

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 can 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 application are found on Eaglenet by searching "Exemption" (<https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/pages/chapel-exemption>). Eligibility for exemption will be determined by the Office of Christian Formation and the Chapel Exemption Committee.

Helpful links:

Chapel Information: <https://www.jbu.edu/christian-formation/chapel/>

Chapel schedule and audio archive: <https://info.eaglenet.jbu.edu/chapel/schedule>

Student links on Eaglenet:

Chapel FAQs: <https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/pages/chapel-home>

Chapel policy: <https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/pages/chapel-attendance>

Student Ministries

www.jbu.edu/christian-formation/student-ministries/

<https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/pages/student-ministries-home>

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 and spring break.

<https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/external/pages/student-ministries-mission-trips>

- **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.

<https://eaglenet.jbu.edu/external/pages/student-ministries-cause>