

Church Visitation Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to expose students to the practices and beliefs of other churches. Visit one church from each group below and complete a separate worksheet for each visit. **Both worksheets are due on the last week of class and are required to pass the course.**

Please make every effort to comply with guidelines observed at the church you are visiting: dress appropriately (call ahead to learn about the attire you should wear), don't be disruptive during the service, and don't bring food and drink inside the meeting room unless you see others doing so.

If you have the opportunity to speak with someone, tell them who you are and the purpose for your visit. Be respectful, refrain from passing judgment, and learn what you can. When you get home, complete the attached worksheets and record your observations.

Group 1

- **Anchor Baptist Church**, 3699 Clime Rd., Columbus, OH, (614) 351-9790
- **Calvary Bible Church**, 3865 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 262-2006
- **Calvary Bible Baptist Church**, 119 N. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081. (614) 891-1250
- **Capitol City Baptist Church**, 5442 Sunbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43230 (614) 476-3366
- **Columbus Baptist Temple**, 5075 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43231 (614) 895-5683
- **North Columbus Baptist Church**, 3728 Snouffer Rd., Columbus, OH 43235. 614-764-7374
- **Riverside Bible Church**, 5330 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235-3414 (614) 451-0603

Group 2

- **King Avenue United Methodist Church**, 299 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201 (614) 424-6050.
- **Columbus Unity Church of Christianity**, 4211 Maize Rd., Columbus, OH 43224 (614) 267-4959
- **First Community Church**, 1320 Cambridge Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43212, (614) 488-0681
- **Advent United Church of Christ**, 2303 North Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219 (614) 476-0707
- **New Creation Metropolitan Community Church**, 787 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43216 (614) 224-0314
- **First Unitarian Universalist Church**, 93 West Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 267-4946
- **Summit United Methodist Church**, 82 E. 16th Avenue, Columbus, OH (614) 291-3324

Church Visitation 1 – Group A

Name _____ **Instructor** _____ **Date** _____

1. What church did you attend?

2. Community: Was there any provision before, during, or after the service to enhance interaction between people who attend?

3. Leadership: Who ran the service? Did others participate? If so, what was their role in the church?

4. Teaching: What was the topic of the teaching? Was the Bible used? What is your assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the presentation you heard?

5. Music: What kind of music was performed? Who performed and who participated? How did you like it?

6. Overall meeting: Were there other important features of the service? If so, what were they?

7. Evangelism: What would a new person find attractive about this church? Unattractive?

8. Congregation: What was the congregation like? Were they mostly young people or older? Were they predominantly White, African American, Asian, etc.?

8. Overall impressions:

What did you see in this church that we should avoid?

What did you like least about this church?

What did you see in this church that we should implement?

What did you like most about this church?

You must visit two churches and complete a separate worksheet for each visit. This assignment is due on the 10th week of class and is required to pass the course.

Church Visitation 2 – Group B

Name _____ **Instructor** _____ **Date** _____

1. What church did you attend?

2. Community: Was there any provision before, during, or after the service to enhance interaction between people who attend?

3. Leadership: Who ran the service? Did others participate? If so, what was their role in the church?

4. Teaching: What was the topic of the teaching? Was the Bible used? What is your assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the presentation you heard?

5. Music: What kind of music was performed? Who performed and who participated? How did you like it?

6. Overall meeting: Were there other important features of the service? If so, what were they?

7. Evangelism: What would a new person find attractive about this church? Unattractive?

8. Congregation: What was the congregation like? Were they mostly young people or older? Were they predominantly White, African American, Asian, etc.?

8. Overall impressions:

What did you see in this church that we should avoid?

What did you like least about this church?

What did you see in this church that we should implement?

What did you like most about this church?

You must visit two churches and complete a separate worksheet for each visit. This assignment is due on the last week of class and is required to pass the course.