

# FIELD GUIDE

MAKERS CHURCH | SUMMER 2023

CORONADO, CA



To MAKE on Earth  
as it is in heaven,  
by developing and  
commissioning followers  
of Jesus Christ to  
love God  
and love others.

*Makers Mission*

## MAKERS CHURCH IS...

...a diverse community of Jesus followers dedicated to living out the great commandment and the great commission in the city of San Diego and beyond. We seek to be a collective voice of hope, an expression of love and an agent of reconciliation. We have great faith that through the power of the Holy Spirit we can **MAKE** on earth as it is in heaven.

Our expression of community has grown over the years as we continue to discover the unique calling God has given us as a church. Never one to shy away from change, Makers aims to respond to the movement of God in our individual and collective lives, going where he calls us to go, doing what he has gifted us to do, and becoming who the Creator has designed us to be. One of the highest values we hold as a community is that **MAKERS GROW TOGETHER!**

Under the faithful leadership of pastors Derrick Miller, Marc Wallis, and Chalese Young, Makers is committed to creating spaces for life-changing encounters with Jesus and authentic transformation in the lives of those we love and have the privilege to serve. Since its founding in 2010, Makers has grown tremendously as a community, merging with North Park Baptist and finding a permanent home in the city in 2019. Makers continues to grow into a beautiful, diverse, and creative expression of the church in the heart of North Park – one that reflects the neighborhood in which we live and the people whom we serve.

Our desire as a church is to **MAKE** on earth as it is in heaven. We believe this begins with a work of God within us that flows into the work we do, the families we raise, the relationships we cultivate, and the lives we lead.

We are so grateful that **you** have chosen to connect here at Makers. We hope that you will discover God more deeply and grow an authentic, transformative faith as part of our community. Thank you for growing with us!





# LESSONS FROM LIVING IN REST

REFLECTIONS ON  
SABBATICAL  
BY PASTOR DERRICK MILLER

Many of you have been so kind to care at all about how I spent my time during sabbatical, what happened during while I was on it, and how God moved. I am certain I will still be learning from this time of rest for many years to come, but here are a few highlights.

One thing I want to clarify is that as I list these things out, this isn't at all to show any sense of accomplishment, but rather to show how God has shaped me during this time. Many folks contributed to the formation of my sabbatical plan and, in turn, it was deeply formational for me!

In regards to spiritual disciplines, I was profoundly impacted by incorporating the following into the regular routines of my life: Sabbath, lectio divina, the Examen, fasting, A.C.T.S. prayer, and solitude.

In addition, I simply followed along with *Common Prayer* each day; however, unlike in the hurried moments pre-sabbatical, I was able to give it more time and attention than I normally would. I'd wake up at 5:30 a.m. on most days. As I read the text, I'd practice lectio divina with the scripture passages. For my prayer time, I practiced an oldie but goodie: the A.C.T.S. (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) framework. I also challenged myself with journaling my prayers and reflection. I'm not one to journal much and this was a struggle for me, but I journaled far more than any other time in my life.

One of our family goals was to sort out how to do a regular sabbath considering the challenges with all of our varying schedules. We began practicing shabbat dinners and sabbath on the regular. It's been super messy, but fruitful for sure. We are also practicing more family worship/devotion time throughout the week and are even praying ACTS prayers/the Examen together. It's been really sweet and we're excited to continue these things as a family.

I read a handful of books too, all of which I highly recommend!

- *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr
- *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*, Tyler Staton
- *The Seven Storey Mountain* and *No Man Is An Island*, Thomas Merton
- *A Retreat with Thomas Merton*, Dr. Anthony T. Padovano
- *Jesus and the Disinherited*, Howard Thurman
- *The Intentional Father*, Jon Tyson

I've also been following along with *Practicing the Way* (John Mark Comer and co.) and the the Sabbath Practice and Prayer Practice have been SUPER HELPFUL!

## GONE ON SABBATICAL

Perhaps one the biggest surprises, and biggest highlights, was my silent retreat at a monastery in Big Sur. It was an unbelievable experience and feels like a true gift from God. Lots to unpack there, but here's a short journal entry from the day I was leaving the monastery:

*It was exactly what I needed.*

*Deep rest.*

*What I've been longing for and didn't know I needed.*

*It was the first time in my life Psalm 23 felt like it was for me.*

*I felt the Lord lay me down in green pastures  
and lead me beside still waters.*

*I felt my soul being restored.*

*I felt the Lord leading my down a path of righteousness...  
for his namesake.*

*Peace.*

*I felt peace at the depth of my being  
and connected to God in a whole new way.*

*Loved. Changed. Transformed. Renewed.  
That's how I feel.*

*My prayer life went from black and white to full color.*

*My hunger and thirst for the things of God grew.*

*Unhurried, rooted, at peace...*

*these are the things I'm bringing home with me.*

## REFLECTIONS ON RETURNING

I will end with this: last Summer, when I was at a group therapy counseling weekend with a cohort of other leaders, I had a vision during a meditation; it was picture of a big tree.

***It looked healthy, was functional in providing shade, was seed bearing and generative, but even though it looked tall and mighty, under the surface it had shallow roots.***

I believe this was a picture of my spiritual life and the word I felt God saying was that my tree was big enough, tall enough, healthy enough on the outside. But it was at risk of toppling over because the roots were shallow.

I walked away from that experience knowing that in this next season, my focus needs to be on being more rooted (radical) and committed to what's going on beneath the surface. There's no need to become a bigger tree, but I do need deeper roots and spiritual nourishment.

This vision, coupled with a few other profound experiences, helped me begin to shift my focus last summer, as well as helped drive our decision to practice the liturgical calendar as a church. I have seen so much fruit in my own personal life from this small shift but also tremendous fruit in the life of our church! Fruit we believe and know will last.

This sabbatical has been a time of tending deeply to my soul and the soil that I'm becoming. As I sit to write this, today's reading in *Common Prayer* is Mark 4, "The Parable of the Sower."

***"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."***

***Mark 4:8***

*Oh how I long to be good soil! That's my prayer.*

I ran a call the other day, where a gorgeous 100 foot Torrey Pine tree blew over in the wind and fell into the adjacent building. It was a reminder of the risk of shallow roots and how much work I still need God to do in me!

If you find yourself in a similar place to where I was last summer, longing to become good soil but not knowing the right next step to take, I would love to help connect you to environments and people at Makers that can help you listen for and discern the voice of God in your life!

You are not alone and you do not need to journey alone! Come and GROW TOGETHER WITH US!





Your greatest  
contribution to the  
kingdom of God may  
not be something you do,  
but someone you raise.

*Andy Stanley*







# HELPING THEM *ALL* TO GROW

ON CULTIVATING MULTI-  
GENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
BY KRISTEN SCHWEIZER

*"It's exciting when the kids walk into the nursery themselves. A lot of them cry the first time they are dropped off, but when they gain confidence and start reaching for that doorknob themselves, it's a big win. It means they know they are safe here."*

Cheryl-Anne Phillips, MSc, CADCI, CCDS

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Makers: meet Cheryl-Anne!

Cheryl-Anne runs our toddlers' room every Sunday and the childcare room for Makers' Monday morning mom community. Her friendly, familiar face and unflappable confidence help our youngest disciples recognize Makers church as a safe, delightful place.

*While we are proud to have four incredible Kids Ministry teachers on staff to provide consistency for our kids, our Makers Families Ministry goal is to **build multi-generational relationships within our church family.***

This year our youth students have been invited to volunteer in our kids' classrooms!

Even though they have only been volunteering a short while, the time together has already led to fun friendships between our big-and-little kids and training up our future babysitters!

These special relationships inspire us to invite all grown-ups to join our youth and assist one time in a Sunday school classroom this year.

We have a dream that our little ones can be known and greeted by caring role models of all ages every Sunday. Plus, we believe that crafts, hearing a child's prayer request, and listening to Bible stories alongside youngsters are all good for the grown-up soul!

If you are ready to step into joyful fellowship with our kids — just once — e-mail me at [kristenschweizer@makerschurch.org](mailto:kristenschweizer@makerschurch.org) for more information on the Kids' experience, getting cleared to serve, and how you can get involved in raising up the next generation!



Community is much  
more than belonging to  
something; it's about  
doing something  
together that makes  
belonging matter.

*Brian Solis*



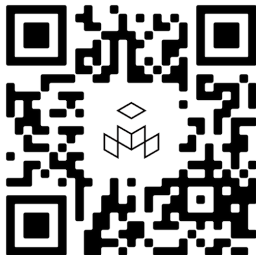
**For where two or three gather together as my followers,  
I am there among them.**

***Matthew 18:20***

At Makers Church, one of our core values is that "Makers Grow Together." Nowhere do we see this lived out more fully than in the context of Communities. Communities at Makers are groups of people who gather regularly for the purpose of building connection, growing in their faith, and practicing the way of Jesus together. Whether you are a young adult, a single mom, a pre-teen, a couple, an elder, someone looking to read their Bible more or someone looking for free childcare and a moment of reprieve from the demands of parenthood, we have a Community for you!

Jesus makes it clear throughout scripture that we are not meant to journey in our faith alone. There is power in community, in coming together, in walking alongside one another, in sharing our lives with those around us. For many, this is a way of life. For others, to find a community like this is a deep desire of their hearts. And yet for some, the thought of opening up their lives to anyone causes great fear and anxiety.

No matter where you are on this spectrum, we are here to take those next steps with you. If you want to learn more about communities at Makers and what it looks like to pursue a life following Jesus together, scan this QR code and let us know!









# WHO'S READY TO PARTY?!

ON BUILDING COMMUNITY &  
CONNECTION  
BY CHALESE YOUNG

*"Never miss a party. It's good for the nerves — like celery!"*

F. Scott Fitzgerald

I do not like celery. I want to get that out of the way right up front! I don't care how good it is for you, or how you can burn more calories eating it than it actually contains...it is NOT worth it! Some things, no matter how good for you they are, will never spark the type of joy Marie Condo says is necessary to keep something in your life. (¡Adios! Celery!)

While I don't love celery, I do love BBQs and pools, Padres games and beach bonfires, park hangs and poker games! I love any and every excuse to get together with strangers and friends and to party!

Celebration is something I have always valued in my life but don't always make the time for. It is for this reason that I always look forward to April, August, and December — those are our 30x30 months and the time when we host 30 parties (April), 30 active events (August), and 30 holiday home takeovers (December).

30x30s are a tradition at Makers that have become one of the best opportunities to form community and connection! I could tell you countless stories of people who met at a 30x30 and met a new, life-long friend, future spouse, or their current roommate — or at the very minimum walked away with some free food and a good time to get them through their week.

Consider this your invitation in perpetuity! YOU ARE INVITED! All that you have to do is say "yes." Saying yes can be one of the most challenging things to do. There are a million excuses we can come up as to why we should say no: we're too busy, we won't know anyone, we have dietary restrictions and might not enjoy the food, we don't WANT free food and we HATE pools!

I don't know what reasons or fears are that might be standing in your way, and I want you to know that those things are all valid! BUT... you should say yes anyway! Everything you want may be just on the other side of your comfort zone.

While you just missed out on 30x30 Community Parties in April, it's not too late to join us in August as we get ACTIVE! We look forward to seeing you at a 30x30, or two or twelve! And we hope you discover the joy that is to be found in deep community with others!



Call to me and I will  
answer you, and will tell  
you great and hidden  
things that you have  
not known.

*Jeremiah 33:3*





# GOD?!?! IS THAT YOU?

ON HEARING GOD'S VOICE  
WITH MICHAEL COLON  
WRITTEN BY: KRISTEN SCHWEIZER

Michael Colon may claim to be new in town, but he has been a vital member of the Makers community since moving here from Hawaii in 2021. He and his wife, Kaylin, addressed the church with faithful certainty: "God called us here, and we are prepared to serve."

It has been personally inspiring to witness his faith and choices, so I asked Michael:

*How do you know God called you here?  
And how did you come to trust God so fully?*

Michael's answer was told in stories, punctuated with sincere pauses and big laughs (and I encourage all Makers to break bread with him to share those conversations). He spoke of hard times and instances when he has seen God show up.

While his testimony is inspiring, I argued we can find anything if we're looking for it. Like a new mom is always half-straining to hear a baby's cry, sometimes she hears phantom ones even when her baby isn't there.

"Well, of course," He said, "but as Christians, that's what we're called to do, right? If you're always training your ear to hear the voice of God, you're much more likely to hear it, right?"

*What does God sound like?* I demanded.

In an effort to explain his posture of listening, Michael took my husband Andrew and me through a S.P.A. journaling practice.

**SCRIPTURE:** Choose a passage of scripture. Read it, then ask: *Father, which verse are you speaking through?* Write down the verse that come to mind.

**PRAYER:** Ask: *Father, what are you trying to say to me?* Then write a letter back to yourself from God, starting with "Dear (insert your name)..." Let the words flow through your pen.

**APPLICATION:** Ask: *Father, what do you want me to do today/in the next 24 hours?* Then write an action or challenge. If your heart's beating really fast, that might be it.



# ON HEARING GOD'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

"Being humble is the biggest thing," Michael explained. "Because after it's written, we must compare that letter to the Bible and share it with wise Christian counsel to ensure it is not just us writing out what we want to hear."

Don't get me wrong, I can go a while without opening my Bible, but I know when I sit down and make this a habit, it changes the frequency of my brain. It keeps God at the forefront of my mind.

There are still days I'm overwhelmed, laying on the floor of my living room, but even there, I can know I am moving in the right direction because I am moving toward Him and I hear him say, 'I got you.'"

This year, we are all invited to build a practice of listening for God's voice in community with the daily scripture reading in *Common Prayer: a Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, I would encourage you to do so. These small moments of learning to listen for God's voice are what let us know that we are on the right path.

It's always the right day to listen for His voice.

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S . P . A .

*If you have never tried a journaling practice to help you listen to the voice of God, start small by doing your own S.P.A. today!*

**STEP 1:** Choose a passage of scripture. Read it, then ask: "God, which verse are you speaking through?" Write down the verse that comes to mind.

**SCRIPTURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2:** Ask: "God, what are you trying to say to me?" Write down whatever you hear God speaking to you.

**PRAYER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STEP 3:** Ask: "God, what do you want me to do today/in the next 24 hours?" Then write an action or challenge you think you should take.

**APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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What if the secret to a  
happy life isn't "out  
there" but much closer to  
home? What if all you  
had to do was slow down  
long enough for the  
merry-go-round blur of  
life to come into focus?

*John Mark Comer*





# MANIFESTO

## MISSION

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## VALUES

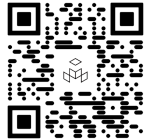
MAKERS...Are Made to Make  
Grow Together  
Serve Faithfully  
risk Boldly  
Embody Diversity  
Practice Peace  
Are Unfinished

## BELIEFS

God is our Maker  
Jesus is our Messiah  
The Holy Spirit is our Means  
The Bible is our Manuscript  
People are the Movement

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# CULTIVATE

Cultivate is an opportunity to live in and live out the Makers mission. It is a pathway to growth designed to help develop and strengthen spiritual disciplines and to help us more deeply discover and experience God.

The purpose of Cultivate is to help unearth the God-given "life abundant" within each of us; it is to strengthen and grow an understanding of the depths of who we are and the beauty of our creator. It is about saying "yes" to a season of growth and committing to produce fruit in our lives that will last.

*"Cultivate was an invitation to grow through guided conversation. Over coffee, Stephanie and I shared life stories to explain where we come from and answered questions that helped us articulate (to each other and ourselves) what we believe. In our six meetings, I learned about myself, my faith, and my new friend. Loved the experience!" - Kristen Schweizer*

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# CONNECT

## QUESTION:

*Why should people say "YES" to getting connected at Makers?*

## ANSWER:

Makers is a place where it's safe to not have all the answers. Where it's okay to be in process, in progress. To jump in right where you are. Part of Makers' core beliefs is the idea that every person has something to offer the community. Makers wants you to get involved just as you are, right now! Yes, even you!

It's kind of a joke around here, but if you express interest in joining or starting or leading something here, Makers will empower you to do it. How do you think I became the co-leader of the Impact Team? ;)

If you have a desire to serve, connect, or just show up we'd love to have you! In my experience, saying yes to connection has meant so much more than I imagined. As I give myself permission to show up right where I'm at, other people find the courage to jump in, too. Saying yes to connecting at Makers means saying yes to life-giving friendships, to soul challenging conversations, and to meaningful service opportunities. I've made friends who ask, "How are you doing, really?," who make me laugh so hard I cry, and who show me that I belong now, just as I am, as we serve and grow and learn together.

*Aly Prades, Co-Leader of the Impact Team*





# HOW DO I GET CONNECTED?

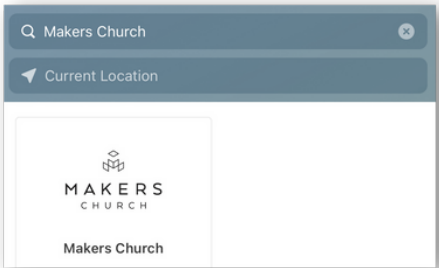
There are so many different environments at Makers where you can find the opportunity to connect and grow deeper. Many of those spaces are outlined in this Field Guide and we encourage you to use it as a compass to navigate this next season of growth in your life.

The best resource we have to stay connected to all of these environments at Makers is the Church Center App. By downloading the Church Center App, you are connecting directly to the primary communication source and community hub for Makers. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

- 1. Go to the App Store on your phone and search for "Church Center"



- 2. Once downloaded, open the app and search for "Makers Church"



- 3. Simply create an account and you are instantly connected!



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“I would rather be what  
God chose to make me  
than the most glorious  
creature that I could  
think of; for to have been  
thought about, born in  
God's thought, and then  
made by God, is the  
dearest, grandest and  
most precious thing in all  
thinking.”

*George MacDonald*