



THE WATER'S EDGE CHURCH

FALL GUIDE 2025

FIND YOUR PLACE TO
CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

A LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Water's Edge Family,

Fall is a season of transformation. Just as trees shed their leaves to prepare for new growth, we are invited to let go of what no longer serves us and create space for the new growth God wants to bring into our lives. As summer schedules return to school year routines, I encourage you to consider what changes God might have in store for you. This guide is here to help you determine your next step.

Our mission is **to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.** This fall, new ministries will launch to help us better fulfill that mission. Existing ministries will expand to accommodate more people. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, fall is the perfect time to find your place to connect with others, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and serve your community.

There are classes and small groups to help you grow in your faith and make friends. There are programs for kids and youth to learn about Jesus. There are opportunities to serve both inside and outside the church.

Take a few moments to explore this guide. Ask God where He might be leading you this season. Whether it's joining a small group, signing your kids up for a class, or stepping into a new serving role, there's a place for everyone this fall at The Water's Edge.

We pray this season will be a time of meaningful growth for all of us, both individually and as a church.



In Christ,
Pastors Craig and Leandra

WE KIDS



Wednesdays at WE Kids

Bible Project and Submerge

Fun and Interactive Bible Studies for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

Wednesdays at 6:45-8:00 pm, **starting August 27**

Special Events

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 17 at both 9:00 and 10:30 worship services

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 4:00-6:00 pm

Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 7, 2:00-4:00 pm



WE YOUTH

Wednesdays at WE Youth

WE Youth Group

Worship and Small Groups for 6th-12th graders

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm, **starting August 27**

Confirmation

Confirmation is the preparation process that helps students understand and respond to God's grace with intentional commitment by professing their faith in Jesus Christ.

Open to students 8th grade or older

3rd Sunday of the month during the 9:00 am worship service

Starts **Sunday, September 21**

CLASSES & GROUPS

House Churches

House Churches are small group communities that help us grow meaningful relationships with Jesus and others. These small groups meet weekly in homes to go through the weekly study guide, pray, serve, play, and care for one another. WE have groups for all ages and stages of life!
New Groups launching September 7



Discipleship Classes

Starting Thursday, September 4, 6:30-8:00 pm

- **Disciple*** - A 12-week bible study to dive deeper into the Bible and understand what the Old Testament means for us today.
- **Rooted*** - A 12-week small group journey of intentional discipleship experiences that help us discover how to better connect with God, the church, and our purpose.
- **GriefShare*** - A faith-based grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one.

Starting Thursday, October 2, 6:30-8:00 pm

- **Paint, Praise, Pray Watercolor Painting Class*** - Learn the basics of watercolor and express your God-given gift of creativity while fellowshiping together, praying together, and sharing a weekly devotion.
- **70x7*** - An 8-week class on Jesus' five teachings on forgiveness. Begin the journey towards finding peace by forgiving others and yourself.
- **Women's Book Study*** - A space for women to grow in faith and community by listening, learning, and living life together.
- **More Than Your Number*** - Discover how the Enneagram can deepen self-awareness, improve relationships, and guide spiritual growth by helping you understand your core motivations and patterns.
- **I Said This, You Heard That*** - A 7-week class exploring how your wiring affects what you say, how you listen, and how others hear you. After taking the assessment, you'll learn a simple framework that'll instantly enhance your communication with spouses, children, and coworkers.
- **Financial Peace University*** - Learn to manage money God's way and build a future of financial freedom and generosity.



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Women's Studies

SOS: Sisters of Scripture*

"Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for Living Well" by Courtney Joseph

Starts Monday, September 8
9:00-10:30 am

Harbor Hearts Women's Study*

"Walking by Faith" by Jennifer Rothschild

Starts Wednesday, September 10
9:00-10:30 am

MomCo*

equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus and within our church

Starts September 4, 9:00-11:00 am
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month



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Men's Studies

Men Inspired
Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 am

Faith on Friday
Fridays
6:30-7:30 am

Men's Bible Study
Saturdays
7:30-8:30 am



Baptism Class

A class for parents considering baptism for their children and for adults who want to be baptized.

- Thursday, August 21
- Monday, October 20
- Monday, December 8

Selah

Monthly luncheons for individuals aged 60 and over to pause and connect with each other

Every third Thursday of the month,
11:30-1:00 pm

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

WORSHIP

Upcoming Series & Holiday Dates

How to Hug a Porcupine: Loving Prickly People Well
September 7-October 5

Ghost Stories: A Series on the Holy Spirit
October 12-October 26

Do Not Disturb: Limiting our Screens' Influence on our Souls
November 2- November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 26

Advent – November 30-December 21

Christmas Eve – December 24

ARE YOU NEW?

Starting Point Lunch*

Learn more about The Water's Edge at this new visitors' lunch. You'll meet the WE Staff and find out your next steps to get connected here.

- September 14, 11:30 am
- November 16, 11:30 am

WE Explore Membership Class*

We know you have gifts and experiences that can make us a better church. Explore membership at this class.

- Tuesday, September 30
6:00-8:00 pm
- Monday, November 24
6:00-8:00 pm



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SERVE



WE Serve Saturdays

Every second Saturday of the month, we head out into the community to serve like Jesus.

- September 13: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Day
- October 11: Miller Park Elementary Trunk or Treat
- November 8: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery Day
- December 13: Project Wee Care North Pole



Serving Teams

Sign up for a First Serve experience with one of our serving teams. First Serve is a one-time, no-obligation serving experience designed to give you a trial run with a serving team so you can find your fit.

- Connections Team (Greeter/Usher)
- Welcome Center
- Donuts and Coffee
- Production Team
- WE Kids Ministry
- WE Youth Ministry
- Safety & Security
- Communion
- Weeknight Building Host
- Grounds Team
- Sunday Setup



Mission Trips

Nicaragua – October 4-11, 2025

A humanitarian mission trip to provide rural communities with clean water and modern bathrooms through our partnership with Amigos for Christ.

Uganda – November 1-15, 2025

A medical mission trip to provide people in remote villages with general health checkups, HIV/Aids tests, medicine, eyewear, and mosquito nets.



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