



CHURCH PROFILE

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WHO WE ARE

Ogletown Baptist Church, formed in 1958 and located in **Newark, Delaware**, is a multi-generational congregation with over 650 members who come from four states (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey) throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Located conveniently between Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington D.C., Ogletown is also in close proximity to the University of Delaware. Ogletown's demographic is made up of people from many walks of life including many educators, engineers, students, internationals, and healthcare professionals.

Ogletown is a family of people who aren't perfect but that have been radically touched by God's grace through Jesus Christ. It is our desire for every person who walks through our doors to **Encounter Christ** through corporate worship, **Experience Community** through weekly Bible studies and small groups, and **Embrace a Calling** through serving the Lord in the various ministries that make up our church and in our surrounding community.

ABOUT OUR STRUCTURE

Ogletown is a congregationally electing, staff led, and shepherd (elder) governed church. With an emphasis on healthy membership, our church body affirms and submits to the leadership of a **Shepherding Team**¹ made up of both lay pastors and pastoral staff. This team provides pastoral attention and focus on feeding the flock with the Word. Our numerous ministries—for our youngest attendees ranging to those who have been at Ogletown for decades—are led by **paid ministry directors**² as well as unpaid directors and are supported by a team of administrative staff and carried out by hundreds of volunteers. Our **Deacons**³ are biblically-qualified servant leaders who carry out the work of serving our body in specific ways such as mercy ministry and care, and operational support.



EST. 1958



NEWARK, DE



650+ MEMBERS



SOUTHERN BAPTIST



\$1.75M ANNUAL BUDGET

¹ May 2023: 9 lay pastors, 2 paid pastoral staff

² May 2023: 5 part-time paid ministry directors; 3 full-time administrative staff

³ May 2023: 21 deacons



SUNDAYS AT OGLETOWN

SERVICES & STUDIES

Currently, our Sunday gatherings include two services; an 8:30 a.m. traditional worship service with hymns, scripture reading, special music from our choir, and teaching. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary worship service features a full worship band, scripture reading, and teaching.

Between our services at 9:45am, over a dozen **Sunday Bible Studies** are led by men and women who are eager to teach God's word to over 300 individuals¹ each week.

Volunteers make our gatherings possible. Every week, over 40 individuals serve in our preschool and children's ministry, and over 30 volunteer musicians and technicians make up our worship teams, audio/visual teams, and livestream teams.

SPECIAL GATHERINGS

On a quarterly basis, our church body meets together for **Family Time** where we hear ministry updates, witness believers baptism², support families in Parent & Child Dedications,³ and we affirm new members⁴.

Those who are not yet members are invited to a two-part class that meets 3-4 times a year called **Membership Matters** where the mission, values, and ministries of our church are explained prior to membership.

¹ Over 50% of Ogletown's members are currently involved in a Sunday Bible Study with an average attendance of 368 people attending a study each week in 2022

² 11 individuals were baptized in 2022

³ Six families participated in Parent & Child Dedications in 2022

⁴ 51 individuals became members of Ogletown in 2022



OUR MINISTRIES

Offering weekly programming for children, teens, college students and adults, our ministries are designed to engage and disciple participants at any age.

KIDS CONNECTION

3 Months - 5th Grade

Kids Connection is a place where followers of Jesus are formed with age-specific materials and programs that encourage biblical literacy and teach the wisdom to navigate all of life. It's our mission to connect God to life, connect Jesus to scripture, connect parents to children, and connect mission to service. In addition to our early childhood Sunday programming (3mos-K) and Kids Church (1st-5th grade), we have a bi-weekly scripture memory program, **Club617**, for elementary students. Ogletown is blessed to care for many foster/adopted children¹ and those with special needs. We aim to provide specialized care to support these families.

Annually, upper elementary students attend summer camp. In addition, we welcome our community to **Vacation Bible School**² in the summer, and in the fall, to **Trunk-or-Treat**³.

STUDENT MINISTRY

6th-12th Grade

Ogletown's **Student Ministry** is about discipleship and growing in their relationship with Jesus and in relationships with each other. Between meeting during the Sunday bible study hour, bi-weekly on Wednesday nights, and numerous studies and social events, Student Ministry aims to help Junior and Senior High Schoolers deepen their theological understanding and personalize their faith.

Annually, kids attend a winter retreat, and participate in a summer service week called **Love Your Neighbor**.

¹ Over 10% of our weekly attenders are foster or adopted children and teens or have special needs

² (2022) 188 participants, 97 volunteers

³ (2022) Approximately 1000 church attendees and members of the community attended this event



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

SUNDAYS WORSHIP
(2 SERVICES)

500

ADULT SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDIES

200

KIDS & STUDENTS
(3M-12TH GRADE)

150

GREENROOM

College-aged

Our collegiate ministry runs in partnership with **Christian Challenge**, an on-campus ministry at the University of Delaware supported by Ogletown. Students from five surrounding colleges and universities attend our weekly Sunday Bible Study called **Greenroom**. After graduation, students who attend Ogletown can continue in weekly fellowship and discipleship at **G.A.P** (Graduates and Young Professionals) hosted by volunteer leaders.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

There are over a dozen **Bible Studies** that meet each Sunday morning on our campus and are open to all adults. Some are larger (40+ people), while others provide more personal interaction (less than 5). These Sunday Bible Studies offer a diversity of Bible study topics and methods, year-round. In addition to our on-campus studies held on Sundays, about a dozen **Community Groups** exist to share meals and share burdens, pray, and talk about life in Christ. A community group is made up of members of Ogletown who commit to spending time together at least once a month.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Our thriving Men's and Women's Ministries gather in small groups on a weekly basis for Bible and book studies throughout the year, as well as approximately every other month for large gatherings that focus on nourishing deeper relationships with each other, encouraging one another with what God is doing in the lives of others, and discipling one another in further understanding of God's Word. These growing ministries have offered annual retreats both locally and away.





LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

With a heart for supporting and partnering with local ministries established in our surrounding community, Ogletown contributes financial assistance, provides volunteer efforts, and we open our doors for event hosting for ministries already doing the work to make disciples in Northern Delaware. Below are some of our local partnerships.

GOSPEL LIFE CHURCH

Middletown, DE

Gospel Life Church is a church plant of Ogletown established in 2021. Lead Pastor Chris Morris (former Associate Pastor at Ogletown) and Founding Shepherd Wayne Marsh (former Shepherding Team member at Ogletown) established GLC with over 75 Ogletown members and attenders making the move to be founding members of this new church plant.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE

University of Delaware

Christian Challenge exists to reach students on University of Delaware's campus with the gospel of Jesus Christ, challenge them to grow in their faith through discipleship, connect them to a local church community, and mobilize them for mission.

YOUNG LIFE

Northern Delaware

Young Life is an international organization whose mission is to introduce junior high and high schoolers to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

FAMILY HOPE COALITION

Mid-Atlantic Region

Family Hope Coalition works together to bring hope to vulnerable children by strengthening their families.

ANDREW'S CLOSET

Newark, DE

The purpose of Andrew's Closet is to provide tangible resources to foster families within the first 48 hours of placement and beyond.

A DOOR OF HOPE

Wilmington, DE

A Door of Hope offers free education and resources to women who are verifying and making decisions about their pregnancies.

URBAN PROMISE

Wilmington, DE

The mission of UrbanPromise Wilmington is to equip children and young adults through Christ with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth, and servant leadership.

GLOBAL IMPACT

LOVE THE LORD.
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.
MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.

Involvement in missions is not optional: *every Christ-follower has a role to play*. We surrender our time, talents, resources, and lives for the sake of the lost, the poor, and the vulnerable who need Christ above all. We work to establish new local churches where none currently exist and to strengthen existing local churches. We will prioritize global endeavors that help create gospel access where there is none.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

College campuses across our country host more international students than any other nation. Ogletown's proximity to the University of Delaware, where almost 10% of enrollment is international students, provides us with the opportunity to engage with students who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Our **International Student Ministry** uses creative methods of engaging these students through friendship, church family "adoptions", conversational English groups, holiday hosting, cultural events, and a variety of other ways. The purpose of these programs and methods is to forge relationships in which we can both speak and show the love of Christ to our international friends.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Ogletown sends short-term teams¹ around the world to effectively advance the goals of our long-term partners in places where the gospel is both inaccessible and accessible. The aim of short-term trips is to help establish churches where none exist and strengthen existing local churches.

LONG-TERM SENDING

We believe the local church should be the center of sending, shepherding, and supporting God's people who serve in cross-cultural contexts. Therefore, we prioritize sending people to serve in mid or long-term capacities directly from our church family. Currently, Ogletown supports four mid-term and long-term families or individuals serving 6 months to 2+ years in a cross-cultural context².

¹ Short-term teams include student ministry trips, service trips, and Nehemiah Teams (IMB)

² Mid-term and Long-term missionaries currently serving in the Philippines, Mozambique, Kenya, and East Asia