

Chapel and Midweek Small Group Attendance

Attendance is required at all Chapel services and one Midweek Small Group gathering per week, as well as at Spiritual Emphasis Week, Go Conference, and Deeper Life Conference daytime services for all residential students and non-residential students who have a class before or after the 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday (or Midweek), and Friday gatherings. The schedule is as follows:

- Three Chapels per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) through the fall Spiritual Emphasis Week and spring Go Conference.
- Following Spiritual Emphasis Week (fall) and the Go Conference (spring), two Chapels per week and one Midweek Small Group gathering.

Chapel and Midweek Small Group attendance is managed by the Student Development Office. Each student with a chapel/small group attendance requirement is given an allotment of unexcused absences (“personal days”) which can be used in the event of sickness, medical appointments, personal business, emergencies, or other circumstances of this nature. Students are encouraged to use their allotment of unexcused absences wisely.

- Students who are required to attend all weekly gatherings (Chapel/Midweek Small Group) are allowed up to nine (9) unexcused absences per semester.
- Students who are required to attend only two of three gatherings are allowed six (6) unexcused absences per semester.
- Students who are required to attend only one of the weekly gatherings are allowed three (3) unexcused absences per semester.

Although they are encouraged to attend, the following students do not have an attendance requirement:

- Part time (less than 12 credit hours per semester) non-residential students.
- Full time (12 credit hours or more per semester) non-residential students who do not have a class scheduled either directly before (i.e., ending at 9:50 am) or directly after (i.e., beginning at 11 am) the Chapel hour.
- Non-residential students registered in a nontraditional or adult program.
- Non-residential students registered as traditional-mature (TRMT).

When a student has used their allotted number of unexcused absences for a semester, requests for excused absences may be granted by the Student Life office for illness, family emergencies and events of such serious nature.

Crediting Guidelines:

Attendance at all services is recorded by the swiping of a student's Bethel ID card or the scanning of a unique QR code found on the Bethel Mobile App (cell phone); it is a student's responsibility to bring their ID card or cell phone to each gathering. Any student arriving ten minutes or more after the scheduled start of any gathering will be considered absent.

- Any student who leaves a gathering without permission prior to being dismissed will be considered absent.
- Any student who is deceitful with regard to their attendance at any service (i.e., swiping their ID card but then leaving), will be penalized with two absences and expected to meet with a Student Life representative.

Attendance Monitoring:

Students can monitor their Chapel/Midweek Small Group attendance record on the Student Services page of their My Bethel portlet. Students are expected to keep track of their own attendance.

Students who repeatedly or excessively exceed the number of allowed absences will meet with a Student Life representative and may be placed on Supervisory Probation with a Chapel Attendance Contract. When these attempts do not lead to the expected attendance, dismissal from the college is in order.