classes at Ninth & O to help you and your family get to know our church and get connected to the many ministry opportunities that are available.

First Step

Our First Step class provides us the opportunity to articulate to prospective members what we believe and value as a congregation, as well as our church's vision for the future. We also use this time to communicate what we believe healthy church membership looks like, and we walk through our church membership covenant. First Step is part of our membership process at Ninth & O though it does not commit you to join. You are welcome to come and just get to know us a little bit better. The First Step class is usually offered the first Sunday of every other month.

Next Step

Our Next Step class is for prospective members, new members, and even well-established members. The goal of Next Step is to help people get connected into the life of our church and help them find a place to serve. You will hear about various ministry opportunities, have the chance to take a spiritual gift inventory, and hear from pastors and ministry leaders about ways to get plugged into Ninth & O.

Thank you

*T*hank you for being with us today. We hope you had a warm visit and would love to see you again.

More information about us can be found at naobc.org.

Please don't hesitate to call us or to speak with one of our pastors at 502.493.3939.

