

# THE ELLINGTON'S STORY

We lived up north in Akron, OH for several years through 2017. While there we attended Faith Family Church, where we built some of the most meaningful friendships. One of those friendships being our Pastors; Jordan and Courtney Smucker. However, after having our second child we made the tough decision to move closer to family back here in Columbus. We had grown so much in our relationship with Jesus and in community with our church family there, but we knew moving was the right next step for our family.

Within the same year of returning to Columbus, Jordan reached out to us to share they were going to be launching a life-giving church right here in Columbus. We could not have been more thrilled and let them know we would be all in! Before we knew it, we were at Interest Meetings and part of the Launch Team! We were not sure what role we would play in this new church, but no matter how big or small, we knew we wanted to be a part of it. In knowing the Smucker's hearts for building relationally healthy community, we knew this was a church and community we wanted to be in and would want our kids to experience as well.



MORRIS, BRENDAN, CRYSTAL, REYGAN

As we prayed for and dove all in with Ethos, we felt the Lord speaking to our hearts to be involved in worship. And it only seemed right as we both grew up in music in church. Morris had always played drums, and as a little girl I always loved to sing and worship. It was in becoming servant leaders with the Worship Team that we cultivated depth in relationship and a place to make a difference for Jesus.

God has done miraculous things in our families lives as we have seen tremendous growth mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Our kids are excited for each Sunday, and they have gained so many aunties and uncles who love them so well! It has been amazing to see the impact of love and consistency Ethos has poured out on our family! We are forever grateful and thankful to be part of this Ethos family!

# YOUR STORY MATTERS

# WELCOME TO ETHOS CHURCH

No matter where you have been or what you believe, you are welcome here. Our hope is that you would experience the life-changing power of Jesus Christ through dynamic worship music and relevant Bible teaching. Our goal is to help you feel at home in a way that is authentic and inspiring. We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy your time with us. If we can serve you in anyway, text "EthosCare" to 94000.

We believe there are three key steps on your journey of faith:

## **1. TO BE WITH JESUS**

This is all about knowing God the Father as He reveals Himself through Jesus, the Son. We believe you can know God personally. Rather than just practicing religion, we strive for you to understand that God wants to have a relationship with you. We are committed to helping all people recognize that more than simply doing things for Jesus, God desires that we first learn to simply be with Jesus.

## **2. TO BECOME LIKE JESUS**

This is all about discovering our identity in Jesus Christ. We all have things from our past that need to be settled once and for all. God's process for you to experience freedom from yesterday is to become more like Jesus today. We are committed to the life-long journey of becoming more and more like the greatest person to ever live, Jesus.

## **3. TO DO WHAT JESUS DID**

This is all about living empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to continually asking ourselves the question, "What does love require of me?" The more we are with Jesus and become like Jesus, the more that the answer to this question will lead us to do what Jesus did.

We use the phrase, "follower of Jesus," quite a bit around here, and following Jesus is defined by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did. However, this is a lifelong journey and not an overnight destination. It is a journey that requires practice. It is a journey that requires community. It is a journey that we invite you to be a part of with us.

To find out more about how to take your next step or learn more about Ethos, visit us online at [EthosOH.com](http://EthosOH.com) or follow us on social media @Ethos\_OH.

We hope to see you again soon!  
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