



FOREST LAKE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the Forest Lake Church family! I know that you will be blessed to be a part of an authentic Christian community. We learn from the book of Acts, chapter 2:42, that the early Christian church had four identifying characteristics: they were devoted to Jesus Christ, as revealed in His word; they were devoted to Christian fellowship; they were devoted to Christ-centered worship; and they were devoted to mission-focused prayer. We desire to continue that authentic Christian community at Forest Lake Church.

Let's apply those four characteristics to our lives:

First, I encourage you to reaffirm your personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord on a daily basis. Spend time in His Word, reflecting on His life and His teachings. Let the Word of Christ find a home within you in a life-changing way.

Second, get connected to a small group within your church family. There are a variety of groups, mission-focused, ministry-focused, recovery-focused. God wants you to experience a life-changing fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Connections ministry can help you to find a connecting point. Talk to me, or one of the other pastors, if you need help getting connected to a small group fellowship. It's essential for stability and growth.

Third, make a commitment to regularly participate in Christ-centered worship. We have a variety of worship services designed to meet different people's needs. You can even join us when you are out of town or sick in bed via our streaming video at www.forestlakechurch.org.

Fourth, devote yourself to prayer – not selfish prayer, but mission-focused prayer. We currently have three regular prayer services. Find a time that works for your schedule. Or, better yet, adjust your schedule so that you can devote yourself to prayer. Pray at home, by yourself and with your family. Revival happens when God's people pray. Determine to be a channel of God's grace and blessings as you call upon His name in prayer.

Welcome again to your new church family at Forest Lake Church! By God's grace, may we continue to grow in grace and in a knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Geoff Patterson
Senior Pastor

*Where hope
is born*