

OUR MISSION +

The Department of Spiritual Life's mission is to serve the GCU community from a Christian perspective. Spiritual Life carries out this mission as staff develop and train student leaders to minister to the university, as well as to local and global communities.

+ OUR VISION

- WE WILL TEACH THE WORD OF GOD.
- WE WILL TRAIN STUDENT LEADERS TO MOBILIZE THE GCU STUDENT BODY TO SERVE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.
- WE WILL FOSTER A CULTURE OF STUDENT-LED MINISTRY.
- WE WILL PREPARE STUDENT WORSHIP TEAMS TO LEAD THE GCU COMMUNITY IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONTACT INFORMATION

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+ STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The student leadership application is open to current traditional freshmen, sophomores and juniors each January. Scholarships are awarded based on distinct leadership responsibilities.

Once the application is live, students will log into their Student Portal to apply. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to an interview or audition in February. Applicants who are chosen to serve as student leaders will be contacted in March and begin serving the following academic year.

200+ applicants will be chosen to serve as life leaders. Their responsibilities will include faithfully holding weekly Bible studies, making themselves available to other students for spiritual counsel and support while engaging in one-on-one mentoring relationships with head life leaders for training, discipleship and guidance.

180+ applicants will serve as Local or Global Outreach student leaders. Their responsibilities will include planning, developing, organizing and facilitating weekly ministry on and off-site.

30+ applicants will serve on the worship and production teams to lead worship for weekly Chapel, The Gathering and Sanctuary services.

10+ applicants will serve on the spiritual formation team, programming opportunities such as weekly workshops, prayer gatherings and semester retreats for students to learn practical tools to grow in their faith.



+ CHAPEL, THE GATHERING AND SANCTUARY

Spiritual Life hosts three services where the GCU community gathers to worship together and hear teaching from the Bible. Musical worship is led by students from the worship team, while speakers consist of staff members and pastors from a variety of local churches and Christian organizations. Follow us on Instagram for more information @GCUWorship.

CHAPEL: Mondays 11 am – noon | Global Credit Union Arena

THE GATHERING: Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Antelope Gym Building 22

SANCTUARY: A more reflective service | Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Sunset Auditorium Building 8

+ LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are weekly, student-led small group Bible studies for traditional students. With over 200 Life Groups to choose from, GCU residents and commuters can find a small group community in every living area. To find a life group that works for you, please email life.leaders@gcu.edu or follow us on Instagram to learn more @GCULifeGroups.

+ LOCAL OUTREACH

Local Outreach offers GCU students the chance to serve the community around us. Local Outreach has multiple student-led opportunities for GCU students to show Christ's love to our neighbors in the city every week. Each of these ministries provide students with a tight-knit community and a chance to develop more purpose during their time at GCU. Follow Local Outreach on Instagram for the most up-to-date information @GCU.LocalOutreach.

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

SOCCER MINISTRY – Youth, sports relational ministry

CHANGING LIVES CENTER – Children's relational ministry

REHOBOTH – Ministry to local children

SKATE MINISTRY – Youth, sports relational ministry

DANCE MINISTRY – Youth, dance relational ministry

CANYON KIDS – Ministry to local children

PARK MINISTRY – Children's, sports relational ministry

HOMELESS MINISTRY – Serving those experiencing homelessness

OHANAFIED – Relational ministry to those with disabilities

OHANA TEENS – Relational ministry to teens in group homes

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY – Serve inner city children and youth

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Serving neighbors with building and repairs

ALONGSIDE¹ – Prison transition outreach

COLTER COMMONS¹ – Ministry to elderly neighbors

UNIFIED¹ – Relational ministry to those with disabilities

HOPE WING¹ – Bible study with at-risk young women

¹May require an application, interview or fingerprint clearance card. Please contact directly prior to participation.

+ GLOBAL OUTREACH

Global Outreach provides an opportunity for students to experience God's heart for the nations by engaging in globally focused groups and ministries throughout the school year. Follow Global Outreach on Instagram @GCU.GlobalOutreach for more information about the various opportunities you can experience each week!

GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

REFUGE MINISTRY: Refugee children's camp experience

NEIGHBORS TO FAMILY: Community with a refugee family

THRIVE: Discipling and mentoring refugee youth

GLOBAL PROJECT: 9-week introduction to global ministry

ESL: Engagement and instruction with Spanish-speaking refugee communities

THE BRIDGE:¹ IRC partnership supporting asylum seekers

CAMP FLOURISH: Refugee children's camp experience

MISSIONS: Equipping students for missions and connecting them with local and global mission trips

GLOBAL CITIZENS: Building connections and community among Third Culture Kids, International students and Missionary Kids

KAIROS MINISTRY: Helping newly resettled refugee families adjust to life in America

THE PLUG: Connecting students with ongoing Global Outreach ministry

HOW TO JOIN LOCAL AND/OR GLOBAL OUTREACH:

Just show up! No RSVP is required for the weekly ministries. Make sure to connect with the student leaders when you are there. They will have you fill out a background check if you haven't already done so. Most of the ministries meet at the Outreach Hub located on the first floor, north side of Student Life Building 26.

+ MISSION TRIPS

Additionally, local and global mission trips offer the chance to join a team and experience a variety of cultures within the US and internationally. Attend the annual Missions Fair to learn about various short — and long-term trips offered in partnership with more than 17 mission organizations. Follow @GCU.Missions to learn more!

+ SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Spiritual Formation program provides opportunities for students to learn practical tools to grow in their faith. Through weekly workshops in our the Sunset Auditorium and semester retreats, students will learn and practice implementing spiritual practices into daily life. Schedule of workshops and retreats can be found on Instagram @GCUSpiritualFormation.

+ PASTORAL OFFICE

Students seeking direction from a biblical perspective or wanting to learn more about the Christian faith can visit our Pastoral Office to schedule a meeting with a member of the pastoral team. The Pastoral Office is located directly next to the Spiritual Life Office in Building 26.

+ SPORTS CHAPLAIN

Our sports chaplain provides pastoral support for student-athletes and connects them with spiritual formation opportunities on campus, as well as with their teams. The sports chaplain's office is located within the athletics department on the third floor of Student Life Building 26.