

Office of Christian Formation

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Chapel Information

Chapel is an essential part of fulfilling JBU's mission of providing Christ-centered higher education. The purpose of chapel is to gather in the context of corporate worship in order to:

- better know, love, and glorify God;
- gain God's perspective on our learning; and
- grow together as a Christ-centered community so that we might serve in the world as Jesus' disciples.

In summary, all full-time students (12 hours or more) are required to attend a minimum of 21 chapels per semester. At least 15 of those must be "regular" weekday chapels (generally Tuesdays and Thursdays). If the student chooses, up to 6 of the 21 may be obtained by attending services that are designated as "additional" chapel events. These include The Gathering (Sunday night student-led chapels) and other forums approved by the Office of Christian Formation.

To receive credit, **students must bring their JBU ID to chapel**, and scan both in and out of chapel. Students should check their attendance regularly on EagleNet and can search for "Chapel Home" on EagleNet where they will find a full list of FAQs and helpful links.

Students who have extreme circumstances and feel they will be unable to attend chapel as required may apply for an **exemption**. The policy and applications are found online at www.jbu.edu/faith/chapel/exemption/. Eligibility for exemption will be determined by the Office of Christian Formation and the Chapel Exemption Committee.

Helpful links:

Chapel Information: www.jbu.edu/faith/chapel/

Chapel policy: www.jbu.edu/student-development/ (pp. 31-33 in the JBU Student Handbook)

Chapel audio archive: www.jbu.edu/faith/chapel/media/

Student Ministries

www.jbu.edu/faith/student_ministries/

Ministry to Students

- **Growth Groups**

These are small groups which are primarily peer led and take on a variety of formats but share the three pillars of Bible Study, Prayer, and Encouragement. There are also a number of small groups led by faculty and staff. These groups are accessible throughout the school year.

- **Breakaway (Fall Retreat)**

This annual fall retreat in September provides many opportunities for students to connect with one another as well as with faculty and staff. Faculty speakers and a student worship team lead students to reflect on their spiritual growth and how to live out their faith while at JBU.

- **All-Campus Programming**

Throughout the school year students have opportunities to hear from various faculty and staff on topics of current interest as they relate to faith development.

- **Men's and Women's Spring Retreats**

Each spring in late February or early March there is an annual retreat for women and for men. These may include an off-campus or faculty/staff speaker and focus on both faith and community development.

Ministry with Students

- **Trips**

With multiple trips taking as many as sixty students across the U.S., many opportunities are available for student involvement and leadership. Trips go out over fall break, one weekend in the spring semester, and over spring break. www.jbu.edu/faith/student-ministries/missions/

- **CAUSE (Christ's Ambassadors United for Service and Evangelism)**

CAUSE is a collective of student-led ministries connection JBU students to ministry opportunities in Siloam Springs and the surrounding area. www.jbu.edu/faith/student-ministries/cause/