A Closer Look at

EAGLE BROOK CHURCH
A Message From

Senior Pastor Bob Merritt

In the late 1940s, a handful of individuals began meeting in White Bear Lake with the goal of reaching people for Christ. They saw a need—a neighborhood that wasn’t being reached—and planted a church to meet it.

Over the years, committed members of our church have continued to pray and make changes—all in order to continue this mission of reaching people for Christ. And God has done amazing things.

The heart behind everything we do is to reach people for Christ so that lives are transformed. That’s what it’s all about.

The passion that our church attenders have for bringing people into a relationship with God and with each other is just one of the reasons why I am so proud to be part of this church family.

If you’re just getting to know Eagle Brook for the first time—or if you’ve been here a while and are now taking steps to be more involved—you’re part of something big.

I can’t wait to see what God has in store for you.
History

1948
Sam and Ethel Hane begin hosting Sunday School services in a home in White Bear Lake with a handful of people. They name themselves First Baptist Church and make a commitment to reaching people for Christ.

1958
First Baptist outgrows the home they’ve been meeting in and purchases a building. Today, it’s home to the Lakeshore Players in White Bear Lake.

1972
Eight years after purchasing land at Highway 61 and Buffalo Street, First Baptist dedicates the new church building—just a small part of the White Bear Lake location as we know it today.

1991
Bob Merritt is welcomed as the new pastor of First Baptist.

1995
First Baptist is renamed Eagle Brook Church. Both eagle and brook have strong ties to Scripture in Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 42:1. They also refer to nearby Bald Eagle Lake and the small brook that borders the property lines of the White Bear Lake location.

2005
The Lino Lakes location opens its doors in December and the White Bear Lake location closes.

2006
The White Bear Lake location reopens for weekend services due to rapid growth at the Lino Lakes location.

2007
Eagle Brook’s third location opens in Spring Lake Park and attendance there quickly grows to 1,200 people each weekend. The opening of this location energizes a new strategy—simulcast technology.

2009
The Not Without You campaign launches with plans to continue the multi-site format: a Blaine location in 2010 and a Woodbury location by 2012, based on where attenders have been commuting from.

2010
In October, Eagle Brook’s fourth location opens in Blaine. Land is purchased in Woodbury for a future site.

2011
The first mobile church, and fifth location, opens at East Ridge High School in Woodbury.

2013
Eagle Brook’s second mobile site, and sixth location, opens at Coon Rapids High School to alleviate overcrowding at the Blaine and Spring Lake Park campuses. A search for a permanent site on the west side of the Twin Cities begins.

2014
In September, the permanent Woodbury location opens its doors.

2017
The Coon Rapids campus moves into its permanent home—a revamped Kmart building—and becomes the Anoka Campus.

2018
Eagle Brook’s third mobile site, and seventh location, opens at Wayzata High School.
Eagle Brook Vision Culture

Countless organizations have a vision statement that helps to describe what their organization hopes to be and achieve. It’s intended to serve as a clear guide for how they make decisions. At Eagle Brook, we don’t just want a vision statement. We want to build a culture around the vision God has given us. And we hope to see this culture engrained in the lives of all who call Eagle Brook Church home.
Our Beliefs

The Core of Our Faith

Eagle Brook’s core beliefs are the foundation of this church and are divided into three categories: beliefs about God; beliefs about people; and beliefs about the Church, the Bible, and Christ’s return.

Beliefs About God
There is one living, sovereign God who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 43:10-11; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19

Jesus was sent by the Father to live on earth; He was fully God and fully human, yet had no sin. Jesus willingly laid down His life, and after three days He rose from the grave. In doing this, Jesus fulfilled the payment for the world’s debt of sin.
Luke 1:31, 35; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21

The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and Son to convict the world of sin and to empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. He lives in every believer and is a constant helper, teacher, and guide.
John 14:16-17

Beliefs About People
God created people in His image, and everyone matters to God.
Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2

All people are sinners and need God’s forgiveness.
Romans 3:23

Those who confess and turn from their sin, trusting in Jesus Christ, will be saved by grace and become children of God, with the promise of eternal life.
John 3:16-17; Galatians 3:26

Beliefs About The Church, The Bible, and Christ’s Return
Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and all believing people are members.
Ephesians 4:15-16

The Bible is the inspired word of God and is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Jesus Christ will return and there will be a final judgment.
Matthew 24:3; Matthew 24:37
Our Values
Who We Are Becoming

Our values determine who we become and they are rooted in our beliefs and connect to our purpose. At Eagle Brook, our desire is for kids, students, and adults to become people who: Follow Jesus, Spend Time with God, Connect in Community, Serve Others, and Live Generously.

Follow Jesus
Following Jesus is an ongoing commitment. From declaring our trust in Him to getting baptized, from sharing our faith with friends to inviting others to church—there’s always something we can strive to do each day.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Spend Time with God
God invites us to spend time with Him on a regular basis. We can do this through prayer, music, reflection, and reading the Bible.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Connect in Community
God created us to be in relationships with others. We encourage attenders to connect to their campus community by joining a small group, serving, or even just taking the initiative to say hello to someone new in church.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24-25

Serve Others
Share God’s joy and love by serving others—in your home, church, neighborhood, and around the world. Discover your God-given gifts to figure out how God has uniquely wired you to serve others.

Use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:13-14

Live Generously
God has called us to live generously. We can do this by sharing our time, talents, and finances.

I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6
Our Purpose

Why We Exist

God created us all for the purpose of relationship—and Eagle Brook is committed to helping bring people into relationship with God and with others through the Christ-centered community of the Church.

Love God, Love Others

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’"
Matthew 22:37-39

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16
Our Mission
What We Do

Empowered by God
to Reach Others
for Christ

Jesus came and told His disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20

“The Son of Man has come to seek and save that which is lost.”
Luke 19:10
Strategy
How We Will Do It

Strategies get us where we want to go. This is how we accomplish our mission and purpose. We strive to include strategies that are relevant to the audience, bring about transformation, and create ownership in those who participate.

Goals
Where We Are Going and When We Will Get There

Our goals determine where we go. Our goals are based on our values and not on the number of our strategies. Transformation is our passion, so we set goals around what matters most to us. Goals help us dream big and measure what matters.
Kids

**Kid-O-Deo (Birth-Kindergarten)**
Through partnership with parents, we want kids to learn to be lifelong followers of Jesus. We teach kids about God in a way that they will understand and in an environment they’ll love. Kids have fun, feel safe, build relationships with others, and learn that God loves and accepts them. Kid-O-Deo takes place during each service and at all locations—you can enjoy your service while the kids enjoy theirs!

**Elevate (Grades 1-5)**
In Elevate, we want to provide kids with a place where they can make the decision to have a real relationship with Jesus and grow in their faith. They have a great time learning about God with fun music and dynamic teaching designed just for them. Elevate takes place during each service at all locations.

Students

**Ground Zero (Grades 6-8)**
Every week, Ground Zero teaches God’s truth so that middle school students know how to deal with important stuff like friends, parents, and school. Each Wednesday during the school year, there’s awesome music, a great message about God, and plenty of time to hang out with friends and get to know some super cool adult leaders.

**Revolution (Grades 9-12)**
Each Wednesday, we’ve got a place for high school students to get real about what they believe. There’s awesome music, messages just for them, and plenty of time built in to hang out with friends and connect with adult leaders who really care about them. Students get to be themselves, let loose, and have a great time growing in their relationship with God!
Next Steps

Follow Jesus
The decision to follow Jesus Christ is the most important decision you will ever make. If you’re at the beginning of your spiritual journey and recently put your faith in Christ, we want to help you along the way. Let us know at eaglebrookchurch.com/follow so we can celebrate with you and help you get started on a firm foundation. Participate in our 12-Week New Believer Guide by signing up at eaglebrookchurch.com/newbeliever.

Join a Small Group
God designed us to be in community with others and we want to help you get connected. A small group is a group of people that meets together on a regular basis to share life and grow in faith together. These groups may be formed around a life stage, a topic, an activity, or a common interest. It’s a great way to build community with others at your campus. Get connected at eaglebrookchurch.com/groups.

Start Serving
Share God’s love by serving others—in your home, church, neighborhood, and around the world. When you discover your God-given gifts, you’ll find out how God has uniquely wired you to serve others. The impact of serving others changes lives—for those serving and for the people they serve. If you’d like to learn more about how God has gifted you to serve, visit eaglebrookchurch.com/gps. Then, visit eaglebrookchurch.com/serve to browse opportunities based on your interests and gifts.

Find Care & Prayer
There’s a season for everything, and we want to help guide you through it. We provide pastoral care, prayer, divorce support, addiction recovery, and counseling resources—and they’re all available right at your fingertips. Call us at 651.429.9227 or check out eaglebrookchurch.com/care.

Get Baptized
Baptism is an act of obedience to Christ and an outward sign of an inner change. Eagle Brook offers baptism twice a year—in the winter and summer. Learn more at eaglebrookchurch.com/baptism.

Take Communion
Communion is an intimate opportunity for us to meet with Jesus and remember what He did when he gave His life for us. You don’t have to be a member of Eagle Brook Church to participate, but we do ask that you are a follower of Christ. Communion is offered several times throughout the year during our regular services.

Participate in Parent/Child Dedication
Eagle Brook offers Parent/Child Dedication a couple of times each year, where parents can make a public commitment to raise their children with godly principles. To learn more, visit eaglebrookchurch.com/dedication.

Become a Member
You do not need to be a member to participate in the ministries at Eagle Brook. We desire for all our regular attenders to fully engage in the church and live out our values in their day to day lives. Membership takes it a step further. Becoming a member means you are uniting with us in our vision and mission and owning it equally. Members are also invited to participate in and vote at our annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit eaglebrookchurch.com/membership.
Information & Resources

Weekend Program
Grab a copy of the program from a greeter.

Discussion Guide
It’s easy to forget what you’ve learned in church—so take the message with you to help reflect on what you learned and apply it to your life. Grab a discussion guide in the lobby and talk with someone about it—whether in a group setting or with your family. You can also access the discussion guide through the app.

Next Steps Area
Want to find out more about ministries at Eagle Brook? The Next Steps area in the lobby is full of brochures and booklets that will give you a look at what we have to offer. We also have volunteers ready to help you figure out the best next step for your spiritual journey.

Bookstore
Eagle Brook has a bookstore at each location. Whether you’re looking for Eagle Brook apparel, a resource for a friend, audio CDs of past messages, or a good read to help you grow, the bookstore is the place to go. Proceeds help fund Eagle Brook’s mission to reach others for Christ.

Giving
Your giving changes lives. Here are ways you can give easily:
• Online at eaglebrookchurch.com/give
• On the weekend, via the giving kiosk or secure giving boxes
• Give on the go through the Eagle Brook app, available for iOS and Android.

Bible Reading Plan
Want to dive deeper into the Bible but not sure where to start? Subscribe to our Bible Reading Plan to have daily devotionals and scriptures sent straight to your inbox. eaglebrookchurch.com/blog

Social Media
facebook.com/eaglebrookchurch
@eaglebrookmn

Each campus has its own Facebook page, too! Like your campus’ page for details on upcoming events and opportunities to connect.

Eagle Brook Mobile App
Available for Android and iOS.

Watch Live Online
Every Sunday at 9 and 11 am, you can live-stream Eagle Brook’s full services through our website and app. To watch live, head to eaglebrookchurch.com/live.

Campus Locations

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