

Eagan Hills Children's Ministry

Sowing Seeds of Faith

Our Mission: To prepare the hearts of children and sow the seeds of God's Word so children may grow in the Lord and embrace Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Preparing the hearts of children through:

- Partnership with the parents. Coming along side parents as they raise and train their children in the fear of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 11:19, Proverbs 22:6)
- Relationships with the children. Building loving relationships with children and their parents so they may see, hear, and experience how the love of God through Jesus Christ looks, sounds and behaves. (John 15: 8, 12; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Reliance on the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- Ministry, not management. Seeing each child as an individual who matters to God. (Mark 10:14-16)

Sowing the seeds of God's Word by:

- Teaching age-appropriate lessons and life applications from Biblical curriculums.
- Encouraging children to hide God's Word in their hearts through scripture memorization.
- Worshiping God for who He is through music and actions.
- Praying for and with children.

We Value:

- Parents as they are primary in spiritual training.
- A safe environment for our children.
- Solid biblical teaching that is engaging and draws on all the creativity of the Lord.
- A ministry that challenges children to grow in their faith.
- Regular opportunities for children to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Volunteers and we strive to prepare, protect, and encourage them in their calling.
- On-going communication with parents about their children and the ministry.
- Encouraging opportunities for relationship building among parents, teachers, and other families.

Eagan Hills Church

Statement of Belief

What We Believe

Eagan Hills is affiliated with the **Christian and Missionary Alliance**, an evangelical Christian denomination committed to world evangelization. We affirm the **beliefs and doctrines** of the C&MA.

Our Mission: Glorifying God & Loving People

Our Mission is to fulfill the Great Commandment at Eagan Hills Church. *“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* (Matthew 22:37-40). These commands call us to love God (the vertical dimension of the Christian life), and to love our neighbor (the horizontal dimension of the Christian life). We call it, “Glorifying God & Loving People.”

Our Vision: To be a Biblically Functioning Church in the Eagan area

A Biblically functioning Church is characterized by Christians that:

1. Meet regularly for worship, prayer, fellowship, service, and teaching (**Acts 2:42-47**).
2. Celebrate the Lord’s Supper and Baptism (**1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 28:19**)
3. Are governed by Elders (**1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4**).
4. Care for the needs of one another (**Micah 6:8; Acts 6:1-7**).
5. Make disciples through spreading the Gospel locally, and to all nations (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

Our Values: Five Values that reveal the heart of Eagan Hills Church

1. God-Centered. From children’s ministry to adult ministry; from Sunday services to caring for our facility, our heart’s desire is to center everything we do around God and His glory. Therefore, our Sunday services are designed for our congregation to gather, pray, and worship as an audience for One—God.

2. Bible-Based. From children memorizing verses in Awana to adults studying the Bible in small groups; from people bringing their Bible’s to church to the preaching on Sunday mornings, our heart’s desire is to base everything we do on Scripture. Therefore, in our Sunday services we systematically teach through books of the Bible.

3. Kingdom-Building. From local evangelism to world missions; from making disciples to the long-term nurturing of a culturally diverse congregation, our heart's desire is build God's kingdom. Therefore, in our Sunday services we present the Gospel, participate as a congregation, and promote world missions.

4. Ministry-Integrity. From being who we are in ministry to serving with others on teams; from honoring the process as much as we celebrate the results, our heart's desire is to do ministry with integrity. Therefore, in our Sunday services we seek to be authentic, relevant, and do everything with an excellence that honors God.

5. Historic-Contemporary. From showing solidarity with 2,000 years of the universal church to expressing worship in our 21st century American context; from our youth learning the Apostles Creed to them learning our denominational confession of faith, our heart's desire is to embrace historical Christianity in our contemporary context. Therefore, in our Sunday services we seek to incorporate ancient creeds, confessions, hymns, and liturgy alongside contemporary music in our worship.