



 MORNING STAR  
**MINISTRIES**

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★ WHERE YOU DISCOVER COMMUNITY + THE JOY OF SERVING ★



Welcome to a brief overview of the ministries  
currently serving at Morning Star.

*Talk to a staff member to find a fit for YOU ...  
a place to discover community + the joy of serving.*

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## INTRODUCTION

**EXPLORE. GROW. LIVE IN CHRIST.**

At Morning Star, we want you to take the next step in your faith as you **EXPLORE** what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, **GROW** spiritually through teaching, community and service, and **LIVE IN CHRIST** -- experiencing the abundance that He promises, the purpose He has for you and the eternity He celebrates.

Each of our ministries originates from the mission to make disciples and rests on seven core values of the disciple life. We believe each person at Morning Star comes with a unique set of gifts, talents and traits key to God's work here -- that includes YOU!

Check out our mission and values. Look through the ministries we offer. And, let us know how we can help you on this journey!



## MORNING STAR MISSION

To make disciples who ...

*Love Jesus.*

*Share Hope.*

*Connect People.*

*Celebrate Life.*

## MORNING STAR CORE VALUES

At Morning Star, we value making disciples who...

**WORSHIP FREELY** ... delight in giving honor and glory to God, individually and corporately. We worship God through our thoughts, words, songs, and actions. As Jesus praised and proclaimed the greatness of His Father, so shall we.

**PRAY DILIGENTLY**... communicate with God in persistent and expectant prayer. We spend focused time praying as individuals, in small groups, and corporately. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray through instruction and practice, so shall we.

**LIVE BIBLICALLY**... hunger for God's Word and obey its teachings. The Bible is inspired by God and is the source of truth, providing guidance for every area of life and leading us to the Savior. As Jesus knew, spoke, and lived out the Scriptures, so shall we.

**EQUIP FULLY**... are being prepared and preparing others to live out their faith. A well-equipped church is a healthy and effective church. As Jesus equipped His disciples through mentoring, resourcing, and teaching, so shall we.

**GO BOLDLY**... are being sent and also sending others to share the hope of the Gospel. We spread God's love daily through our actions and words outside the church. As Jesus actively sought to reach the lost close to home and far away, so shall we.

**SERVE JOYFULLY**... use their gifts, skills, and resources to meet the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs of our community. Serving joyfully brings honor to God and builds His Kingdom. As Jesus demonstrated God's love by denying His own comfort to humbly serve others, so shall we.

**ENGAGE RELATIONALLY**... actively pursue relationships with anyone God brings into their lives. We agree with God that all people are valuable, and we will create environments which develop friendships. As Jesus freely gave of His time to meet with others and build relationships, so shall we.

## PRAYER

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### PRAYER TEAM

Prayer plays a foundational and priority role in the life of Morning Star. This team pray faithfully for the ministry of the church, its attenders and the community. Prayer events and services fall in the scope of this ministry as well.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

An excitement about the power of prayer.

#### CONTACT

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*Please send prayer requests to [prayerrequest@msfchurch.com](mailto:prayerrequest@msfchurch.com).*

## EQUIP

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### CHILDREN

Creating opportunities for every child to know and walk with Jesus drives this Sunday morning ministry. The safe, loving classroom experience also provides parents with peace of mind to worship.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Varies by responsibility.

#### CONTACT

Janice Chesnes + Joanna Burkholder  
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### YOUTH

Inspiring a growing faith in Jesus for middle and high school students (grades 6-12) through teaching, breakout discussions, activities and, of course, food.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Varies by responsibility.

#### CONTACT

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## EQUIP

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### SMALL GROUPS

A focus ministry of Morning Star, small groups offer community and discipleship. The content and the frequency of meeting varies by group. And each leader offers a unique approach to leading.

PREREQUISITES TO SERVE (as a leader)

Follower of Jesus.

6 months attendance @ Mornng Star.

Morning Star membership class attendance.

Unity with the Faith & Practice.

CONTACT

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### MEMBERSHIP

Going all in with church membership

PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Desire to be active in the Morning Star ministry.

CONTACT

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## EQUIP

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### LIFE RECOVERY

Addiction grips hard. Fortunately, God grips harder.

Life Recovery seeks to break the hold of addiction, anxiety, fear, pride...or other life struggles, connecting people to the victory-producing power of Jesus.

PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Desire for freedom from the things that bind you.

CONTACT

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### DIVORCE RECOVERY

Divorce emits a ripple of unprecedented situations and lasting hurts. Divorce Care offers a small group for those longing for hope, healing and recovery from divorce.

PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Divorced, and ready to release the hurt.

CONTACT

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## WORSHIP

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### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The first impressions ministry warmly welcomes and integrates attenders into Morning Star on Sunday morning. Greeter, ushers and information guides create a stellar guest experience.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Friendly smile. Welcoming attitude.

#### CONTACT

Lisa Keppler, [lisakeppler@gmail.com](mailto:lisakeppler@gmail.com), 440-478-7009

### MORNING STAR CAFE

The hospitality team creates a friendly atmosphere where all are welcome to enjoy physical refreshment and get to know one another on Sunday morning.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Friendly smile. Hospitable attitude.

#### CONTACT

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## WORSHIP

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### MUSICIANS

Leading in worship with excellence, both musically and spiritually, this team creates an atmosphere where attendees worship freely.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Six months attendance @ Morning Star.  
Morning Star membership class attendance.  
Conversation with the worship director.

#### CONTACT

Andy Grubbs, [worship@msfchurch.com](mailto:worship@msfchurch.com)

### AUDIO + VISUAL

This team strives for excellence in visual and sound quality for inbuilding and online services. Sound and lighting techs, videographers and computer skills round out the team.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Morning Star membership class attendance.

#### CONTACT

Andy Grubbs, [worship@msfchurch.com](mailto:worship@msfchurch.com)



## OUTREACH

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### STAR<sup>S</sup> SPORTS

The STAR<sup>s</sup> team sends the rally cry to families, "Come know Jesus!" through sport. Bible lessons, equal playing time, skill development and celebrating each child's victories mark this ministry.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Varies based on responsibility.

#### CONTACT

Mariann Goodwin, outreach@msfchurch.com

### STAR<sup>S</sup> TRAINING

Laying a biblical foundation for our families to grow in faith is a priority at Morning Star. The STAR<sup>s</sup> team incorporates God's Word into its sport seasons, dance camps, art sessions and more.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

A heart to share Jesus with families.

#### CONTACT

Mariann Goodwin, outreach@msfchurch.com

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### STAR<sup>S</sup> ARTS

God expresses His creativity in inspiring ways! And, the STAR<sup>s</sup> team shows families who Jesus is through the arts. Dance, fine art, culinary arts and more give families a way to interact, learn and grow in faith.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Varies based on responsibility.

#### CONTACT

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### STAR<sup>S</sup> REC

Celebrating life requires taking time out to PLAY! Through interactive and active events, the STAR<sup>s</sup> team offers families a reason to take a little time off and hang with each other and the community.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Varies based on responsibility.

#### CONTACT

Mariann Goodwin, outreach@msfchurch.com

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### LOCAL MISSIONS

Morning Star offers our time, talent and resources to serve those in our community. This ministry brings awareness to and meets these needs as the physical hands of Jesus in the lives of those in need.

#### PREREQUISITIES TO SERVE

A desire to serve others.

#### CONTACT

Mariann Goodwin, [outreach@msfchurch.com](mailto:outreach@msfchurch.com)

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Partnering with Jesus as He changes lives around the world, Morning Star supports missionaries through financial giving and service overseas.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

A heart for cross-cultural missions and prayer.

#### CONTACT

Mariann Goodwin, [outreach@msfchurch.com](mailto:outreach@msfchurch.com)

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*Share Hope.*

*Connect People.*

*Celebrate Life.*

## OPERATIONS

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### FINANCE

Like numbers? Detail-oriented? Good at secrets? Individuals with these qualities accurately count Sunday morning offerings and keep detailed records.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Follower of Jesus.

Regular giver to Morning Star.

Six months attendance @ Morning Star.

Accuracy in financial work.

Strict confidentiality (even with spouse).

*Some roles require membership @ Morning Star.*

### SECURITY

Creating a secure space for worshipers, attenders and kids, this team drafts policies and implements actions to make the church accessible but safe.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Interest in safety protocols.

CONTACT (for either team above)

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## OPERATIONS

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### BUILDING

A behind-the-scenes ministry that affects nearly all Morning Star ministries, the facilities ministry keeps the building in safe working order for all attenders and guests. Maintenance, painting, interior decor and more create a welcoming space for all.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Helpful attitude and a willing spirit.

#### CONTACT

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### GROUNDS

The grounds require upkeep to as well. Landscape maintenance, snow removal, ditch trimming, playground tune ups and more steward well the building God gifted us and care for those who visit it.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Helpful attitude and willingness to work outdoors.

#### CONTACT

Ken Renfro, [operations@msfchurch.com](mailto:operations@msfchurch.com)

## COMMUNICATIONS

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### WEBSITE

The website is the front door of the church. Keeping it updated with accurate, engaging content plays a key role in guests stepping in our actual front door.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Excitement about reaching people digitally.  
Willingness to learn and serve.

#### CONTACT

Bitsy Grubbs, [jgrubbs@msfchurch.com](mailto:jgrubbs@msfchurch.com)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Like our website, social media invites the community into Morning Star before Sunday and introduces them to Jesus. Content creators and moderators share Jesus and extend a warm welcome.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Excitement about reaching people digitally.  
Ability to work on a team.

#### CONTACT

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### GRAPHIC ARTS

To fill a website and social media account with fresh content and images takes a team of creatives. Graphic designers, photographers, videographers and content creators get the job done with content that supports the Morning Star message.

#### PREREQUISITES TO SERVE

Foundational skill in a given art.  
Willingness to learn and serve.

#### CONTACT

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## LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

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