



Glossary of Terms

ABF (Adult Bible Fellowships)	ABFs emphasize community as the format for fellowship, family news, and teaching. These groups range in size from 35 to over 100 and are organized around life stage affinity groups, led by a peer leadership team. They meet regularly on Sunday mornings in addition to various social gatherings and special outreach projects.
Board	A committee having supervisory powers.
Board of Directors	<p>A group of persons chosen to govern the affairs of a corporation or other large institution.</p> <p>Typical Structure and Makeup of the Board of Directors: The board is made up of individual men and women (the "directors") who are elected by the shareholders for multiple-year terms. Many companies operate on a rotating system so that only a fraction of the directors are up for election each year; this makes it much more difficult for a complete board change to take place due to a hostile takeover. In most cases, directors either, 1.) have a vested interest in the company, 2.) work in the upper management of the company, or 3.) are independent from the company but are known for their business abilities.</p>
Care Group	Care Groups are family-sized groups where people grow to know each other in a significant manner. The groups emphasize caring, sharing, fellowship, and Bible application. Care Groups meet in homes twice each month.
Church Family	The people who consider EFCS their church home.
Connections (Cxns)	A ministry of EFCS that facilitates connecting our church family – to serve and be served. Their mission: "We create paths that connect our Church Family to its Biblical Mission."
EFCS	Evangelical Free Church of Sheboygan
Experience	The accumulation of knowledge or skill that results from direct participation in events or activities.
Family	People descended from a common ancestor; an association of people who share common beliefs or activities
Grace Gifts	ANY gifts given to us by God, either at physical or spiritual birth.
Meet & Mingle	A small (primarily) social group that meets once a month for a several months primarily to get to know each other better.
Ministry	A ministry is service to God by serving others without any compensation. In EFCS, a ministry is a team of people that serve God by serving others without any compensation. A ministry must align with the mission of the church and abide by some administrative requirements.



Mission Statement (EFCS)	<p>EFCS Mission: The purpose of the Sheboygan Evangelical Free Church is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to reach our city, our county and the continents for Christ ▪ by making disciples who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ communicate Christ to their world; ○ cultivate personal growth in Christ; ○ celebrate their life in Christ; ○ and care for people in the name of Christ
Mission Statement (General)	A Mission Statement: is a concise, internally focused statement of the reason for the organization's existence, the basic purpose toward which its activities are directed, and the values that guide the members' activities. The mission should also describe how the organization expects to complete and deliver value to those it serves.
Observation	The act of observing; taking a patient look. Within the Connections Ministry, the Grace Gifts Observation is tool used to for people to identify characteristics of another person. In this case, characteristics reflect different gifts the person has.
Passion	A strong feeling or emotion.
Profile	A detailed description or analysis of something. The Connections Ministry defines Servants and Ministries with Profiles.
Responsibility	The sphere or extent of activities.
Role	The actions and activities assigned to, required or expected of someone.
Servant	Work done by one person or group that benefits another.
Skill	Skills are typically developed through training and experience. They give a person the ability to use specific tools or produce solutions for certain types of problems.
Small Group	A small group typically consists of less than 20 people that gather together regularly for some purpose. Specific purposes include social, mutual support or studying a topic. Small groups often combine several purposes, such as support and social.
Spiritual Gifts	Gifts that are supernaturally given to Christians, each one having his or her own proper gift (or gifts) to strengthen the Church.
Study Group	A small group that gathers together regularly to study a topic. A Bible Study group focuses on the Bible.
Team	A team is a group of people, dedicated to a common goal, who have learned to rely on each other's strengths and overcome each other's weaknesses.
Regular Timing	Ministries that meet on a consistent basis, such as weekly or monthly.
As Needed Timing	Ministries that serve others when needs arise.
Occasional Timing	Events or other ministry gatherings that happen on a limited basis; typically at least once per year.