



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT/DISCIPLESHP PATHWAY AT CEDARVILLE UMC

### **Worship**

**Searching** - Searching for something more

**Exploring** - Attend worship sporadically

**Beginning** - Begin to worship regularly, becoming more aware of God each day

**Growing** - Attend worship regularly and begin to recognize daily moments of worship

**Maturing** - Begin to worship God every day, wherever I am; plan to invite others to worship

### **Connection/Relationships**

**Searching** - Searching for community

**Exploring** - Beginning to feel drawn to the church and its warm acceptance

**Beginning** - Move from receiving gracious hospitality to offering it to others in everyday life

**Growing** - Look to love, accept and relate to others in the same way the church and God have welcomed me

**Maturing** - Seek to build relationships with others and share with them the life and community that I've found in God

## Spiritual Practices

**Searching** - Wonder about the Bible and ways you can experience God

**Exploring** - Feel drawn to God's story of love and begin to explore scripture

**Beginning** - Begin to pray and read scripture regularly; being open to God

**Growing** - Moving towards exploring faith journey; drawn closer to God on a daily basis

**Maturing** - Enjoy and practice spiritual disciplines, and show others how to use them and grow in faith and become closer to God

## Generosity & Service

**Searching** - Wonder if there is more to life

**Exploring** - Begin to give occasionally in worship and try a service project at church. See other people make a difference in the lives of others and seek to be a part of that.

**Beginning** - Begin to give regularly of money, time, and talents; understand Christ's invitation to serve and discover how God has gifted me to do this

**Growing** - Try tithing my resources, time, and talent to God through the ministries of the church, exploring ways to use my gifts, talents, and passions

**Maturing** - Tithe and occasionally give beyond when led by God; begin to restructure life and resources to join Jesus in mission to others

**As we grow in Worship, Relationships, Spiritual Practices, and Generosity & Service,  
we become more like Christ.**

**In Ephesians 4, we are challenged:**

*...let's grow in every way into Christ, <sup>16</sup> who is the head. The whole body grows from him,  
as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments.*

May we become more like Christ as we pursue our journey of faith development (discipleship).

## **Christ-like**

**Searching** - Seeking to make sense of life. Asking: What gives my life purpose, joy, fulfillment? Seek to fulfill these needs in many different ways.

**Exploring** - Exploring the life of Jesus; have not yet committed to following Jesus. Exploring by reading the Bible and attending my first Bible study.

**Beginning** - Accept the call to follow Jesus; growing to understand and put my newfound faith into practice and commit to the church; excited about my faith and seek to become like Jesus.

**Growing** - Eager to be identified as Christian and going public with my faith. Begin to apply the teachings of Jesus in everyday life. More willing to take responsibility for my deepening relationship with Jesus. Look to Jesus to help me live my life.

**Maturing** - Partner with God and invite others to explore the life and teachings of Jesus. Moving toward complete surrender of my life to Jesus. I realize that the role of a disciple is to help make other disciples and live life with that focus.