Southside
BAPTIST CHURCH

DISCIPLE PATHWAY

OUR MISSION: "To lead people to love God, love people, and make disciples."

STATEMENT:
"As Southside, we promise to walk together in love and unity as followers of Jesus Christ—to pray for one another, encourage one another, and serve together in faith. We will give generously, live faithfully as we walk in Jesus's example, and share the hope found in Christ with others. And by God's grace, we promise to uphold one another in truth, in love, and in fellowship as the family of God."

1. CONNECT to Christ

Scripture: John 1:12; Matthew 4:19

A disciple begins with a life-changing connection to Jesus Christ and entry into His family. This connection brings us into a people who walk together in love and unity, openly identifying with Christ and His Church.

A Connected Disciple:

Has trusted Christ as Savior and Lord
Publicly identifies with the church and walks in unity with God's family
Worships faithfully and joins in fellowship, building relationships within biblical community

FOCUS: Salvation • Belonging • Church Community

2. COMMIT to Growth

Scripture: Colossians 2:6–7; 2 Peter 3:18

A disciple commits to intentional growth in Christ through the Word, prayer, obedience, and accountability, learning to live faithfully as we walk in Jesus's example and to uphold one another in truth and love.

A Committed Disciple:

Develops daily habits of Scripture, prayer, and obedience
Participates regularly in a small group where they encourage and pray for one another
Aligns life with God's Word, living faithfully in every area

FOCUS: Scripture • Prayer • Obedience

3. CONTRIBUTE through Service

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10; James 2:17

A growing disciple expresses faith by serving together, giving generously, meeting needs, and sharing the hope of Christ through word and deed.

A Contributing Disciple:

Serves in ministry using God-given gifts and abilities
Gives generously and meets needs within the church and the community
Shares the hope found in Christ through everyday witness and compassion

FOCUS: Gifts • Serving • Witness

4. COMMISSION Others

Scripture: Matthew 28:19–20; 2 Timothy 2:2

A mature disciple invests in others—teaching, mentoring, and multiplying disciple-makers so that what Christ has done in us is reproduced in others. This fulfills our covenant commitment to walk with others in love, truth, and fellowship as the family of God.

A Commissioning Disciple:

Intentionally disciples and mentors others toward spiritual maturity
Walks alongside new believers, helping them follow Christ in truth and love
Multiplies disciple-makers who continue the mission

FOCUS: Mentoring • Evangelism • Multiplication

THE DISCIPLE-MAKER CYCLE

Connect → Commit → Contribute → Commission