

Service Time
and Location:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. at
The Airport Hilton
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Florence, KY 41042

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St. Matthias Anglican Parish
Mission Statement

*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and the
Son, and the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I
commanded you; and lo, I am
with you always, even to the end
of the age."*

*Jesus Christ, The Holy Bible
St. Matthew 28:19-20*

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Family Gathering
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Sometimes, “re-inventing the wheel” is necessary to make a situation workable. St. Matthias Anglican Parish is exactly the sort of situation that fits this description.

When the first-century believers got together, there were no models to duplicate, no curricula to order, no building plans, no website helps. They simply gathered as a family of Christians to worship God.



Meeting place selection was based on what was available. Period.

We read in Acts 16 of prayer meetings “by the riverside”. That’s where St. Paul met Lydia, the first European convert. The directors of St. Matthias settled on the Airport Hilton in Florence. Where the going price is over \$100 per square foot per month, we have a large, private space (1200 square feet) for \$420.00 per month. We have running water in the room and restrooms straight across the hall. We have this space each Sunday morning, and in seasons where we have extra services, we pay for each one. Would it be nice to have the space for Bible study or a mid-week prayer service? Of course! But our space is cleaned, heated and cooled, maintained and kept safe through no extra effort or expense from us. And we have had great success with get-togethers in our own homes.

Teaching was done through a synagogue-based worship service

Most followers of Jesus were Jews at first, so the basic service was what they already knew from the Old Testament PLUS the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. If a family attended the Christian meeting, the whole family went as one. If there was an infant, they were as much a part of the group as the older children and adults.

At St. Matthias, we have a similar set-up. If you’re single, we welcome you to be part of our family. If your children have grown and moved away, join us! If your little one needs a baby seat, bring it! We have markers and coloring sheets, too, if that will help.

Sometimes the idea of “absorption” is overlooked as a teaching method—you are probably, however, aware of words your child has picked up in a setting where you didn’t think they were listening! And many adolescent problems can be blunted or avoided altogether if a young rebel has another adult whom he or she admires that can offer support. The teaching at St. Matthias has one focus: each and every human being needs the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and we are specifically focused on making that salvation opportunity available to each person who attends our services.

Church is not a place—it is a gathering of souls.

So many beautiful church buildings have been built to the glory of God that we forget that God’s focus is on the individuals whom He loves, not the building where they meet. Everyone at St. Matthias wants to welcome you into the family of God...there’s always room for one more!