

Southwestern University Chapel Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gather information about the opinions and perceptions of the weekly chapel service that is held on Thursday at 11:00 am in the Lois Perkins Chapel. All information that is given in this survey will be kept anonymous. Only The Office of Religious Life will use the information that is obtained from this survey. Please feel free to be as honest as possible with your answers. This survey is completely voluntary, and you can stop taking this survey at anytime you wish. Finally, we want to make the chapel service the best it can possibly be for you the student/faculty and staff or visitor, and this is your chance to help us. Upon completion of the survey, please mail to The Office of Religious Life at S.U. Box 7440.

1. What year are you at Southwestern University?
 - a. First-year
 - b. Sophomore
 - c. Junior
 - d. Senior

What is your major? _____

2. CIRCLE ALL THE WORDS THAT YOU FEEL DESCRIBES YOURSELF:

Spiritual	Bored	Loving
Religious	Seeking	Faithful
Questioning	Curious	Organized
Doubting	Apathetic	Dedicated
Exploring	Disinterested	Giving
Moral/Ethical	Hostile	

Explain:

General Questions

3. How did you first hear of the chapel service?
 - a. A friend told me
 - b. Campus notices
 - c. A flyer in my mail box
 - d. Flyers in residence halls
 - e. Campus website
 - f. S.U. cable channel
 - g. Other: _____

4. Have you ever been to the chapel service before?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If Yes: How often do you attend the chapel service?

- a. 1 or 2 times a semester
 - b. 3 or 4 times a semester
 - c. About every other week
 - d. Every week
5. During a typical week what are you doing at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays?
 - a. Studying
 - b. Eating lunch
 - c. In a meeting
 - d. In chapel
 - e. Sleeping
 - f. Personal relaxation/reflection time
 - g. Other: _____
6. Are you aware that from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays no classes, meetings, or other events are to be scheduled?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. Do you think as a church-related university it makes sense to have a chapel service?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. Do you think chapel is relevant to a liberal arts education?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Exploratory Questions:

9. What is the main reason that you attend, or do not attend the chapel service?

15. Chapel is too conservative for me. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

16. Chapel is too Methodist for me. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

17. I don't have time to go to chapel. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

18. I get my religious/spiritual needs met elsewhere. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

19. Chapel is well advertised. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

20. Spirituality is a priority in my life. SD D N A SA NA

Explain:

Satisfaction

If you have attended the chapel service, please rate the following aspects:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
21. Sermons/Message:	E	G	F	P

Comments:

22. Special music: E G F P

Comments:

23. Hymn singing: E G F P

Comments:

24. Scripture reading: E G F P

Comments:

25. Communion: E G F P

Comments:

26. Prayers and Concerns: E G F P

Comments:

27. Chapel building itself: E G F P

Comments:

28. Feeling of community: E G F P

Comments:

29. Sense of openness and welcome: E G F P

Comments:

30. Diverse theological perspectives: E G F P

Comments:

31. Diverse ethnic church traditions: E G F P

Comments:

32. The chapel service goals are attached to this survey. We encourage you to read through them. If you have any comments, changes, or additions to the goals write them in the section below.

Explain:

Chapel Goals

- To provide a mid-week service (35-45 minutes in length) in the Christian tradition utilizing a Methodist liturgical style that is appreciative of Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox history and tradition, and that is supportive of the spiritual journeys of those who come.
- To design services so that people may come and experience meaningful worship and not feel pressured to become part of a “chapel group,” one of the campus student religious organizations, or feel they must conform to a particular theological or historical church tradition.
- To involve students in bringing high quality music and worship presentations (including scripture reading, sermons, vocal and instrumental music, choral music) as a way of encouraging students’ spiritual growth and inspiring others.
- To deliver messages through preaching that educate and inspire students (and others) to consider for themselves the meaning, relevance and influence of Christian faith in their lives.
- To introduce students to the chapel building itself as a source of inspiration and education.
- To offer monthly Communion services. (Communion has been offered on the first Thursday of most months, at the request of students beginning in 1999.)
- To offer special themed services.

Chapel Music Goals

- To praise and worship God through music
- To provide prelude and postlude music to set the mood for worship
- To utilize the pipe organ, but also incorporate piano or instrumental music
- To encourage the those gathered to sing to praise God
- To encourage students, faculty, staff to use their musical gifts in worship
- To provide a variety of music
- Instrumental and vocal, solo and group.
- To encourage the use of traditional hymns in worship, but to also use contemporary and praise hymn
- To encourage music majors to learn and perform classical sacred repertoire as well as contemporary music
- To use the organ as our basic instrument for hymn singing
- To try to coordinate musical themes with scripture, sermon topics, etc.