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MOSAIC

# The Training Center

The Training Center is a ministry of Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas. The Training Center is the tangible expression of one of the three guiding metaphors that best describes the vision and mission of Fellowship; namely, that Fellowship is a “greenhouse,” a “training center,” and a “launching pad.” The necessary link between the greenhouse and launching pad is the Training Center where people are **prepared** and **equipped** for leadership in life and ministry.

## CORE TRAINING

Core Training is a training track of ten training experiences for everyone at Fellowship. These ten trainings are meant to provide a starting point for engaging life at Fellowship and growing into a prepared and equipped spiritual leader. Whether you are new to Fellowship or have been around for decades, The Training Center is the place to start growing and developing.

### **BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

Panorama of the Bible  
We Believe or Our Faith  
Personal Bible Study

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Perspectives/GO Primer (coming 2019)  
Leadership Lab  
Great Commission: Evangelism & Discipleship (coming 2020)

### **LIFE AND GROWTH**

Align Your Finances with the Heart of God  
Re I Frame Family: Marriage and Parenting  
Great Commandment: Worship, Prayer, and Spiritual Growth (coming 2021)

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Discover Mosaic! This is a great first step toward getting connected and making Mosaic feel like home. We want our time together to be a conversation designed to help you start that process by answering some simple, yet important questions:

- Who is Mosaic and why are we here?
- What are our essential ministries and what do we believe?
- How can you make this church your home?

## THE MOSAIC: A DRIVING METAPHOR

Why the name “Mosaic”? It’s an important word picture for us because it’s a great metaphor for Jesus’ Church. Think about it; a mosaic is a lot of individual pieces brought together by an artist who had a grand vision for the finished picture. For us, seeing the church as a mosaic means that we embrace three passions: all are broken, all matter, and only One gets the glory.

### ALL ARE BROKEN

The church is an artistic mosaic, not a manufactured one. Manufactured mosaics use cookie cutter tiles—all the same, no rough edges or broken pieces. Original mosaics are different. They are handmade from broken fragments of tile or glass that are diverse in color, shape, and texture. The artist takes all those broken pieces and fits them exactly into his vision.

What makes the mosaic of a church an original mosaic is that all the pieces (people) are broken. None of us were placed into this work of art because we were whole. In Ephesians 2, Paul opens by saying each of us was dead in our sins, broken in our trespasses. But, God who is rich in mercy, picked us up, cleaned us off, and placed us into His mosaic—on purpose! Our only qualification for belonging to this mosaic is we are broken in sin and we need the grace and vision of The Artist.

### ALL MATTER

There is nothing particularly pretty about an individual tile in a mosaic. On the contrary, its true beauty and greater purpose is found in the context of its relationship to the other tiles that surround it. Only when the individual piece is put together with other broken pieces does it hold significance as a part of a beautiful work of art. Without that

individual piece, the larger work of art would not be complete.

In the same way, every piece of the mosaic in the Church of Jesus is needed. All belong and all matter. God joins together our irregularities as individuals to accomplish His purposes. He even cuts and shapes our lives to fit the pattern He’s creating. And He wants to use each one of us with our unique size, shape, texture, and color in His Kingdom mosaic.

## ONE GETS THE GLORY!

In the mosaic of the Church, the focus is not on the individual tile but on the Artist’s work. We don’t admire the beauty of the piece. We admire the goodness of The Artist! There’s only one hero in the Church. His name is Jesus.

We belong because we matter to Him, but He is the only One who receives glory. We’re just a “dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit,” the mosaic which God is creating. Have you ever heard someone say they can’t go to church because it is filled with hypocrites? Our response is, “You’re right! Stick around and I’ll introduce you to some liars, selfish people, critics, and cynics... people who struggle with addiction, lust, materialism, and pride... You’ll fit right in!” The question is not “Are we broken?” In the mosaic that is the Church of Jesus, all are broken. The question is more accurately “How is our brokenness redeemed?” The answer is “By the hand of The Artist.” In mosaic art, the mortar holds the broken tiles together. For the Church, that mortar is the grace of God. That’s the real Church.

This, in its essence, is Mosaic NWA – a beautiful mosaic crafted with care and purpose by the hands of The Artist, Jesus Christ. Discover Mosaic has been designed to assist you in learning more about this congregation and how you can become a part of what we are doing to glorify Jesus in Northwest Arkansas and around the world.

As you prayerfully consider membership at Mosaic, remember these truths that shape our unique identity as a church—all are broken, all matter, ONE gets the glory!