

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have a bookstore and coffee shop?

To enhance our effectiveness in “making disciples” (Matthew 28:19)—the main mission of our church. As we provide resources to help us grow deeper in our walk with Christ (discipleship), a place to connect with others (fellowship and evangelism), events designed to meet the needs of all ages, and opportunities to serve (ministry), Chapter 2 and Cornerstone are supporting the core purposes of our church.

Are the bookstore and coffee shop businesses or ministries?

First and foremost, they are ministries. They are all about helping people become fully devoted followers of Christ. Of course, there are business dimensions to both, but the primary purpose is to help people become fully devoted followers of Christ.

What happens to any profits that are made?

After covering the start-up costs of a venture like this one (furnishings, equipment, inventory, etc.), funds received over and above operational expenses will be re-invested in the ongoing missions and ministries of our church. The Board of Overseers at Ingleside ensures that there is appropriate financial accountability.

Do the pastors or staff at Ingleside benefit financially from the operations of the bookstore and coffee shop?

No. Compensation for pastors and staff at Ingleside are unrelated to the operation of the bookstore and coffee shop.

Are the staff of Chapter 2 and Cornerstone paid or volunteer?

Currently, only the Bookstore Coordinator and one other part-time staff person are paid. All other bookstore and coffee shop staff are volunteers who see their service as part of their ministry at Ingleside.

Why are Chapter 2 and Cornerstone open on Sundays?

That’s when the most people are here. If our ministry goal is to have the greatest impact on as many people as possible, then it’s wise to be open when the most people are on our campus.

What about “working on the Sabbath”?

First, Jesus taught that: “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” He was “deeply distressed” at the “stubborn hearts” of the legalistic Pharisees who refused to “do good” on the Sabbath (Mark 2:23-3:6, NIV). We believe that it’s better to be like Jesus and to attempt to meet the needs of people—even on Sundays.

Second, we believe that it’s not biblical to equate “the Sabbath” with “the Lord’s day.” While every Christ-follower should embrace the creation

principle of six days of work and one day of rest, the Sabbath regulations of the Old Testament law no longer apply for Christ-followers. Colossians 2:16-17 teaches clearly that the dietary laws, feasts, and Sabbaths of the old covenant were “a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ” (NASB).

Third, from a practical perspective, Sunday has long been a “work day” for many of our pastoral, program, custodial, and kitchen staff at Ingleside. All have another day off during the week, but Sunday is a day we gladly serve.

What about “money changing in the temple”?

When Jesus drove the merchants and money changers from the temple, he condemned them as a “den of robbers.” (Matthew 21:13, NIV). They were undermining the worship God intended by charging exorbitant prices for required sacrifices and inflated rates of exchange for the required temple tax. They were crooks!

Our bookstore and coffee shop, on the other hand, are enhancing the core purposes God has for our church (worship, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry) by making great resources readily available and by providing a non-threatening place to connect with other believers and friends who need to know Jesus.