

MISSION

As an integral part of Baylor University's Christian commitment, Chapel orients students by introducing them to and deepening their experience in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and God's loving purposes in the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

48

Chapel Experiences Occurred Weekly

2,585

Students in In-Person Chapels

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In transition from chapel online, we have grown from 20 options (S22) to 26 options (F22) to 36 options (S23) to 54 options for F23.
- In-person enrollment seats for students has grown from 400 (S22) to 2,285 (F22) to 2,585 (S23) to 3,388 for F23.
- Created infrastructure to support training, recruitment, and sustainability for a large network of instructors as well as quality control measures and assessment for implementation of rich content and spiritual practices for each chapel.
- Garnered national recognition prompting an independent research team from Calvin University and Azusa Pacific University to come and do a multi-year study of our chapel model.

Summary of Chapel Section Offerings (9 Types)

University Chapel Worship - Multicultural, corporate worship service with Scripture readings, prayers, and preaching that incorporates various cultural and historic representations of the local and global church.

Calling & Career Chapels - Designed around the intersection of academic study and Christian formation. Students learn spiritual practices and vocational stewardship with those who share their field of study.

Residential Chapels - Resident Chaplains, along with CL&L, provide spiritual programming to meet the spiritual needs of the unique residential community.

Campus Ministry Chapels - Chapel experiences led and designed by the leadership of our campus ministries.

Community Interest Chapels - Chapel experiences that engage students with like-minded peers around a shared identity or affinity, such as student athletes.

Special Topics Chapels - Chapel experiences that infuse Christian teaching and practices into topics important to our community.

Directed Studies Chapels - Students meet with a chaplain in Spiritual Life to determine what will be the independent focus and approach to the experience.

Community Prayers - For twenty-minutes, Monday through Thursday, participants come together with other local residents to pray and sing together using historic and modern liturgies.

Chapel Online - A format that utilizes virtual elements for optional learning experiences that engage Scripture and the gospel.



STUDENT FEEDBACK

69% Chapel contributed positively to my spiritual formation

43% Chapel deepened my spiritual community through meaningful relationships

QUOTES

"Chapel was often my favorite part of my day. I loved having 20 minutes each morning to be completely free from distractions. God used that time to speak to me and to move in my heart and life."

"Coming from a family who never went to church, chapel allowed me to connect with God and meet up with others to worship. I was very thankful that the chapel I attended did a lot of singing, as I find voice to be a very important part of worship. Overall, I had a great time."

"Chapel encouraged me to consider my career path in a spiritual light. It also gave me practices that I can use in my daily life."

"Since I don't have a car and can't always go to church on Sundays, I appreciated going to Chapel to continue with my faith."

MOVING FORWARD

- Building a network of consultants to conduct workshops and training for instructors doing vocational discernment with students in chapels.
- We are expanding the number of chapels connected with academic departments and majors (i.e. Callings and Career Chapels)
- We are planning integrated opportunities for students to take chapel while studying abroad, doing missions, service, and other opportunities in partnership with existing Baylor programming.
- We are planning to develop and expand campus-wide corporate worship events with acclaimed guest preachers and musicians through our University Chapel Worship sections.