

*stepONE*

BECOME A MEMBER

JOYCHURCH



# GROWTH TRACK

## INTRO

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The Joy Church Growth Track is a journey of clear steps to discover your redemptive purpose and to live the life God created for you. The Growth Track is made up of four steps that equip you to become a member, discover your design, develop your leadership and join the dream team.

### *stepONE* – Become a Member

Explore the ministry of Joy Church Medford and find out how to get connected with our church.

Step One happens the first Sunday of every month.

### *stepTWO* – Discover Your Design

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your God given gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry.

Step Two happens the second Sunday of every month.

### *stepTHREE* – Develop Your Leadership

Find out what it means to be a servant leader at Joy Church and learn how you can strengthen your character and gifting to fulfill your leadership potential.

Step Three happens the third Sunday of every month.

### *stepFOUR* – Join the Dream Team

Connect to the opportunities available at Joy to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts.

Step Four happens on the fourth Sunday of every month.



# THE JOY CHURCH STORY

Pastor Steve and Kim Schmelzer planted Joy on August 15, 1982. Their passion was to build a strong church family committed to bringing people to a relationship with Jesus and leading them to a life of obedience to God. The journey began with one other family in a small storefront in Medford, Oregon. Along with their 4 kids and a Dream Team of great people the church has grown into a thriving community serving Medford and the surrounding areas. What started as one church has grown into more Joy Churches working to make Jesus famous.

Joy is a great community to be a part of. Regardless of your season of life there is a place for you to be connected and involved. One of Pastor Steve's favorite quotes is from the shorter Westminster catechism, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." That is why everything we do is intentional

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to bring glory to God and to do it with joy! How do we accomplish this – through Faith, Family and Fun.

- **Faith:** Joy Church is a family where you can discover and grow in your faith in God and learn how to build a life that fulfills God's purpose for you in His kingdom. We love God's Word and believe it the only foundation to build your faith on.
- **Family:** Joy Church is a family of families built up of people from all walks and seasons of life. Our goal is to grow together and reach our world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We love families and believe that they are the building blocks of society. We want each family to be strong and stable and to be a part of the greater Joy family and family of God.
- **Fun:** Joy Church is a family that knows how to have fun doing life together. Through connect groups, events and building relationships we experience the joy of life. We are better together.

Your spiritual journey starts with a simple decision to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him for the rest of your life. Our prayer for you is that you would find your God given design and purpose as you live for Christ and serve others.

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people."

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers.”

**Ephesians 1:17-18 MSG**

At Joy Church, we exist to LIVE FOR CHRIST and SERVE OTHERS! We do this through our Gatherings, Groups, Growth Track and Dream Team.

# WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES AROUND THESE FOUR STEPS

## 1. KNOW GOD

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to take our New Believers and water baptism class which is available the first Wednesday of each month. We want to make sure you understand what it means to be a Christian, have been baptized in water and have the tools to know God personally and to grow in your faith.

“I pray that you may know Him better personally.”

**Ephesians 1:17-18 MSG**

“Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’”

**Matthew 7:21-23**

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey, but are primarily designed for those who do not yet have a genuine relationship with God to come to know Him personally and become part of a community of believers.

### OUR SUNDAY SERVICES FOCUS ON FOUR VALUES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_(Celebration)

We believe church should be enjoyable.

“I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’”

**Psalms 122:1 NKJV**

2. \_\_\_\_\_(Inspiration)

We believe church should be a place where people experience God’s presence.

“But when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear and worship God, confessing, ‘Truly God is here among you!’”

**I Corinthians 14:24-25 GNT**

3. \_\_\_\_\_(Preparation)

We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”

**Ephesians 4:11,12 NLT**

4. \_\_\_\_\_(Salvation)

We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If this becomes your church, please bring an unchurched person to church. There is an altar call every service, an opportunity for the unsaved to find life in Jesus Christ.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ‘But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?’”

**Romans 10:13-14 NLT**

## HOW WE SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS:

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

- Accept the personal \_\_\_\_\_ (responsibility).
- Build a personal \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship)
- Share your personal \_\_\_\_\_ (Story)
- Give a personal \_\_\_\_\_ (Invitation)



At Joy Church, we want to reach people in our city, our nation and our world. In addition to our efforts during Sunday services, we are focused on reaching people in three key places designated by Jesus:

- “In Jerusalem” - \_\_\_\_\_(Medford and surrounding areas)

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **Acts 1:8**

The primary way we reach our area is through our Sunday services, Connect Groups, Circle Youth Ministries, various outreaches and specialty classes and special events.

- “In Judea and Samaria” - \_\_\_\_\_(Our nation)

*“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save Him.”*

**I Corinthians 9:22 TLB**

The primary way we reach our nation is by starting new Joy churches and strengthening existing churches locally and through Ministers Fellowship International.

Presently we have planted Joy Church Eugene, Joy Church Grants Pass (both in Oregon) and Destino Christiana our Joy Church in La Paz, Mexico. We have other cities targeted as well.

MFI is a group of churches relating together to facilitate and nurture meaningful relationships among member ministers, equipping and enabling them to be more effective in their callings for the purpose of building and multiplying strong local churches around the world.

- “To the ends of the earth” - \_\_\_\_\_(Our world)

*“Jesus said to His followers, ‘Go everywhere in the world and tell the Good News to everyone.’”*

**Mark 16:15 NCV**

The primary way we reach our world is through strategic missions. Joy Church strategically invests a portion of its resources in missions work around the world with a focus on building and supporting local churches reaching their people.

## 2. FIND FREEDOM

### CONNECT GROUPS

We believe that real life change happens in the context of authentic relationships, which is why we are a church made up of Connect Groups. In the Bible, they worshipped in the temple but personal ministry happened “house to house.” We believe that GROUP IS LIFE!

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

**Acts 20:20**

### CONNECT GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ with others. (connect)

*“Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”*

**I Corinthians 9:22 TLB**

2. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ each other. (protect)

*“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”*

**I John 3:16**

3. A place to \_\_\_\_\_ together. (grow)

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*

**Proverbs 27:17**

## HOW CONNECT GROUPS WORK:

A Connect Group is an intentional gathering of people who meet regularly. Since God designed us for relationships, we believe it is through the connections made in small groups that God will help us grow. People form groups around what matters in their lives. This can look like people connecting with people from their same stage of life or with people who have experience in an area in which you want to grow. Connect Groups are also where we pray for each other and support each other. Connect Groups meet every week during the Connect Semester in locations all around our city and with many groups to choose from we believe there is a group out there for you.

### **Four things you should know about Connect Groups:**

#### **1. We have a variety of Connect Groups to choose from.**

We have men and women's groups, youth and young adult groups and children's groups. We have specialty groups focused on helping you in your marriage, with finances, parenting, finding freedom and Solid Rock Road groups for freedom from unhealthy habits and addictions. You can join more than one group. Some groups stay together for a long time and others are for a specific period of time.

#### **2. We meet at different times and locations.**

Groups meet every week during the Connect Group semester but vary in day, time and location. We have new

groups starting every semester so you are sure to find one that fits your needs. We have three group semesters:

- Fall Semester: This semester starts in September and runs for 12 weeks.
- Winter/Spring Semester: This semester starts in February and runs for 12 weeks.
- Summer Semester: This semester starts in June and runs for 6 - 8 weeks.

#### **3. You can join a Connect Group.**

We would love for you to join a connect group. To find the right group for you simply visit [www.joymedford.com](http://www.joymedford.com) to search our online directory of groups, or call or visit our church office or Connect Center. Feel free to contact the leader to learn more and to make plans to visit in person.

## 4. You can host a Connect Group.

We believe everyone has areas of strength and gifting that can benefit others and hosting a small group is a great way to make meaningful connections. The first step toward becoming a small group leader is to attend the small group leader training at step four of the growth track. These classes are offered regularly throughout the year to give you an overview of how simple it is to start a group. You will discover that it is easier than you think.

## 3. DISCOVER PURPOSE

### GROWTH TRACK

The Joy Church Growth Track offers information and experiences designed to help you grow in your faith and discover and develop your redemptive purpose and live the full life God wants for you. Our process is made up of four steps, which guide you to connect to God, connect to the church, grow and discover your purpose and go and serve others.

“Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.”

**Hebrews 6:1**

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

**John 10:10**

## THE JOY CHURCH GROWTH TRACK

### 1. **StepONE** - \_\_\_\_\_ Become a Member

This step is a basic introduction to the ministry of Joy Church and offers you the opportunity to become a part of our church family by becoming a member and joining a connect group. StepONE happens the first Sunday of every month.

### 2. **StepTWO** - \_\_\_\_\_ Discover Your Design

This step helps you grow as you discover your unique personality and gifts, which point you *to your purpose*

*in life.* StepTWO happens the second Sunday of every month.

**3. StepTHREE - \_\_\_\_\_** Develop Your Leadership

This step helps you discover what it means to be a Dream Team member at Joy Church and learn how you can strengthen your character and gifting to fulfill your leadership potential. StepTHREE happens the third Sunday of every month.

**4. StepFOUR - \_\_\_\_\_** Join the Dream Team

This step offers you the opportunity to get going and become a part of the Dream Team by connecting with the serve team of your choice and learning how you can serve others by using your gifts and living out your purpose. StepFOUR happens the fourth Sunday of every month.

The big-picture of the Growth Track is to LIVE FOR CHRIST/SERVE OTHERS. This happens as we live God's ultimate purpose for our life by living for Christ and serving others by sharing His love which is to share His love and make an eternal difference in the life of another person. Joining the Dream Team is the fourth step toward this goal and marks your completion of the Growth Track.

## 4. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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### DREAM TEAM

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop and fulfill that purpose.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

**Ephesians 2:10**

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, my aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.”

**Acts 20:24**

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities. There are different kinds of service to God (ministry). All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”

**I Corinthians 12:4,5,27 LB**

## AT JOY CHURCH:

1. Every person is a \_\_\_\_\_. (minister)
2. Every task is \_\_\_\_\_. (important)
3. Every person is a “10” in \_\_\_\_\_. (some area)

### Join the Dream Team in Growth Track *stepFOUR*

To join the Joy Church Dream Team, you need to complete the Joy Church Growth Track.

At StepFOUR, you will take the following steps to join the team:

#### **1. Orientation**

Attend an orientation session in the ministry area of your choice to learn how to get involved.

#### **2. Application**

Complete the Dream Team application and submit it to the ministry leader during the orientation session.

#### **3. Conversation**

Participate in a one-on-one conversation with one of our team members at your orientation session to make a personal connection to the team.

#### **4. Serve**

Start serving to be trained and equipped to fulfill your purpose on the Dream Team!

# JOY CHURCH GOVERNMENT



Believers who invest their heart, time, family and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in their church leadership. People are looking for leaders to conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

## **Our church government is:**

1. Guided by \_\_\_\_\_ (Pastors)

The pastoral staff team is led by the Senior Pastor. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

2. Served by \_\_\_\_\_ (Elders)

The elders and their wives are members of the congregation appointed by the Senior Pastor and ordained to help pastor the people and give counsel and oversight on major church policies and decisions.

3. Strengthened by \_\_\_\_\_ (Overseers)

The overseers are outside pastors and elders from respected congregations who love Joy Church and its Senior Pastor are willing to provide prayer, counsel and encouragement to the church. They may be called upon to help in accountability matters when requested to do so.

# CHURCH FINANCES

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1. Tithe
2. Offerings
3. Gift of giving

At Joy Church, we practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving.

Many people love to give to God but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore, there are a great number of people willing to give if they are able to see honesty, integrity and genuine spiritual values reflected in the lifestyles of the church leaders.

At Joy Church we believe that:

1. God owns it all – That means everyone, the earth and everything on it. As the Creator and owner He chose to form man (male and female) in His image, establishing man as the property manager of the earth. Prosperity was established in the original plan. God's intent was that every person would enjoy the blessing of prosperity and learn to be good managers of all God's possessions. Prosperity can be defined as a "good journey" and God's heart is that every person enjoys a good journey in this life as well as in heaven. That good journey is for every aspect of life – physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, relational.

*"A tithe of everything belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."*

**Leviticus 27:30**

*"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."*

**I Corinthians 16:2**

2. Our attitude and actions with God's resources will affect every area and relationship in our lives.



*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

**Luke 12:34**

3. Prosperity with a purpose is God's will for every person. God is a giver and He created us to be givers as well.

- Givers understand the tithe principle.

*"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! 'But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' 'You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. <sup>9</sup>You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,'" says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"*

**Malachi 3:8-10**

- Givers understand the joy of giving.

*"The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."*

**Proverbs 11:25**

- Givers understand the principle of giving. They return the tithe first to God's house and then practice principled giving above the tithe.

*"Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

- Givers have a balanced financial plan. They put God first, then a balanced financial plan and budget, which includes recreation. They understand that contentment is great gain.

## BECOME A MEMBER

1. Become a member of Joy Church
2. Join a Connect Group
3. Complete the Growth Track
4. Serve on the Dream Team

### Joy Church Partnership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Growth Track Step Two, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Joy Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

**1. I will protect the unity of my church:**

- By acting in love toward other partners.
- By refusing to gossip.
- By following the leaders.

“So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of one another’s character.”

**Romans 14:19**

“Live in complete harmony with each other – each with the attitude of Christ toward the other.”

**Romans 15:5 TLB**

“Have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart.”

**I Peter 1:22 GNT**

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

**Ephesians 4:29**

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,

for that would be of no benefit to you.”

**Hebrews 13:17**

**2. I will share the responsibility of my church:**

- By praying for its growth and health
- By inviting the unchurched to attend
- By warmly welcoming those who visit

“To the church, we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.”

**I Thessalonians 1:1,2**

“Go out into the country and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.”

**Luke 14:23 TLB**

“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you, then God will be glorified.”

**Romans 15:7 TLB**

**3. I will serve the ministry of my church:**

- By discovering my gifts and talents
- By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- By developing a servant’s heart.

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.”

**I Peter 4:10**

“So Christ himself gave, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

**Ephesians 4:11,12**

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a bondservant.”

**Philippians 2:4,5,7 NKJV**

**4. I will support the testimony of my church:**

- By attending church and Connect Group faithfully

- By living a godly life
- By giving regularly

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

**Acts 2:42**

“Let us not neglect our meeting together, but encourage one another.”

**Hebrews 10:25**

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

**Philippians 1:27 PH**

# NextSteps

## BECOME A MEMBER



1. *Become a member of Joy Church*
2. *Join a Connect Group*
3. *Complete all four steps of the Growth Track*
  - *StepONE – Become a Member*
  - *StepTWO – Discover Your Design*
  - *Step THREE – Develop Your Leadership*
  - *Step FOUR – Join the Dream Team*

# *APPENDIX*

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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## HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

**2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26**

## TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

These three are coequal and co-eternal.

**I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11**

## JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.

**John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; I Timothy 2:5**

## VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God.

**Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35**

## REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21**

## REGENERATION

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

**John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5**

## SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.

**Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22**

## REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation.

**Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9**

## SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

**I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11**

## JESUS' BLOOD

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death.

**I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29**

## JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead.

**John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20**

## BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth.

**Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6**

## THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel.

The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.

**Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10**

## THE CHURCH

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23**

## SACRAMENTS

Water Baptism:

Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48**

The Lord's Supper:

A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.

**Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25**



## Marriage:

We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.

**Matthew 19:4-6**

## HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit.

**Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29**

## GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

## Spiritual

**John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10**

## Mental and Emotional

**2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3**

## Physical

**Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24**

## Financial

**Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19**

## RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; those that are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation.

**Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21**

## HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4**

## HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels.

**Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8**

## SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures.

**Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7**

