

**3. Explore the following options for the 5:30 and 9:30 services. (Church Council will make a decision this fall on the new service format which will be implemented in January 2011.)**

1. Design the 9:30 worship as a new contemporary service which would offer an additional format choice on Sunday mornings as well as attract more students and younger families.
2. Continue to offer the same blended worship format at the 9:30 service.
3. Should the new contemporary format be adopted, we will choose to either:
  - Leave the 5:30 service as is and hire a Contemporary Worship Leader to lead the new 9:30 service.
  - Move the 5:30 service from Saturday night to the 9:30 time slot.
  - Leave the 5:30 service as is and have our current worship leaders develop and lead the new 9:30 service.

**TUESDAYS @ WUMC:**

**Starting this fall, we will offer discipleship opportunities for all ages:**

- Children in grades K-5 will enjoy TeamKID and W.O.W. (moved from Wednesday night) at the Hampton Park Campus.
- Youth in grades 6-12 can take part in the new Youth Group at the Woodlake Campus.
- Adults can take part in either the First Fruits Service at the Woodlake Campus or join a Small Group at the Hampton Park Campus.
- We encourage church committees to meet on Thursday nights to avoid programming conflicts

**IMPLEMENTATION**

In order to ensure we are continually aligned with the new Simple Discipleship process, we have established specific criteria by which Church Council will review and filter new and existing programs.

**WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?**

We want to hear your thoughts on the new Simple Discipleship process. You are invited to speak with a member of the Simple Discipleship team following the worship services each week in September or feel free to email your feedback and questions to:

**[Feedback@woodlakeumc.org](mailto:Feedback@woodlakeumc.org)**

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*Woodlake United Methodist Church*



*as Disciples of Jesus Christ*

*Purpose  
Statement  
for  
Discipleship*

# History of Our Purpose Statement

- † 2003: The church adopted a new Mission Prayer which organized us into five key areas: Worship, Witness, Healing, Discipleship, and Stewardship.
- † Spring 2009: WUMC completed the Reveal Study. The feedback was unanimous—we need to focus more on Discipleship. Therefore, our goal is to encourage our members along the continuum from *Exploring Christ* to *Growing in Christ* to *Close to Christ* to *Christ Centered*.
- † Fall 2009: The church decided...  
**"Discipleship is the Thing!"**
- † Summer 2010: Created a Purpose Statement: **Woodlake United Methodist Church: Loving God; Knowing God; Living Our Faith as Disciples of Jesus Christ**
- † With this purpose statement, we want to give our congregation, staff and leaders something simple by which to measure their faith journey progress. Our stated focus is simple, repeatable and consistent.
- † Fall 2010: Communicate the Simple Discipleship process to the congregation and adopt it as our new focus and purpose.

# Our Purpose Statement

Woodlake United Methodist Church:  
**Loving God; Knowing God; Living Our Faith as Disciples of Jesus Christ**

## **Loving God (Worship)**

By accepting God's love, a disciple loves God and loves others.

## **Knowing God (Small Groups)**

A disciple commits to knowing God better.

## **Living Our Faith (Serving)**

A disciple lives his/her faith in every moment.

# Discipleship Defined

<b>Loving God (Worship)</b>	<b>Knowing God (Small Groups)</b>	<b>Living for Others (Serving)</b>
Actively participate in worship	Actively participate in Christian community	Support the church financially
Invite others to worship	Pray and listen for God's guidance	Offer time and talents to church volunteer opportunities
Welcome others	Read and study Scripture	Support missions financially
Accept others	Put the Word to work	Offer time and talents to mission work
Practice forgiveness	Share God's impact in my life	Show compassion to friends and strangers
Nurture relationships	Grow my faith in a small group	Recognize social injustices and take a stand
		Share my faith story

# Highlights of the New Simple Discipleship Process

**Small Groups:** They are the lifeblood to moving us as Disciples through the three areas of focus. The church will implement a tracking system to follow and encourage movement through each area.

**Sunday School:** Offer year-round Sunday School for all ages.

## **WORSHIP**

### **Worship Services:**

1. Continue to offer the 8:15 traditional service in the Woodlake Sanctuary.
2. Continue to offer the 11:00 blended worship service at Cosby High School.

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