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# WELCOME HOME

We're so glad you're here with us! We believe God has something unique to say to you, and our hope is that you feel His love stronger today than ever before. Worship Gatherings at Sugar Hill Church include high energy music, helpful messages, and hundreds of friendly faces.

Our Gatherings last roughly 70 minutes and you can truly "come as you are." You will see people dressed in everything from shorts to jeans to business casual to 3-piece suits. Our desire is that your soul will be refreshed as you encounter God in a real and personal way.

# WE BELIEVE...



**THE BIBLE IS A BIG DEAL**



**JESUS IS THE BIGGEST DEAL**



**WE LIVE THAT OUT BY SERVING HERE**



**AND AROUND THE WORLD**

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# OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

Around here, we believe the Bible is a big deal, Jesus is the biggest deal, and we live those truths out by serving our church, our community, and our world! Sugar Hill Church is a place where relationships matter. God believes in community. It's in His creation, in His plans, in His purpose, and in His path for your life! Jesus put His church in a place to lead people into a life-altering, eternal relationship with Him.

Sugar Hill Church may never be the biggest church, but we will always strive to have the biggest heart. We would love to know you, for you to know us, and for you to join us in making a difference in our community through the love of Jesus. No matter where you are in life or in your faith journey, Sugar Hill Church is a place of love that you can call "home!"

We're so excited for this season as we embrace the next steps in the life of our church to further minister to people in this community and around the world, and we can't wait to see all that God will do.



We believe God calls us to love people... ALL people. And we strive to do that every day around here. That's one of the many things I love about Sugar Hill Church! Our focus is on serving; serving kids, serving adults, serving our community, serving our world, and everyone in between!

At Sugar Hill Church, I love that you can be as involved in any of our ministries as you want to be. There are a lot of great reasons to get plugged into one of our ministries. Here are five of them:

1. Weekly Bible study will help you grow in your faith.
2. Prayer from others will help you get through tough times.
3. You'll meet new friends and strengthen existing friendships.
4. You'll have fun with other people going through the same things you are.
5. You'll get to use your God-given gifts to serve the Lord.

What really makes our church "home" is the people within the church... just like you! And we're so grateful!

Welcome Home!



# SUNDAY GATHERINGS



Our **Worship Ministry** at Sugar Hill Church exists to shepherd opportunities for the church body to learn, experience, and participate in God-honoring worship. Our Worship Team serves the church by crafting engaging gatherings, teaching God's word, investing in His people, and creating content that accomplishes this mission.

The music at Sugar Hill Church is meant to be engaging and heartfelt, while seeking to focus our minds and hearts on God.

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:25

Here at Sugar Hill Church, we have three core beliefs:

**The Bible is a big deal.**

**Jesus is the biggest deal.**

**We live those truths out by serving folks here and around the world.**

Everything that we do and everything that we teach here is based out of those three big ideas. Our goal is to invest in people to help them have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and a transformed heart. We serve from the overflow of the heart, and our desire is to have lives radically changed through the teaching at Sugar Hill Church so that they will go out and change the world around them.

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” - Hebrews 4:12



# NEXT STEPS



## NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A great first step to learn more about Sugar Hill Church is attending the NEXT Class! We would love to get to know you and give you a chance to hear more about SHC. It's also a wonderful way to build community while you meet new friends, learn how to get connected, and ask us "anything about anything!"

## SHC SERVE CLASS

If you're ready to jump in and find a place to serve, we'd love to invite you to the next SHC Serve Class! Here, you will hear from our staff from each of our different ministry areas and find out next steps to volunteer. We have this class about 6 times a year.

## BAPTISM

Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and is your public declaration that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Baptism does not save you, but shows the world that you have already been saved. And while baptism is not required for salvation, it is a biblical command and demonstrates your love and obedience to Christ.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE, HEAD TO [SUGARHILL.CHURCH/NEXT-STEPS](https://sugarhill.church/next-steps)**

# WELCOME HOME TEAM



Our “Welcome Home” approach is to create an environment of hospitality from the street to the seat for all who come on our campus by easing hearts and minds and allowing people to experience Jesus.

We desire that everyone who steps foot into Sugar Hill Church feels like they’re being welcomed into a place that feels like home! We do this by intentionally providing “Welcome Home” hospitality for all who enter our campus. Our intention is to always go the extra mile by welcoming people with umbrellas on rainy days, carrying packages, and being on the lookout to meet any needs that may arise.

The Welcome Home Team is always working to establish connections with others, whether it’s their first time or their hundredth time in our doors. Our goal is to leave a lasting impression, so we always strive to show God’s love through serving others and creating a fun and welcoming environment for all ages and stages of life.

“THEREFORE WELCOME OTHERS AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.”

ROMANS 15:7

In 2014, Sugar Hill Español began meeting in the Chapel at Sugar Hill Church. The vision for this congregation is simple:

We want to help people in our community experience God's best for their lives in an extraordinary way. We want to see transformed lives and people serving and loving God and others with all their heart.

The leadership focuses on four things in order to make this possible:

The first is that we understand the importance of helping *everyone feel at home*. As soon as a first-time guest walks in, we want them to feel welcomed, loved, accepted, and have an extraordinary experience. To do this, we make sure that the Word of God is taught in a relevant, but simple way, and that worship is engaging and genuine.

Second, we know that the best way to feel at home is to *get involved*. We are intentional in our communication to our first-time guests to let them know all that we have available. We have opportunities to have one-on-one time with Pastor Carlos, and we have a membership class to answer any questions people have about our church and what we believe.

We need to acknowledge that we all are not perfect and therefore this is the perfect place for all of us. This acknowledgement is often a first step for people to get closer to God.

Next, and the most important, is that we strive to give people a way to *grow deeper in their relationship with God*. Because we believe so deeply in this, we give people as many opportunities as we can to get plugged in through things like Small Groups, Leadership Development, and other special events.

Finally, we understand that above all, we are called to *serve and be disciples*. We know that God has given us all special gifts that we can use to further the Kingdom. In order to serve those around us, we partner with many local schools and non-profits as well as international mission organizations.

God has a plan and purpose for all of us and gave us gifts and abilities so that we can use them for His Glory.

SUGARHILLESPAÑOL.COM



# SUGAR HILL ESPAÑOL





## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We're constantly building and pursuing relationships with our local schools, non-profits, our community government, and other local churches. We do this to help bridge the gap that may exist within these groups. In order to do that well, we look for ways to serve through our local partners, all while focusing on the betterment of the community and our neighbors in need. We have the ability to provide resources and funding to promote the greater good of the community while also meeting the individual needs of our neighbors. We believe in open communication and staying current with our partners so that they view us as a first responder, and they know they can come to us with needs, no matter the size of the request.

## GLOBAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

There are many global ministries that we partner with each year. Our desire is to engage with them on the ground and come alongside them to help meet needs nationally and internationally. Our overall goal is to see the Gospel spread, local churches and their leaders strengthened, and the Kingdom grow. We love having the opportunity to support the local church and their endeavors to reach the community that they call home. Through these global mission partners, we also provide opportunities for Sugar Hill Church members to serve these partners and to create a broader world view.

# SUGAR HILL BEYOND



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Being a part of Sugar Hill Church, to me, is being part of something bigger than myself. I think of it as a place where I am seen, known, loved, and free to come as I am. That, in turn, equips me to go out into our community and see people the way God sees them, get to know them and their heart, and love them just as they are. My church is not a building that keeps people in... it is a beautiful space of freedom that sends people out. I am so thankful to be a part of this church.

- Anissa Lotti

## LIVING WITH AN OPEN HAND

We believe strongly in always being open to the needs God places in front of us, willing to step in to serve, being vulnerable to love, and showing mercy to those like and not like us. We believe we are to live out what the Bible says: “Love your neighbor as yourselves.” We do this best by showing love, mercy, and justice to a broken world through not only meeting physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, but pointing them to the God who sees them and loves them.





## PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Our goal is to challenge, equip and encourage parents to fulfill their biblical role as spiritual leaders of their children. In order to do this, we must seek to know families. We also strive to effectively provide resources to parents that encourage, equip, and challenge them. As part of our *parent partnership*, we continually give parents creative scripts to talk to students.

We desire to have a definite *Spiritual Growth Plan* for students. This serves as our guide as we develop and facilitate weekly programming as well as implement trips and events that support the master spiritual growth plan for students through activities such as camps, retreats, and mission trips.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLAN



We love *partnering with local schools* to provide encouragement, support, and resources to administration, faculty, staff, and students. Through our partnerships, we regularly recognize students and educators, provide sponsorships and church resources for school activities, offer student support services to teams and clubs, and make available on-campus character development training.

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

# STUDENT MINISTRY

Our hope is to provide *relational pastoral care* to students and families through visits, counseling and prayer.

We do not view pastoral care as something to be done by only SHC staff. In fact, we see it as a huge win if the first call in a time of need is to a small group leader. In order to do this, we seek out and meet needs of all students, both connected and not yet connected.



## SHEPHERDING



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We aim to provide *leadership development* that moves adult and student leadership towards ownership in Student Ministries. In order to do that, we recruit and train a team of adults to serve as Small Group leaders and program facilitators. We also train a Student Leadership team to serve as a catalyst for growth and success, and moves students to serve both inside and outside of Student Ministries.

[SUGARHILLSTUDENTS.COM](http://SUGARHILLSTUDENTS.COM)



# KIDS MINISTRY

**Our goal in Kids Ministry is to lead kids and families to seek truth from God's Word, encourage each other, and be equipped for each season so that in Christ they have hope to share with and serve others.**

We believe it is so important to *provide opportunities* for biblical foundation, growth, and serving through events and programming. Because of that, we provide many ways for kids to get involved through weekly things like Sunday morning small groups, large group worship, and Kids Connect. We also have special events like 4th & 5th Grade Serve, Summer Serve Week, Vacation Bible School, and Family Serving Opportunities. It brings us so much joy to watch these kids learn to love and serve others, especially alongside their families and peers!

Our desire is to *equip and encourage* parents to take their child by the hand, walk with them, and lead them to Christ. We are tasked with effectively providing resources to parents that encourage, equip, and challenge them in order to walk alongside families as best as we can. Another way we do this is to listen to and respond to needs of families inside and outside the walls of the church.

We aim to provide *leadership development* that move leaders into position of shepherds, not just teachers. We have programs in place in order to invite, train, and retain leaders that are passionate and equipped to lead, love, and serve kids. We do our best to encourage leaders with resources that will point them back to the why and how of Kids Ministry.

[SUGARHILLKIDS.COM](http://SUGARHILLKIDS.COM)



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Being part of Sugar Hill Church means the world to me and my family; it is our extended family. The church offers so many opportunities to serve, which leads to community and friendships that may not have ever evolved if not for the church. The Kids Ministry is also top notch. Our daughter loves the time she gets to spend with her friends and leaders. She is the reason we started coming to Sugar Hill Church. We wanted her to grow up in a loving church.

This is why we call Sugar Hill Church "home."

- Ron Stegall



**Respite** is an event where parents of children with a disability can have a few hours to themselves. We take care of their kids, and the parents can have a date night, clean the house, take a nap - whatever they want to do!

At Respite, we offer engaging and exciting programming that is sensory focused, flexible, and easily adapted for the needs of each child. Both children with disabilities and their siblings will be paired one-on-one with a buddy who will spend the evening making that child feel loved and special. Kids can make crafts, build and eat a snack, play games, participate in sensory activities, and so much more.

There is a special time of worship and the Gospel is shared in a highly-engaging, easily accessible way. This event is open to families affected by disability in our church as well as families in the community.



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# SHINE MINISTRY

## SUPPORT - HOPE - INCLUDE - NURTURE - EMBRACE

In August of 2017, Sugar Hill Church began the initial stages of a special needs ministry. Since then, we have formed the SHINE Ministry, and it has grown tremendously.

SHINE stands for Support, Hope, Include, Nurture, and Embrace, which is what we hope to do for every child and family we are able to serve. We want to ensure that we are able to say “welcome home” to every person who enters our doors. The Bible is clear in Matthew 28:19 that we are to “make disciples of all nations,” of all people.

We want to be a place that is accommodating and accepting of all people and families, no matter what special needs they might have.





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I love College Ministry because everyone in the group meshes very well together, and everyone is so welcoming! It's a place I can go that feels like home, and I'm so thankful to be part of a Ministry like this!  
-Maggie McGhee

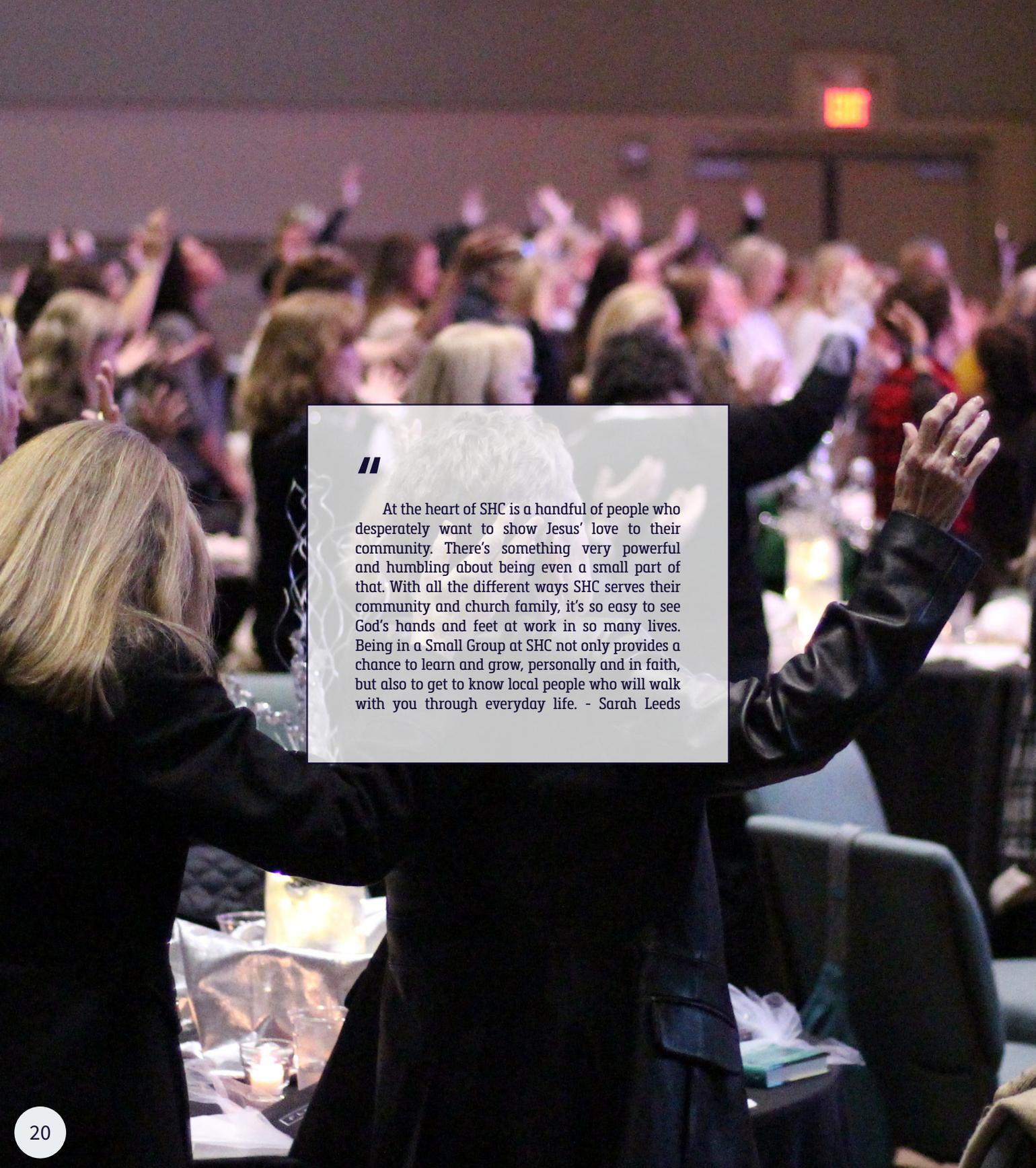
# COLLEGE MINISTRY

If you're 18-24, we have a place for you at Sugar Hill Church!

Our desire is to help bridge the gap between high school and the next season of life. Whether those next steps are going into college, the workforce, the military, etc., our goal is to walk alongside young adults as they continue to discover and live God's best. This group is the best way for college-aged people to connect with others and grow in their faith.

Our College Ministry offers many opportunities for these young adults to gather and deepen their relationships with God. They meet once a week for a time of fellowship and a devotional, and they also have occasional gatherings outside of their regular weekly meetings, like their Weekend Retreat!





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At the heart of SHC is a handful of people who desperately want to show Jesus' love to their community. There's something very powerful and humbling about being even a small part of that. With all the different ways SHC serves their community and church family, it's so easy to see God's hands and feet at work in so many lives. Being in a Small Group at SHC not only provides a chance to learn and grow, personally and in faith, but also to get to know local people who will walk with you through everyday life. - Sarah Leeds

# ADULT MINISTRY

Our Adult Ministry at Sugar Hill Church has one goal in mind: to lead adults to become fully devoted followers of Christ by helping them discover & take next steps towards God's best.

One of the biggest ways we encourage adults in their spiritual walk is through *Small Groups*. Small Groups are designed in such a way that they're engaging and allow folks to grow in their faith alongside other people. We desire to create maximum life-change through these Small Groups. We want them to be a place where friendships are encouraged and our focus is outward, rather than on ourselves. To put it simply, Small Groups are a place to: examine biblically, decide personally, connect relationally, grow spiritually, and serve actively.

Another way we engage with adults is through what we call *sticky events*. Sticky Events are events that are designed to create an easy and obvious next step towards a deeper relationship with God and others. These include events designed for men, women, singles, couples, older adults, professionals, and more.

One way we love to pour into adults is through providing *Leadership Development* that is encouraging, equipping, and moves adult towards ownership in Adult Ministries. We do this through recruiting, training, and managing a team of capable and committed leaders to serve as leaders and facilitators.

We've created what we call the *NEXT Track*, which helps adults discover their redemptive purpose and live the life they were created for. The NEXT Track helps people take next steps including: connecting to the church, discovering the strengths of their purposeful design, developing personal leadership, and using their God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. The NEXT Track is an important part of our Adult Ministry, regardless of a person's age or stage of life.



# THE WEEKDAY PODCAST

The Weekday Podcast is a resource that makes it easy to get Scripture into your life every single day. We invite you to join in whether you're exercising, driving, meditating, or simply listening along as part of your quiet time!

The Weekday Podcast is perfect for all walks of life. It's short enough that even the busiest person can have time for it, but it's thick with Truths to encourage anyone throughout their day.

Too often, time passes quickly during the day and we don't make time to spend time with the One who matters most. This tool is an easy stepping-stone into a deeper and more consistent walk with Christ.

In this resource, you'll get to hear from many of our pastors as they share a message that God has placed on their heart. Each message is relatable, encouraging, and Scripture-driven.

Join us every Monday – Friday as we spend time applying Truth to our lives. It's just 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

[WEEKDAYPODCAST.COM](http://WEEKDAYPODCAST.COM)



# IMAGINE ZERO | IMAGINE MORE



Sugar Hill Church is filled with folks that see mission and ministry as a joy and a privilege. It is the heartbeat of our pastor, our staff, and our members. As much as we love all that God has done and is doing, we have been playing catch-up from an \$8.2 million dollar debt. We are grateful for the facilities and campus we have, yet we know the faster we can eliminate our debt, the faster we'll be able to say "yes" to the ministry opportunities God is putting in front of us.

We can do more than just **IMAGINE ZERO**, we can trust God to use the gifts that He has already blessed us with. We can pray that supernatural gifts will be prayed for, pledged, and provided! We can see a way to become **DEBT FREE**. And when that debt has been erased, Sugar Hill Church can then **IMAGINE MORE** ministry and more mission work than ever before!

**Imagine Zero | Imagine More** is a spiritual journey. It will stretch us beyond where we have been stretched, and we pray it will enable us to be positioned and prepared for an amazing move of God through Sugar Hill Church and our ministry partners.

## PRAY

Engage in this spiritual journey by praying daily. Prayer is a critical component to this effort. This will never succeed apart from prayer.

## LISTEN

As you pray, listen for what the Lord says to you. Begin seeking God's direction. Write down your thoughts in a Power Routines journal.

## OBEY

Obey God's leading in how you can sacrifice for this cause. Together, we can eliminate this debt enabling even more ministry and missions.

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