

FAQs about Mentoring with CJC

What is expected of a mentor at CJC? A mentor fulfills two main functions: participating in one-on-one Bible study with the participant and helping them break down goals into smaller achievable steps, holding them accountable for completing each step.

What are the requirements for being a mentor? Most importantly, we ask that you be a Christian individual and sign our non-denominational Statement of Faith. You should also be a member of a local church (unless you have lived in this area less than six months). You will be asked to fill out an application and list references. A minister's recommendation is also needed (CJC provides the letter for the minister to sign). If you are new to the area, it can be from a minister from a previous church. Finally, we ask that you sign a covenant committing to working with the participant.

What is the time commitment for a mentor? We ask that the mentor meet with the participant for 14 one-hour visits and 14 phone calls. The mentor is asked to do this for six to seven months. We do realize that sometimes life gets in the way, but every effort should be made to meet on a regular basis. There is also some time involved in training (see next question).

What type of training do I need to become a mentor? We provide a two-hour training session for all those interested in mentoring. Training is held at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive.

What if I attend training and decide against mentoring? Your attendance does not commit you to becoming a mentor. We provide the training so those interested can determine if this is where God is leading them to serve.

How are members and participants matched? We try to get to know the participants and the mentors to make a good match. We spend time in prayer asking God for guidance in the matching process. Some of the variables we consider are personality, geographic location, life experiences, and age.

At what point during the program are mentors and participants matched? We match the mentors and participants early in the Classroom Phase. This event is called the Mentor Social and is held at the location where your participant attends class.

Who should I contact for more information about mentoring? You may call the CJC Recruitment Coordinator at 256-428-9404 or email recruitment@cwjc.net.