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Church:

Marvin Methodist Church Tyler, Texas



Challenge:

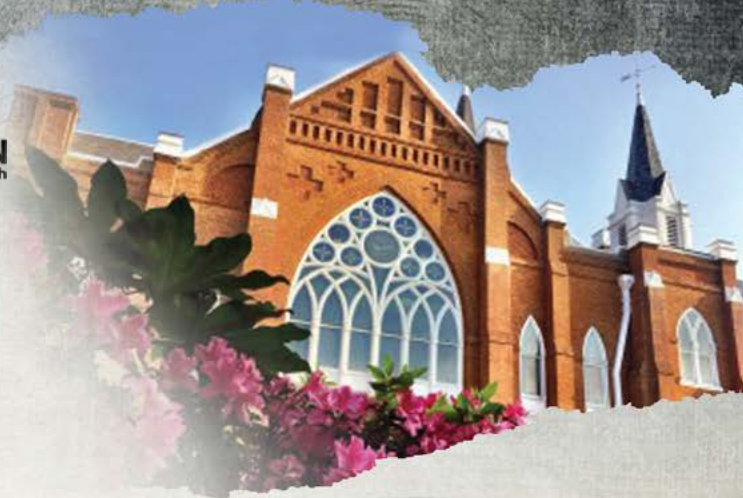
Build a dynamic discipling culture in a large church

Outcome:

150 members joined discipleship groups tailored to their needs

How:

Through a churchwide retreat and discipleship assessment,
coached by Ascending Leaders



Case Notes:

- Marvin Methodist Church contracted with Ascending Leaders to coach them in building a discipleship culture.
- Took a church “Discipleship Assessment” under the guidance of Ascending Leaders.
- Designed and created new class meetings, band meetings and discipleship groups.
- Over 150 members become active in their new discipleship culture; driving church-wide impact.

“Ascending Leaders helped Marvin Methodist Church think more broadly about discipleship. More than programming, it is a process that engages all of life and mirrors the stages of human development.

Ascending Leaders

- introduced us to the concept of a Discipleship Continuum
- and trained us in its application.

Now, more than content, we are offering opportunities for people to go further in their faith journey and experience transformation. The ultimate goal being a life rooted, grounded and centered in Christ.”

Dr. Marc Donaldson
Pastor of Discipleship
and Community Formation





The Ascending Leaders' staff that supported Marvin Methodist.

"God opened the door for opportunities. One was the Disciple Training Session. I did NOT want to attend... but one of the pastors thought I did, so he put my name on the list. Actually, it was God who put my name on the list! That "training" was TOTALLY opposite of what I expected it to be and so VERY personal, and was focused on learning to be a disciple through the Lord's leadership, day by day training, personally, by Him walking with me. It was a final "breaking" away from MY plans to totally putting myself into HIS hands. My attitude is focused on my walk as a Disciple of Jesus and how another's life can be affected by my actions and outreach."

A widow at Marvin Methodist Church

"A simple invitation from the senior pastor led to me joining a group of outstanding men in the Covenant Group, led me to mentoring students at Bonner Elementary, and to a dear friendship with Mr. Marvin Massey. Mr. Massey and I meet for coffee every Tuesday. I call it "Tuesday's with Marvin" and it's one of the highlights of my week. If I had to sum up our relationship in one word, it would be encouragement."

A 40-something church member

"The Ascending Leaders Discipleship Retreat and Leadership Consultation of assessment results played an important role in helping our church get behind the vision to move people forward in their faith and establish a tangible discipleship pathway for the church. I am grateful for Mike Johnson's insightful and helpful guidance of Marvin through this process. I look forward to retaking the survey as a church again next year so that we can celebrate the spiritual growth of our faith community."

Dr. Doug Baker
Senior Pastor, Marvin Methodist Church

"Marvin Methodist is a standout church that has made measurable progress in the discipleship of its members, providing eternal outcomes. Ascending Leaders can also help your church make discipleship progress that is right for you."

Dr. Mike Johnson
President, Ascending Leaders



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equipping churches for Christ-centered discipleship

This is a bit of Marvin Methodist's story. To see a video with more, go to www.ascendingleaders.org/case-studies/ To explore how Ascending Leaders can help your church write your own story of Christ-centered discipleship, e-mail audra@ascendingleaders.org