

Orientation



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Become better acquainted with the story, vision, values, ministries, and governance of Wonder Church.

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Introduction

Wonder Church Orientation is designed to empower you to take the first steps to becoming everything you were made to be.

The Orientation is comprised of three specifically designed monthly sessions listed below. Each session helps you take a step towards God's plan of fulfillment for your life. Ultimately, our goal is to empower you to become everything you were made to be, to help you connect with others, and help you find your place in Wonder Church.

01. CHURCH (FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

Become better acquainted with the story, vision, values, ministries, and governance of Wonder Church.

02. JESUS (SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

Explore the essential beliefs and spiritual disciplines of becoming everything you were made to be. We will give you the opportunity to join a small group.

03. YOU (THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

We believe God created every person with a specific plan for their life. We will hear your story and pray with you that God would reveal your "original design". Finally, we will invite you to

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today at O1. Church, our hope is to give you a basic introduction to our church family. Since we have people from many different church backgrounds, this session is designed to clearly explain who we are and what we are about. We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Wonder Church!

Orientation O1. CHURCH



PART ONE:
OUR STORY

It's better to chase Jesus than to chase a dream.

OUR STORY

Pastor CJ and Nicole have wanted to plant a church for years. They are motivated by a simple truth: People need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of hope for the world, that Jesus wants all people to come to relationship with Him, find salvation, and become everything He made them to be.

In March of 2019, they felt released to pursue this dream. They spent a year dreaming and building a plan to launch a large sustainable church. But, in January of 2020, they discovered that the support they were hoping for fell through. If they were to start a church, it would not be like they imagined. Then, in March of 2020, COVID-19 caused the earth to stop.

CJ and Nicole were faced with a major decision. They would be starting a new church in the midst of a global pandemic without known support. As a young family, with three children under four years old, the risk was great.

In the dark morning hours, they prayed and listened for God's voice. God spoke to them. They learned that God's vision for Wonder Church was different than theirs, that chasing Jesus is better than chasing a dream. So, without knowing of any support they would receive, they stepped out.

In the months following, God opened doors they did not think were possible. Cedar Park Church in Bothell proudly became their parent church, offering financial oversight, guidance, and administrative resources. Individuals, churches, and pastors came forward and pitched in to make the vision for Wonder Church possible. People from all over joined the Wonder Church launch team. Miracle after miracle, God proved that He was building His Church.

Now, Wonder Church is a powerful community with a big vision to plant churches in cultural epicenters around the world.



We believe God's people are God's plan to change the world.
Our heart is to empower people to be everything they were made to be.
Our vision is to plant churches in cultural epicenters around the world starting in Eastside Seattle.



PART TWO:
OUR VISION,
VALUES, AND
MINISTRIES

OUR VISION

We have three vision statements that build on each other:

1. We believe God's people are God's plan to change the world.
2. Our heart is to empower people to be everything they were made to be.
3. Our vision is to plant churches in cultural epicenters around the world.

OUR VALUES

Our values help build and guard the culture of Wonder Church. These written values do not contain all the things that we value. They are specific and unique in an effort to help foster our unique culture.

Our values are:

- Heart for His House
- Gospel + Love = Spirituality
- Unhurried and Unstoppable
- People of the Presence
- Kingdom Mindset
- God Speaks
- Humility Precedes Honor
- Deep Spirituality
- Heart of Wonder

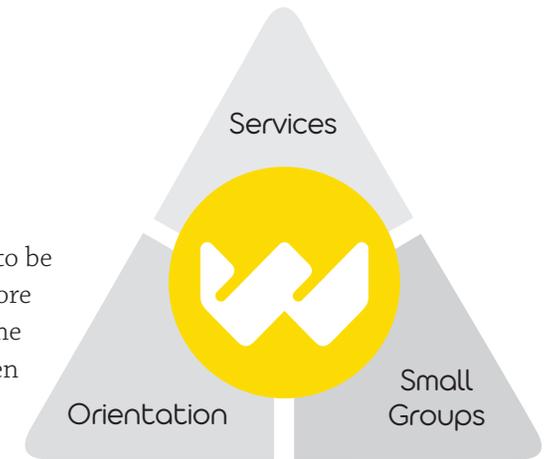
You can see the whole list of values and descriptions here:

wonderchurch.co/values.

OUR MODEL

SIMPLE CHURCH: Three Core Ministries

Wonder Church is designed to be a simple church with three core ministries that accomplish the mandates of the Church given in scripture.



SERVICES

Our services take place every week. We gather as a community to worship, build relationship, baptize new Jesus followers, and learn biblical truths.

ORIENTATION

Orientation is the first step in the discipleship journey. It provides the essentials needed to become everything you were made to be. It is comprised of three sessions that covers the basics of Wonder Church, essential beliefs and spiritual disciplines, and understanding the unique calling that God has put on your life.

SMALL GROUPS

We believe that discipleship happens in the context of relationship. Small groups are a place to develop enriching relationships and encourage each other to become everything we were made to be. Small groups are “free market” groups. Our groups are as varied as we are; group leaders use their gifts and passions to create a group that allows others to join with them in serving God. Whatever the age, interest, or location there is a group that is just right for you.

THE VISION IS YOU

Many people believe that their greatest contribution to their local church is their volunteer activity. Or, they may believe that the top tier of discipleship is for those who join a ministry team. Joining a ministry is good and essential for church growth, but it is not the end or even goal of discipleship. The truth is...

You were made for far more than serving in a church for a couple hours a week. You were made to change the world, every day, every hour, every moment, in all of your relationships, at home, at church, and at work. Serving on a ministry team is one small part of all things that God has for you.

As a part of Wonder Church, your greatest contribution to the ministry effort here may very easily be outside of Wonder Church services: in your workplace, your family, your spheres of influence. This is a unique part of the vision of Wonder Church. When we say “become everything you were made to be” we picture a man or woman, at work or at home, sharing the Gospel, ushering in the presence of God, and changing the world around them. The vision is you.

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a striped shirt and a grey cardigan, smiling warmly as she serves a child. She is holding a clear plastic cup and a white napkin. The child is wearing a white headband and is looking up at her. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a table with some items on it. The entire image has a green tint.

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that God has
for you.*



PART THREE:
OUR
GOVERNANCE

“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace...
Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”
1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

OUR GOVERNANCE

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

At this time, Wonder Church is a Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) of Cedar Park Church in Bothell, WA.

This means is that the governing board of Cedar Park Church is also the governing board of Wonder Church. Cedar Park Church is a well established church with resources to ensure that every part of their organization is governed appropriately, wisely, and with integrity.

Wonder Church is also an Assembly of God church, and falls under the theological convictions of the AG beliefs.

Wonder Church is also partnered with two church planting networks: The Association of Related Churches (ARC) and the Church Multiplication Network (CMN). These networks provide additional covering, coaching, and accountability concerning church models, methods, leadership, and partnerships.



A WORD ON CHURCH FINANCES

A tithe of everything... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30

At Wonder Church we practice the spiritual discipline of tithing for the support of the local church. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Poverty Mindset Vs Kingdom Mindset

The tithe does many things, one is that it breaks the poverty mindset

According to our demographic studies, the second most common assumption that people have about church in Eastside Seattle is that, "They just want my money." We want to address this head on.



We believe that tithing is a benefit to the giver, as an important spiritual discipline that breaks a poverty mindset and reinforces the Jesus follower's identity as royal and responsible for changing the world around them. We also believe that tithing breaks the back of greed in our lives. Giving tithes reflects our hearts that are fully given to Jesus.

We also know that many people love to give to God, but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. At Wonder Church, we take extreme measures to ensure that every dollar is stewarded well.

It is not Wonder Church's money; it's God's.

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today at O2, Jesus, we will explore the essential beliefs and spiritual disciplines and practices to become everything you were made to be.

Orientation O2. JESUS



PART ONE:
SALVATION &
SANCTIFICATION

“For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...”
Ephesians 2:8 ESV

CJ'S SALVATION STORY

I was raised in a Christian home. This element of my upbringing informed my worldview from a young age. I participated in Christian practice and was unique in my passion and love for God. However, I believe that my personal, intimate, relationship with Jesus really began in middle school.

From the outside, nothing was wrong. But, behind closed doors, I struggled with depression. The deep insecurities I had and strong dislike for myself brought me to a dark place. In the darkness of depression, I considered suicide. But, Jesus met me there.

At a summer camp in my 8th grade year, I learned that Jesus forgives us and makes us new. He separates us from our sin as far as the east is from the west. I learned that my shortcomings, the things I hated about myself, were gone. I learned that when I accept Jesus as my Lord, I become a loved son of Father God.

On my own, I was nothing. All my ethics and accomplishments were nothing. I was just a kid ready to end his own life, a young man who saw my personal value only in what I could do for others. But, Jesus saw me as intrinsically valuable, not because of what I did, but because I was his child. He gave His life for me, so I chose to live for Him.

This changed everything.

WHAT IS SALVATION?

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Romans 10:9-10 ESV

Salvation is accomplished through the work of Jesus, paying the price for our sin and providing forgiveness, and overcoming death in his resurrection.

In the Sci-Fi thriller “Prometheus”, David asks his creator, Peter Weyland, why he seeks to find humanity’s creator. Peter said, “if

we find them, they could save us.” David asks, “from what?” Peter responds with a chuckle, “death.”

Salvation through Jesus offers many things to the believer. One of which is eternal life, with God, in heaven. Jesus successfully overcame death, and by that same power, we do too. We are also saved from sin: Justification.

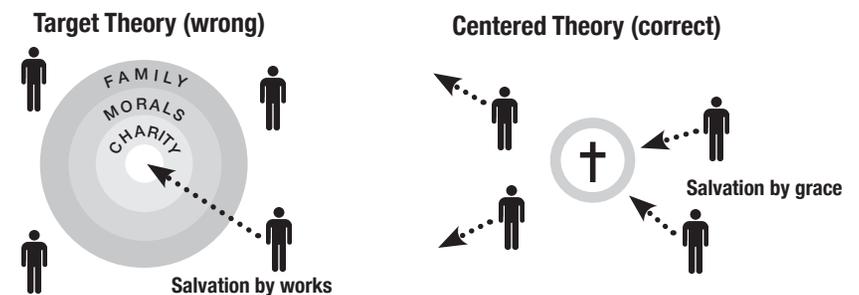
It is our choice to receive the salvation that Jesus offers. We receive his salvation when we surrender our lives to his Lordship and commit to follow Him forever. This surrender is holistic. We surrender control of every part of our life to him. This includes: belief system, values, plans, relationships, sexuality, finances, property, emotions, self image, etc. This level of surrender only makes sense to those who know they are nothing without Jesus.

The Target Theory

The target theory is that salvation occurs when someone reaches a certain level of holiness or philanthropy to qualify them as a “good person”. This theory is popular, but incorrect.

The Center Theory

The center theory is that salvation occurs the moment someone surrenders their life to the Lordship of Jesus. It has nothing to do with their level of accomplishment, charity, or morality. Salvation occurs when the direction of your life points towards Jesus. This method of salvation is unique to Christianity alone.



WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

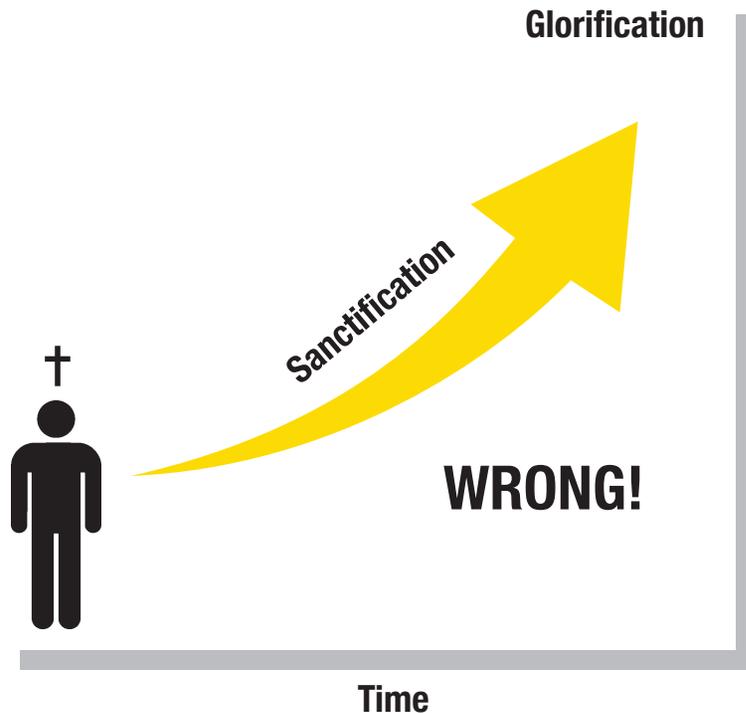
“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

God loves you too much to leave you where He found you. Sanctification is the process that comes after our submission to Jesus, that transforms us to become everything we were made to be. Once every part of our life is surrendered to Jesus, He begins to renew every part to its original intentions. This process of transformation is in cooperation with the Holy Spirit’s power in

our lives. We could not change ourselves. But, he empowers us to change. We are diverse in our callings and giftings, but we are the same in our destination: we are all being made more and more like Jesus, perfect and holy, beloved of the Father.

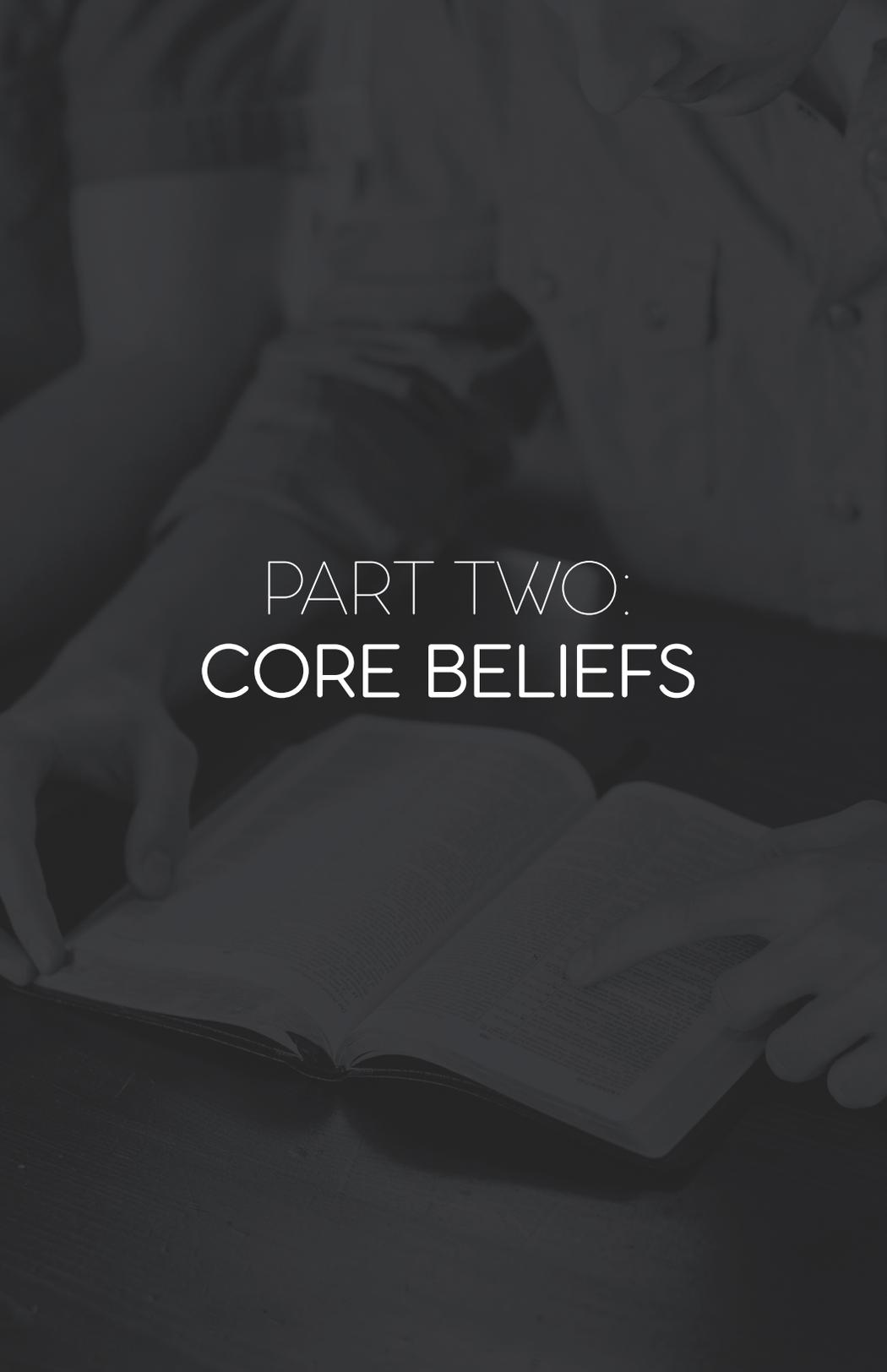
Sanctification Process

Sanctification is not a straight line to glorification (perfect holiness); it is filled with ups and down, oasis and wilderness, joy and pain. The key in this process is staying anchored to Jesus, submitted to him in all things, and persisting through the process.



“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear...”

2 Timothy 4:3 NIV



PART TWO: CORE BELIEFS

CORE BELIEFS

There is estimated to be 300,000 different denominations of Christianity. But, the church is united by its dogma. We may have disagreements in doctrine or practice, but in these core beliefs, we are all one Church. At Wonder Church, we reflect on The Apostles' Creed (see facing page) as a simple expression of Christian belief.

The doctrine statements of Wonder Church can be seen on the website here:

<https://wonderchurch.co/beliefs>

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

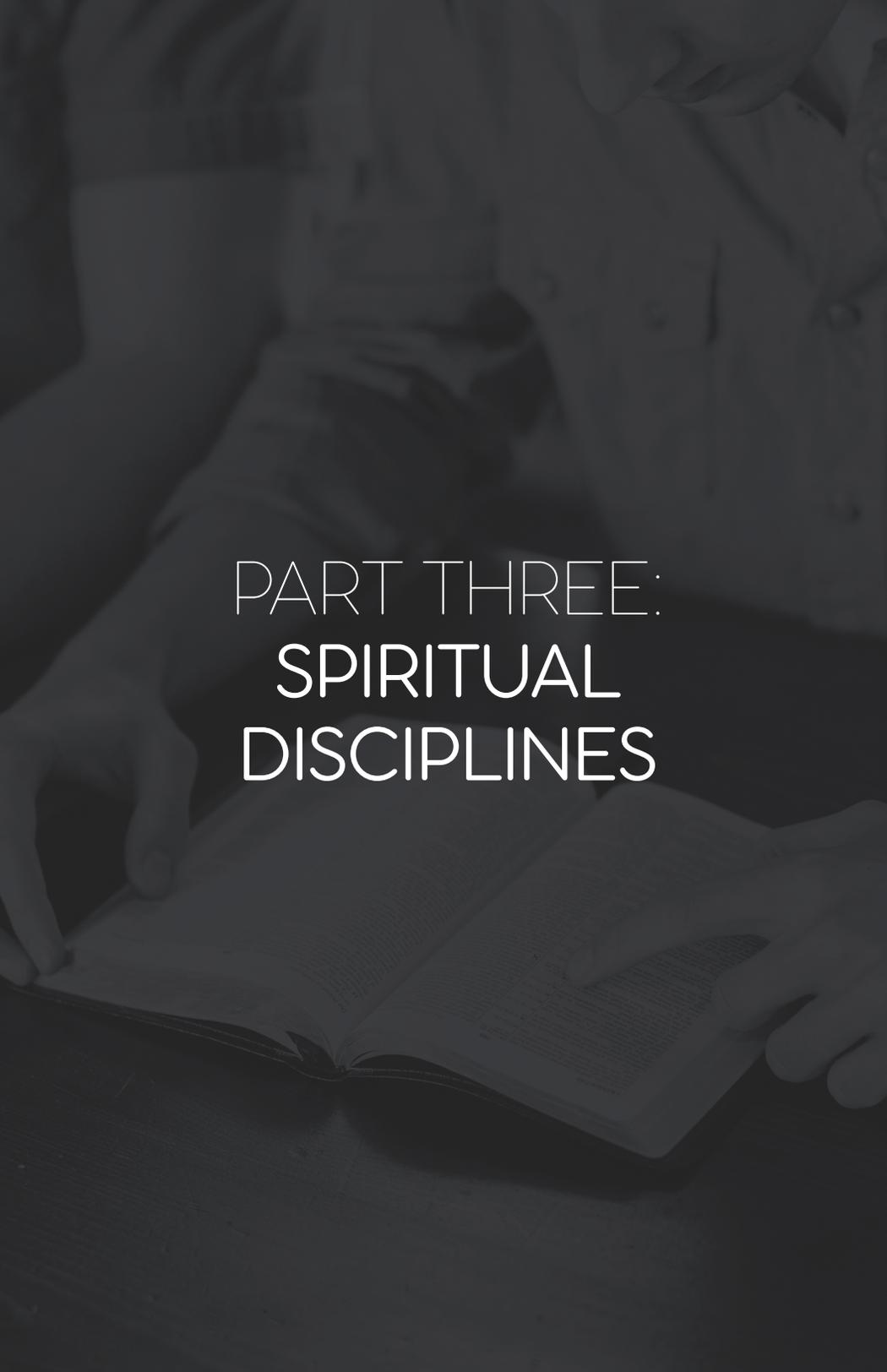
He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*



PART THREE:
SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”
John 14:15 ESV

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Spiritual disciplines are tools that we use to help us become everything we were made to be. The process of becoming everything we were made to be is filled with successes and failures. These disciplines are like the healthy staples that foster spiritual vitality. These disciplines are also destinations, in that, they should be conducted at all times and become a part of who we are, not just what we do.

Why Spiritual Disciplines? Ex. Raising Children

When a child is born, good parents love their child as they are. Yet, the child has only begun their journey through life and they are incapable to becoming everything they were made to be on their own. Good parents provide good food for their child to eat, even if the child doesn't like it. Good parents provide structure and education, even if the child struggles with it. Good parents discipline bad behavior, even if it makes the child sad. Good parents love their child as she is, but is not content to leave her where she is. Good parents empower their children to be everything they were made to be.

God is a good Father.

Fellowship

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24 NLT

Fellowship accomplishes many things. It provides opportunities for mutual support, encouragement, and gratefulness. It provides opportunities for healthy conflict and relationship refinement. It builds our character. It enables us to worship as a community.

At Wonder Church, fellowship is a part of all of our ministries. Here is a list of more practices under this category:

- Gathering for Worship Services

- Worship
- Eating together
- Confession and Repentance
- Support - Do you have a friend who would visit you in prison?
- Sabbath

Bible study

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LB)

The Bible is the source of all Christian beliefs. Because of this, it is essential that it is studied. Not only this, but God speaks through scripture to us concerning our individual lives. We receive instruction on how to live the way He wants us to.

At Wonder Church, we teach from scripture and follow literal interpretive hermeneutics. We value inductive Bible study: interpreting scripture by its historical context. Here is a list of more practices under this category:

- Listening
- Reading
- Studying
- Meditating
- Memorizing
- Applying

Prayer

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. Luke 5:16 NLT

At Wonder Church, we don't pray for a strategy, prayer is the strategy. We recognize that the Church is a spiritual community of people with a mission from Jesus. Prayer is one of the primary practices where we speak to God and he speaks to us, intercede on

behalf of others, and see God move among us. Prayer is essential for us to grow in our relationship with God, for all relationships require consistent communication.

At Wonder Church, we practice prayer in its many forms. Here is a list of more practices under this category:

- Worship
- Requests
- Abiding
- Silence
- Solitude
- Intercession
- Fasting

Spirit Empowered Living

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 ESV

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He empowers Jesus followers to be and do more than they could on their own. This includes breaking addictions, leading people to Jesus, performing miracles, giving prophetic words, producing the character of God, and more.

At Wonder Church, we believe in the supernatural and invite it into our services and into our personal lives. Here is a list of more practices under this category:

- Mission
- Building others up
- Sensitivity
- Practicing Spiritual Gifts

Giving of ourselves

“They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.” Acts 2:45

Giving of ourselves to others, the Church, and God has been an essential practice since the very beginning (Cain and Able giving sacrifices). Giving is beneficial to the giver and the receiver. It teaches humility, breaks the poverty mindset, encourages financial stewardship, and invites the blessing of God. Though gift giving is beneficial to the giver, this practice is powerful because of its sacrificial nature. We do not give to get. We give because we love.

At Wonder Church we practice tithing and giving every Sunday in our services. We encourage all who call Wonder Church their home to participate. Here is a list of more practices under this category:

- Tithing
- Giving
- Service
- Sabbath

DISCIPLESHIP IN RELATIONSHIP

We believe that discipleship happens best in the context of relationship. We need people in our life that will be a safe place where we can reveal our shortcomings and find encouragement, correction, and healing. We need empowering relationships. In Wonder Church, small groups are where these relationships can be formed. Our small group leaders are passionate about empowering you to be everything you were made to be.

Please review the small groups available now and select which one you would like to join.

NEXT STEPS

- Join a Small Group
- Complete Orientation
- Become a Member

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today at O3: YOU, We hope to hear your story and get to know you. We will pray with you that God would reveal your “original design”. We will explore the Wonder Church ministry teams and see where you fit. Finally, we will go over the membership covenant and invite you to become an official Wonder Church member.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)



Orientation O3. YOU

SHARE YOUR STORY

Break up into smaller groups. Take 10 minutes to go around and share your story. We know that your story is longer than a couple minutes. This is meant to be just the beginning of an ongoing relationship. You can use these prompt questions if you'd like:

Where is home for you? (Where were you born, where do you live now?)

What is your family like? (The home you grew up in, your family you are currently raising?)

What is your spiritual background? (Religion, experience, positive, negative, confusing?)

What are your hopes for the future?

MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry teams at Wonder Church are fun and life giving. You are welcome to review the list of teams and see which ones you would be interested in. We want to be a church for busy people. The volunteer commitment is based on your availability and capacity. Let us know which teams you are interested in.

Hospitality Team: Do you like smiling? Do you like people? Well, that is pretty much what this team does. Help create a safe place for the diverse group of people that are checking out Wonder Church.

Set Up/Tear Down Team: We are a portable church, which means we set up and tear down all of our service gear every week. This includes setting up the media booth, platform, sound, tables, and signage.

Media Team: This team operates multiple media platforms including proresenter and broadcasting. This team includes sound technicians and camera operators. This team is perfect for those who are artistic with the camera and familiar with presentation software and broadcasting.

Wonder Kids Team: This team probably has the most fun. Each week, we put together a fun object lesson and activity bags for the children of Wonder Church. This team is also in charge of the Wonder Kids table. If you like kids, are creative, or are administrative, this is a great team for you.

Prayer Team: This team is available to pray with people at services and receives prayer requests regularly concerning our city, our church, and our world.

Kingdom Builders: Members of this team use the gift of giving to help fulfill the vision of Wonder Church. Through strategic financial offerings above their tithe, they support projects impacting our city, state, nation and world.

Small Group Leadership: We believe that real life change takes place in the context of relationships. As a Small Group Leader, you have the greatest opportunity to connect with others, fulfill your passions, develop your gifts and live out the Great Commission.

ORIGINAL DESIGN

You were made with a purpose. You were made uniquely with special gifts and abilities from God. You were made with unique passions and interests. You were made for great things. You are God's masterpiece, chosen by Him to bring the Good News of Jesus and change the world. Unfortunately, we often miss our purpose, our original design. We go to other sources to find out who we are and what we were made to do. As a result, many people miss the masterpiece that God has planned for them.

The Hammer and the Spoon

The hammer decided that it wanted to be used as a spoon. It set itself up on the table and after the bowl of soup arrived, it jumped right in. Unfortunately, the glass broke and the soup was ruined. To make matters worse, the hammer could not contain

the soup on itself and was ineffective no matter how hard it tried.

The spoon decided it wanted to be a hammer. It went to work and hit the nails into the wood as hard as it could. But, with every hit, the spoon would bend until it was so misshapen, it could no longer hit the nail. To make matters worse, the nail did not sink deeply into the wood and was useless in providing any support for the building project.

The point is simple, the hammer does not decide what it is or what it was designed to do. The maker of the hammer does. The spoon does not decide what it is or what it was made to do. The maker of the spoon does.

In the same way, we must look to the One who made us to show us who we are.

Prayer time

We believe that God wants to speak to you about who he made you to be. We will take 10 minutes now to pray with you, quote scripture, prophecy, and share insight if God reveals.

MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Being a member of Wonder Church means that you are not just an attender or visitor. Being a member means that you are joining the spiritual family of this local church. It's a big deal. Most of the books of the New Testament are letters to specific local churches. Some of these letters address specific issues happening among its members. This leads us to believe that there is a difference between a church "viewer" and a church "member". Viewers are not a part of the family. They stand on the outside looking in through an open door. They miss the blessings and responsibilities of being a part of the family. But, members are those who walk through the door and take their seat at the table. They fully enjoy the blessings and responsibilities of being in God's family together.

Because this step has vast implications for you and for Wonder

Church, we have written out some of what it means to be a part of this family: a covenant.

Complete the online covenant here: <https://wonderchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/200507>

I believe that Jesus is Lord and I have surrendered my life to Him.

I will pursue holiness according to scripture.

I will be humble and foster unity in my church.

I will act in love towards others..

I will refuse to gossip.

I will follow the leaders.

I will share the responsibility of my church by praying

for its growth, inviting others to join,

and warmly welcoming those who visit.

I will serve the ministry of my church by serving where I can

and giving regularly of tithes and offerings.

I will engage in the community and discipleship of my church

by attending services and small groups regularly.

If you agree with these statements and would like to become a member of Wonder Church, please sign and date below:

Signature

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX: 1

BELIEFS

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 (II Timothy 3:16; II 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, lived a sinless life, 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; 1 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 transgres-

sion 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; I Timothy 4:14; II 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).

TWO 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).

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; I 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; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10)

Mental and Emotional

(II Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).

Physical

(Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24).

Financial

(Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II 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; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they 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; II 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; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)

APPENDIX: 2**QUESTIONS ABOUT TITHING****What is tithing?**

“Tithe” means “a tenth part.”

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

A “tithe” is giving the first tenth of my income.

An “offering” is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

Why should I tithe?

Because God commands it.

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s.” Leviticus 27:30

Because Jesus commended it.

“Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone either.” Matthew 23:23

Tithing demonstrates that God has first place in my life.

“The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your lives.” Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

Tithing reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God. “Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” Deuteronomy 8:18

Tithing expresses my love to the Lord.

“Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.” Deuteronomy 16:17

God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him. “God says ‘Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!’ But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ God says ‘In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.’” Malachi 3:8-10

Tithing gives God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you. “Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this” says the Lord, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won’t have room enough for it!” Malachi 3:10

What should I tithe?

The tithe should come from the first part of what I earn.

“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income.” Proverbs 3:9-10

Where should I give my Tithe?

The tithe should be given where I worship.
 “Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple).” Malachi 3:10

When should I Tithe?

The tithe should be given weekly.
 “On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

APPENDIX 3

MINISTRY TEAM APPLICATION

Date: ___/___/___
 Team/Service Time: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Birth Date: ___/___/___ Male Female
 Address: _____
 E-mail: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Marital status (check one): Single Engaged Married
 Divorced Widowed
 Spouse’s name: _____
 Children:
 Name: _____ Age: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Has anyone ever brought or threatened to bring a civil or criminal claim against you alleging physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No

Have you ever been charged, arrested, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

Have you ever terminated your employment or had your employment terminated for reasons relating to allegations of physical or sexual abuse or sexual harassment? Yes No

Have you ever been reprimanded as a student or employee for harassment of another individual or other inappropriate behavior with another individual? Yes No

Is there anything in your past or present that might create confusion in the minds of others regarding your involvement in a leadership role at Wonder Church? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

QUALIFICATIONS & LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT OF A MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER

“The same goes for those who want to be servants in the church: serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on. No exceptions are to be made for women—same qualifications: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith.”

1 Timothy 3:8-13 (The Message)

A MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER:

Is sincere, worthy of respect, and of a good reputation.
 Tithes regularly to Wonder Church.
 Has a genuine desire to serve and minister to other people.
 Leads, motivates, and teaches other people.

Creates positive group dynamics and resolves conflict within the group.

I believe that I meet the qualifications for serving, and I agree to the following

(Initial each statement)

_____ to become a member of Wonder Church.

_____ to fulfill the mission, vision and purpose of Wonder Church.

_____ to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in this training.

_____ to keep the “Honor Code” as outline in scripture and discussed here.

_____ to complete Orientation in the next 4-6 weeks.

By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this application is complete, accurate, and not misleading in any way. Should my application be accepted, I agree to submit to the policies and procedures of Wonder Church membership, and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of Wonder Church.

Signature of Applicant

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX 4

LEADERSHIP HONOR CODE

As an essential part of the Wonder Church Leadership family, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a servant-leader position here at Wonder Church.

While serving the Body of Christ as a servant-leader at Wonder Church, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate Biblical standards in all situations.

As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and servant-leader.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, Church of the Highlands’ leaders are to maintain a disciplined life of Bible reading, prayer, and fasting. You must also refrain from such things as:

- profanity
- smoking or chewing tobacco
- gambling
- indulging in much wine or other alcoholic beverages
- dishonest gain
- illegal drugs
- pornography
- sexual immorality
- all behaviors which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servants-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the Church of the Highlands family. We should regard it as an essential part of our development, not as an imposition or restriction.

Signature

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____



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