

FIELD EDUCATION | Credit 3
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Week #4 || JAN 23 – 29, 2023

Hours This Week: 10.75

Total Hours: 91 / 120

HOURS SPENT / TASKS & ACTIVITIES	REFLECTIONS JOURNALING THOUGHTS PROCESSING
Tue, Jan 24, 10:40 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.: Staff Meeting, incl “growth strategies” meeting <i>[2.75 hours]</i>	Staff meeting. We stayed through lunch to discuss several ideas for growth strategies for the church (see reflections below). Afterwards I wrote the weekly LG leaders email.
Wed, Jan 25, 6:30 – 9:15 p.m.: Life Groups night <i>[2.75 hours]</i>	Helped take attendance at “The Chosen” LG, and stayed through, chatting with the “three sisters” group beforehand, and joining a discussion group afterward with two longtime members, one my age, the other a mid-30s guy (see reflections).
Thur, Jan 26, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.: Meet with Ps Denise & LS re Women’s Connect <i>[1.25 hrs]</i>	FaceTime meeting to discuss the first “HTC Women’s Connect” gathering on Feb. 4. Discussed details about flow, activities, food, etc.
Sun, Jan 29, 7:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.: prep for svc, setup, Middle School Sun. school <i>[4 hours]</i>	Program stuffing, set up chairs for HT Discover group downstairs; attended 9 a.m. service; helped with Middle Schoolers’ Sunday school at 10:30 service, doing small group time with one grade.

MEETING(S) WITH MENTOR(S) TOPICS OF DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS
<p>Pastor Glenn has told the staff about the capital campaign that is being launched during Lent! This is a huge initiative, and I am so impressed with how much my church does...and how much the pastors do and want to do in the future. The Holy Spirit is surely helping them stay up-to-date with all the day-to-day details they are able to keep in their minds and creative in generating wonderful ideas about future ministries. Ps Glenn extended our staff meeting so we could discuss growth strategies, practical and spiritual. It was clear he had come in with a few “big picture” ideas that reflected the three words the Lord had given him for 2023: “Fill the House,” “Let the prophetic flow again,” and “Nurture the Next Generation.” We need to address ways to make room for more members and deal with the overcrowding in the later service on Sundays. There were also good ideas for Kids and Youth ministries, notably that we should offer full Sunday School at the first service, and that the youth (grades 6-12) should stay in the service so they feel a part of the family and have the full church experience. We also talked about ways to ensure follow-up with new Christians and work on getting people into the right discipleship and related groups to mature in their faith. It was a productive and inspiring meeting!</p> <p>The small group discussion after the Wed. night “Chosen” Life Group was fantastic. The young man (probably mid- to late 30s) was really in need of prayer, and the other member, a man of my age, and I ministered to him to address his feelings of rejection and isolation. It was a blessed time! I also enjoyed getting to know “the three sisters” better; one of them, who’s not a member of our church, is going through a tough time. There’s a lot of need out there!</p>