

## **EASTGATE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

**Eastgate Christian Church {DOC} is a body of Christians who seek to share the love and compassion of Christ.**

**We were established almost 70 years ago. God's Spirit has transformed our lives through relationships, worship, study, music, small groups and fellowship with one another. We are proud of our Disciple heritage. We strive to be the people whom God has called us to be. As the body of Christ, we do not pretend to have reached perfection as there was only one perfect one upon this earth BUT we realize the need of God's hands and overpowering joy as He blesses us every day with his powerful presence. We seek to draw closer to him to become what he has called us to be.**

**We wish to grow in our knowledge and understanding of God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. We wish to introduce others to the Lord as well as nourishing our own understanding. As we walk with Christ, we vow to be faithful and united as the body of Christ. As Romans 12:5 reminds us: "so we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others."**

**We are a congregation with approximately 130 active participants through attendance, giving and other connections with (pre covid 19) attendance averaging 55-80. We have no outstanding debt and are blessed with the absence of conflict. We are involved in regional and general activities, Disciples Women, youth camp activities and regional youth activities. We have a faithful music staff, choir and bell choir, mighty though small.**

**Mission is a vital part of the Eastgate ministry, giving 16.5% of our income for outreach. We share our space with a Hispanic congregation, square dancers, and Scout troops. The church also has a relationship with the neighboring school, Luff Elementary. We have different causes each month that we collect for, support the local food bank, Mother's Refuge and so many other places of need. We support a doctor in Haiti and several members have gone on a mission trip to Haiti.**

**Eastgate has a unique shepherding program in which the Elders receive a group of congregants who they regularly call and provide ministry. The Elders meet at least once a month to gather to pray and give updates on congregational members. In addition, a monthly prayer group gathers to pray. A bi-monthly game day is organized to have fun with one another.**

**Independence, Missouri is a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri with a diverse population of around 116,00. Being close to the city, there are a wealth of activities from sports venues, to the arts and philharmonic orchestra, theater performance to amusement parks and water parks as well as many historical sites including the Truman Library and Home.**

**Our vision is to Seek God, Serve Others and Share Christ. Our main three committee groups are formed by this vision. We seek God individually and as a community of faith recognizing each of us is in a different phase of that faith. We share Christ with all people with love, tolerance and acceptance. We serve others in our community and in the world through actions that reflect the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**We are suffering through this pandemic, but know that God is with us and gives us strength and that we will emerge stronger and more faithful. Our services are online right now and we have a parking lot communion service that we have all treasured, awaiting the return to our sanctuary when deemed safe.**

**We will be glad to share more about us when you show interest in serving our congregation and hear God's call.**