

—● MAYFAIR ROAD  
LAUNCH TEAM  
OPENING NOVEMBER 2020



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CHURCH





## THE CHURCH

Epikos Church is one church in three (soon to be four) locations where we grow in faith through gospel-centered worship, community, service, and multiplication. From our inception in 2004, we have grown from Milwaukee's East Side to West Allis, followed by the North Side which will now have a permanent home in Sherman Park in August 2020, as well as our Mayfair Road campus coming in November 2020.

We welcome everyone to come as they are. Everyone has a different faith journey and we welcome people and desire to come alongside them wherever they may be in their walk.

Everyone is on a journey of spiritual growth. Whether you aren't sure how to start or have been walking for a while, we all have a "next step" in growing our relationship with the living God. Here at Epikos, it's our mission to help you on that journey.

Serving with Epikos enables us to pour out God's love continually, build up one another, and joyfully offer to further the kingdom. When one person serves another, Christ's love grows exponentially, and that's what serving is all about.

We encourage you to consider your next step of service by joining us on our journey to launch our new campus, Mayfair Road.



# EPIKOS MAYFAIR ROAD

In 1954, two churches, that had roots going as far back as the 1870s, merged to become one church. Peace Memorial Church and St. Paul's Church formed Calvary Memorial Evangelical & Reformed Church in the Northwest corner of Wauwatosa. Three years later the church voted to become Calvary Memorial United Church of Christ. For 65 years, this church faithfully served the northern part of Wauwatosa and the surrounding communities.

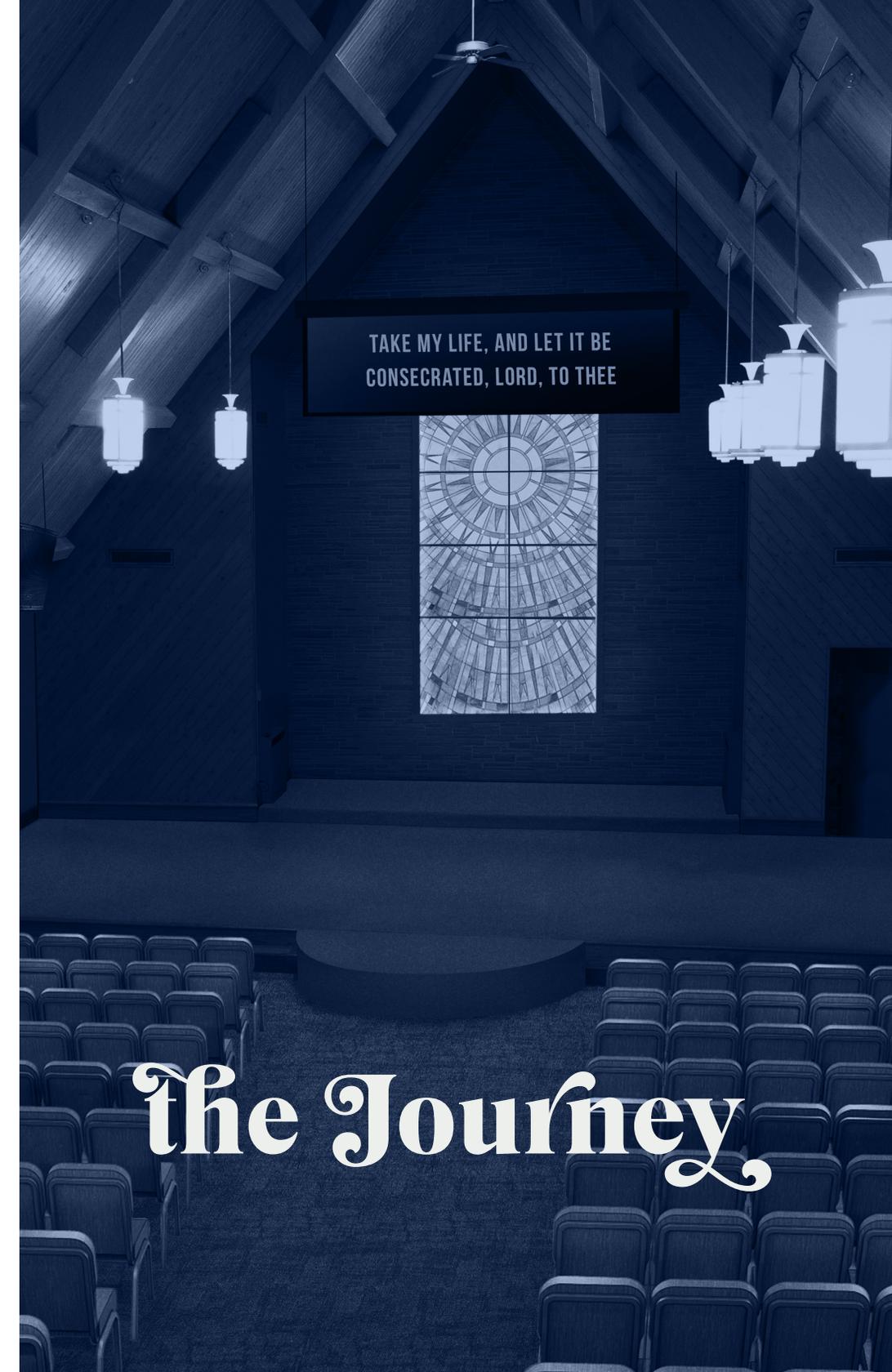
In December of 2019, Epikos Church purchased the building to continue the gospel work God is already doing in the Wauwatosa community and beyond. The campus sits along the Menomonee River just south of Hampton Avenue on Mayfair Road. Through the great legacy of the past six decades coupled with the desire to see continued gospel multiplication, Epikos Mayfair Road will be a church on mission to reach others inside and outside of its rich, historical walls.

Epikos Mayfair Road is a church surrounded by many different communities, cultures, and economic backgrounds. The common thread that will unify the people of this campus will be our foundation in Christ and our hope in the gospel.

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.**

**Philippians 1:27, ESV**

Standing firm in one spirit and striving side by side for the faith of the gospel is the example this diverse community needs to be transformed by the gospel. When our church is unified, God is glorified and hearts are transformed. We will foster this unity through worship, serving alongside one another, and faithfully reaching and loving the community around us.



TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE  
CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE

# The Journey



# the Story

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**So we, though many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually members one of another.**

**Romans 12:5**

The northwestern corridor of Milwaukee County, historically known as Highway 100, has always been a conduit of connection. The development of what would currently be known as Mayfair Road was originally established as a bypass to connect the surrounding suburban areas to the neighboring interstates.

As common throughout the history of the expanding city with the growth of industry and commerce, families were drawn to the call for the needed workforce. The influx of families helped establish



thriving communities along Mayfair Road, extending across communities reaching into several municipalities in Milwaukee & Waukesha county. These families brought with them the values and faith traditions, establishing places of worship within the foundation of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Epikos Mayfair Road has the unique opportunity to be a central connection of these neighboring communities, a place of intersection in the lives of fellow believers and those looking for a sense of community. Located at the convergence of Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Butler, and the other neighboring communities presents opportunity of bringing together the broad spectrum of cultures and people groups unified under the banner of the Gospel.

# The Gospel

**Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.**

**Jeremiah 29:7**



# THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IN THE CITY

Though the Israelites were far from home and living in exile, they were still encouraged by God to care for the city. They were to work for peace and prosperity and also pray on behalf of the cities in which they lived. God helped them understand that a healthy and welcoming city benefits not just their neighbors, but them as well!

God's instructions apply to us today as well. The people of God are still to be agents of His righteousness wherever he chooses to send them. A healthy and vibrant church is to be radically committed to the welfare of their neighborhood and their city as a whole. The church of Christ is to be passionately engaged in the transforming work of the gospel in whichever village, town or city it resides.

Communities are transformed when transformed people with transformed hearts put their hand to the transformational work of the gospel. This means churches should seek not to get something from the city, but instead should be radically committed to the city's wellbeing.

As Epikos Mayfair Road sinks roots on the Northwest side of Milwaukee, our desire is to be a church who seeks the welfare of the Mayfair Road neighborhood. Milwaukee's greatest hope and the Mayfair Road neighborhood's greatest hope is found in the transformation that only the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring. The church is to bring the gospel to the city!

The gospel meets despair and brings hope back to once hopeless people. The gospel enters into shattered and hurting homes and brings forgiveness and healing and restoration to once broken families. The gospel builds relationships that have the power to overcome long standing social wounds and brings unity and authentic community to once divided people. The gospel is the thread that mends a community and brings hope to a city.

Epikos Mayfair Road is a gospel community that is committed to sharing the transformational power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the welfare of the Mayfair Road neighborhood and the city of Milwaukee, for the glory of God.

# OUR CORE VALUES

At Epikos Church, we are focused on creating more and better disciples through gospel-centered worship, community, service, and multiplication.

## AT EPIKOS CHURCH, OUR CORE VALUES ARE:

- Radical reliance on God's word
- Reaching those far from God
- Authenticity
- Biblical diversity
- Innovative multiplication
- Servant leadership



# HOW TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM

Join the Mayfair Road launch team,  
below are some ways you can help.



**STEP INTO A NEW  
SERVING ROLE**



**PRAY**



**GIVE SACRIFICIALLY**



**SPREAD THE WORD &  
INVITE OTHERS**



# EPIKOS MAYFAIR ROAD LAUNCH TEAM COVENANT AGREEMENT

When making a commitment to the Epikos Mayfair Road launch team you commit to the following standards:

## MY TIME

I commit to being available to serve and build community. I will attend all move-team training and work days at the Epikos Mayfair Road campus unless I am sick or out of town. I will attend Sunday worship at the Epikos Mayfair Road Campus through November 2021.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, JULY 26**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Work day

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Work day

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

10:00 & 11:30 am

Soft Launch /  
Preview Service

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

10:00 & 11:30 am

Soft Launch /  
Preview Service

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**GRAND OPENING**

## MY TRUST

I commit to giving each member of the launch team the benefit of the doubt, building one another up instead of tearing one another down. Trust includes living a lifestyle that honors God and would not bring disrepute upon Epikos Church or individual members of the launch team.



## MY TALENT

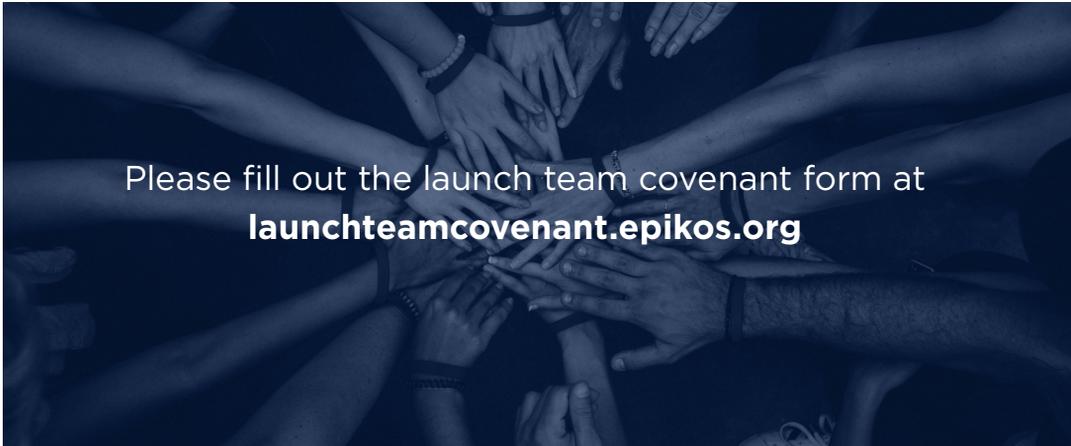
I commit to using my gifts and skills to help move Epikos Church into the Mayfair Road campus, to serve in a ministry of the church, and to serve others so as to sustain a healthy ministry trajectory thereafter.

- WORSHIP AND TECH TEAM
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM  
(HERO CENTRAL & THE BRIDGE)
- STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM  
(FUZE)
- CONNECTIONS TEAM
- PRAYER TEAM
- CLEANING TEAM
- SAFETY TEAM

Learn more about our Epikos Mayfair Road ministry teams and fill out your application at [serve.epikos.org](http://serve.epikos.org) by selecting the Mayfair Road campus.

## INVITING OTHERS

I commit to being missional in Milwaukee and the Mayfair Road neighborhood, utilizing Epikos Mayfair Road as a tool to point people to Jesus Christ.



Please fill out the launch team covenant form at  
[launchteamcovenant.epikos.org](http://launchteamcovenant.epikos.org)



## MEET CAMPUS PASTOR FRANK GIL

My name is Frank. I am a first generation American that was born to immigrants in Tampa, Florida. I grew up nominally Catholic, very Cuban, and with a love for laughter, and having a good time. Although I grew up religious and attended church, my life changed when I was 17 years old on a mission trip to the Bahamas. I had signed up simply because it sounded fun and it was a good way to help others. At that time, I did not realize the impact it would have on my life.

While in the Bahamas, I met a woman dying of AIDS but living her life for Jesus. Her joy and passion for the Lord was seen by everyone who surrounded her. As a high schooler, I questioned how a person who knew she was going to die of disease could



have so much joy and not resent the God she was worshiping. That hot summer afternoon she answered that question by sharing with me the true meaning of Philippians 4:13. Although her life may not have gone how she had wished, her joy and strength was in Jesus and not in her circumstances. That sealed it for me. I wanted that kind of joy! From that day on, I put my faith and hope in Jesus alone for my life and through His strength, I can continue to find joy in His salvation.

Shortly after that trip to the Bahamas, I was asked to make a decision about what I wanted to do after high school. I choose to play college football, but my heart knew I wanted to go into ministry. The Lord felt the same way and altered my life plans. After I began my college football career, it abruptly ended with a season-ending knee injury. That injury led me to make a difficult, but ultimately a more fulfilling decision, to leave my college scholarship to attend a small Bible college in central Florida. This is where I fell in love with studying and preaching God's word and sharing the good news of the Gospel with those that would listen to me.

Around that same time, I met my wife, Cori, at a Christian punk rock concert. I messaged her on MySpace after the show and the rest is history. Cori and I have been married for over 11 years. We don't have any kids, but we have a super great and affectionate dog named Grace. Cori and I are those odd adults who are really into Disney and go to the parks without any kids. She is very vegan and I am very not.

I joined Epikos in September of 2015. For the past four years, I have been blessed to serve the teenagers and their families as the Student Ministry Pastor of FUSE. Beyond that, I have had the privilege of speaking into student ministry on a national level through speaking at conferences, writing, coaching, and podcasting. For over 13 years, I have been doing ministry to students and their families and it has been an absolute blessing, but I am so very thrilled about this new journey God has for me in becoming the campus pastor of Epikos Mayfair Road. I am excited about bringing all those years of creative ministry to teenagers and their families to the next campus of Epikos. It is going to be a great time and I look forward to seeing you there!



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