



GCI *Buzz*

Healthy Church: Ministry Rhythms

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Ministry Rhythms

Noun

Definition: a regularly recurring sequence of events, actions, or processes occurring within the context of ministry or the work of the church.

Examples within GCI:

1. Hope Avenue = rhythms of worship
2. Love Avenue – missional rhythms
3. Faith Avenue – rhythms of discipleship

The worship calendar and the traditions of your neighborhood are resources to guide and express these rhythms.

What is the **purpose** of rhythms within our ministry?

- **Realizing the fullness of God in every season (through the worship calendar)**
 - » Example: collaborating to align the order of service and theme for the Sunday gatherings to the meaning of the season of the calendar.
- **Building community/trust**
 - » Example: quarterly Love Avenue events to build relationships with neighbors.
- **Deepening relationship with Christ and one another**
 - » Example: offering connect groups throughout the year.
- **Renewal/Preventing burnout**
 - » Example: annual church leadership retreats for bonding and relaxation.

Summary

Ministry rhythms are essential when planning your annual church calendar. They keep our champions from experiencing burnout. They inspire our worship in each season. Rhythms also create opportunities throughout the year for connect groups to be established and paused. Consider how different rhythms could benefit your ministry.