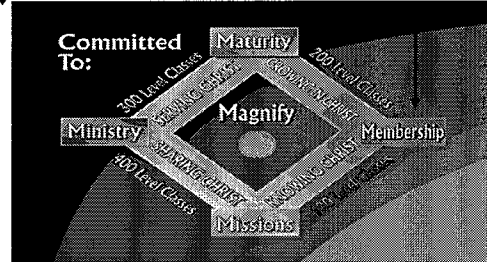


Introduction To Our Church Family

CLASS 101

One Way Church of Christ

Knowing Christ!!!



The Basics For This Class

1. The church is a _____.
2. God expects you to be _____ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is _____.

The Goal Of This Class

That I will commit myself to _____ and to the _____!

What Makes (One Way Church) A Family?

- Our Strategy (How we fulfill our purpose)
- Our Statement (Why we exist as a church)
- Our Structure (When and where we fulfill our purpose)
- Our Salvation (What God has done for us)

Session One: One Way Church Strategy

Who Are We Trying To Reach
Inreach - To bring believer into spiritual maturity

Outreach - To bring soul into God Kingdom

5 Circles of Commitment

Strengthening the Congregation!



The Four OWCOC Covenants:

1. The *Membership Covenant*...
is a commitment to _____ and _____.

"You are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Eph. 2:19 (LB)

The Four OWCOC Covenants:

2. The *Maturity Covenant*...
is a commitment to the _____
necessary for spiritual growth.

"Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18

The Four OWCOC Covenants:

3. The *Ministry Covenant*...
is a commitment to discovering and using
my God-given gifts and abilities in
_____ God and others.

The Four OWCOC Covenants:

4. The *Missions Covenant*...
is a commitment to _____ the Good News with others.

"...you will be My witnesses for me...to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (GN)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

Why do we have these covenants?

We become what we are Committed To.

The O.N.E.W.A.Y STRATEGY
5 Principle that make our church Unique
One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism - Eph 4:5
Now is the accepted time for Salvation - 2 Cor 6:2

Every member is Important - Romans 12:5-6

Way, Truth, and the Life - John 14:6

Able to do Exceedingly and abundantly Eph 2:20

Yield yourselves unto God - Roman 6:13



How Our Church Is Structured

I. The Church Is A _____.

"They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the fellowship..."
Acts 2:42 (Ph)

A top priority in a fellowship is _____ and _____.



How Our Church Is Structured

□Implication:

A good structure promotes unity and downplays _____.

"Voting" tends to _____.



II. The Church Is A...

_____!

"You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds." 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

□So we operate on the basis of _____ not _____.



Often.....Your meetings do more harm than good because I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you 1 Cor 11:17-18

Pastor Bishop Gregory Tucker being Chief overseer & Co-Pastor Virginia Tucker & Trustee Board assisting Him. Bishop Tucker has the final voice of authority in the judgment and decision making of all matters that spiritual and ecclesiological.



III. The Church Is A...

We are a body — not a business!
We are an organism — not an organization!

□Therefore, we function on the basis of _____ not _____.



Our Structure

□The people are the "_____."

□The pastors are the "_____."

IV. The Church Is A...

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Therefore it is cared for and led by _____.

1 Peter 5:1-2/ Acts 20:17-18

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the same church leaders:

Poimen - Pastor or Shepherds

Presbuteros - Elder

Episcopos - Bishop or Overseer

"Let there be real harmony among you so there won't be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

Session Three Our Purpose Statement

"We believe a great commitment to the
Great _____ and the Great
_____ will grow a great church!"

Our Purpose Statement

- ☐ To "Love God with all your heart" is "WORSHIP".
- ☐ To "Love your neighbor as yourself" is "MINISTRY".
- ☐ To "Go...make disciples" is "EVANGELISM".
- ☐ To "Baptize..." is to "FELLOWSHIP".
- ☐ To "Teach them...all things" is "DISCIPLESHIP".

One Way Church Exists:

1. To _____ God's Presence
(Worship)
2. To _____ God's Love
(Ministry)
3. To _____ God's Word
(Evangelism)

One Way Church Exists:

4. To _____ God's Family
(Fellowship)
5. To _____ God's People
(Discipleship)

I. We Exist To Celebrate God's Presence

☐ Worship: _____!

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." Matt. 4:10

We Exist To Celebrate God's Presence

Expression of Worship

- ☐ Singing (Eph 5:19)
- ☐ Praying (Ps. 95:6)
- ☐ Hearing the Word (John 17:17)
- ☐ Giving (1 Cor 16:1-2)
- ☐ Baptism (Romans 6:3-4)
- ☐ Meditating (Hab 2:20)
- ☐ Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:23-26)
- ☐ Commitment (Romans 12:1-2)

II. We Exist To Communicate God's Word

☐ Evangelism: _____!

"His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..." Eph. 3:10

Why Our Church Must Never Stop Growing

1. Because _____

2. Because God _____

3. Because _____.

Unbiblical Excuses For Not Growing

God isn't interested in numbers

Our Church wants quality not quantity

Larger churches are impersonal

We believe our church must grow _____ and _____ at the same time.

III. We Exist To Educate God's People

☐ Discipleship: _____.

"Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..." Heb. 6:1

IV. We Exist To Demonstrate God's Love

☐ Ministry: _____!

"By this shall all men know that you are My disciples — that you have love for one another."
John 13:35

☐ The heartbeat of OneWay is to win souls for Christ, develop, equip and sent them forth to continue the process.

IV. We Exist To Demonstrate God's Love

u Every member is a: _____.

u Every task is: _____

u Every member needs to be a _____ of one.



Our Statement of Faith What We Believe

In essential belief – We have unity. Eph 4:4-6

- In non-essential beliefs – We have liberty Roman 14:1,4,12,22
- In all our beliefs – We show charity 1 Cor 13:2



The Essential We Believe

- u God is the Creator Ruler of the Universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.
- u Gen 1:1,26,27,3:22; Ps 90:2; Matthew 28:19



Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Matthew 1:22,23



About the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are
- Saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.



About the Bible

- The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

□ 2 Timothy 3:16



About Human Beings

- People are made in the Spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called sin. The attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

□ Gen 1:27 Psalm 8:3-6

About Salvation

- Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must receive it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

About Eternal Security

- Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and Power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

□ John 10:29 Timothy 1:12 Hebrew 7:25

About Eternity

- People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

□ John 3:16 John 14:17 Hebrew 7:25

Our Lifestyle Statement What We Practice

- u Beliefs are not worth much unless they are
- u translated into actions. Based on what the
- u Bible teaches, we feel very strongly about the
- u Following seven practices:

Bible As Our Sole Authority

- Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is
- "What does the Bible Say?" We practice daily Bible reading, Bible Study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.
- 2 Timothy 3:15

Autonomy of Each Local Church

Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control. In relating to our daughter churches that we sponsor, we encourage each congregation to determine its own strategy, structure, and style.

□ Colossian 1:18

Priesthood of Every Believer

- Tithing
- At One Way 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 of giving.
- Lev 26:30 A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord it is holy to the Lord.

Immersion

- u We practice baptism by immersion under water-the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.
- u Colossian 2:12 - Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Spirit-Led Living

- We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do his will.
- John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Telling Others About Christ

- What is right:
- u It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.
- u 1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

Everyone wants to be happy!

But real happiness comes from understanding my _____.

I. Why Am I Here?

1. God made me to _____ me.
2. We were created to _____ a personal relationship with God and to _____ all of the rest of God's creation! This makes us special
3. Gen 1:27-28

I. Why Am I Here?

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

- ▣ Clear Conscience Rom. 8:1
- ▣ Life & Peace Rom. 8:6
- ▣ Help with Weakness Rom. 8:26

I. Why Am I Here?

- ▣ Purpose Rom. 8:28
- ▣ Confidence Rom. 8:31
- ▣ Security Rom. 8:39
- ▣ Power & Strength Phil. 4:13
- ▣ Fulfillment Phil. 4:19
- ▣ Freedom John 8:32,36

II. What's The Problem?

Man has a natural desire to BE BOSS and to ignore God's principles for living.

- ▣ "Look out for #1. Do your own thing."
- ▣ "If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."
- ▣ "It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: SIN!

III. What's The Solution?

Jesus Christ said...

"I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!" John 14:6

**JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE
OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!**

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

1. _____ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong." 1 John 1:9

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

2. _____ that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

"If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

3. _____ God's free gift of salvation.
Don't try to earn it.

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8,9

IV. What Does God Want Me To Do?

4. _____ Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director ("Lord") of your life.

"To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who believe this are reborn! – not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!"

John 1:12-1

Three Essential Steps of Salvation

Repentance means not only feeling sorry for your sins but making an about-face, having a change of heart & mind, and asking God to forgive you.

Acts of Repentance includes:

- A. Calling of the Lord Jesus to be save you
Romans 10:13
- B. Confessing Lord Jesus with you Mouth
Roman 10:9 - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- C. Believing the salvation message – Mark 16:16 – Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

1. Why Should I Be Baptized

- ☐ To Follow the example set by Jesus.
- ☐ Because Christ Did it.
- ☐ It demonstrates that I really am a Believer

II. What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection
"Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again." 1 Cor. 15:3-4

2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian.

Romans 6:4 - We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

III. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?

Because _____ was baptized that way.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." Matthew 3:16

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion. Acts 8:38-39

☐ We believe that Water Baptism should be administered in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

☐ Colossian 3:17 - And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

☐ Jesus said that the Holy Spirit:

☐ A. Was like a river of living water. John 4:10-14

☐ B. Was like being born again (John 3:1-8)

☐ C. Would be a comforter (John 14:16-17)

☐ D. Would be the Power of God. (Acts 1:8)

☐ One the day of Pentecost began the birth of Church.

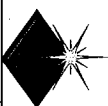
☐ *How to Receive God's Spirit Within You*

☐ Block out distraction that comes to your mind

☐ Focus all your attention on how Jesus died for you by shedding His blood on the cross

☐ Open your Mouth and began to Praise God
Psalms 81:10 - Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

Romans 10:13 - Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.



- ☐ Put sounds to the words you hear in your Spirit that comes to your mind
- ☐ Now speak out those sounds you hear
- ☐ The Spirit of God will give you the words to say but you have to speak them out of your mouth
- ☐ Now tell somebody what the Lord has done for you!

I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

1. It is a _____.

"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread..." (vs. 23)

I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

2. It is a _____.

"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of Me.'" (vs. 24)

I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

3. It is a _____.

"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; drink it to remember Me.'" (vs. 25)

I. What Is The Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

4. It is a _____.

"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes back." (vs. 26)

II. Who Should Take The Lord's Supper?

Only those who are already _____
(Mark 14:22-26)

"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself."

2 Cor. 11:29

III. How Do I Prepare Myself For The Lord's Supper?

"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."

1 Cor. 11:27-28

Membership Covenant

- I. I will protect the unity of my church!
- II. I will share the responsibility of my church!
- III. I will serve the ministry of my church!
- IV. I will support the testimony of my church!



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Congratulations!

You Have Completed CLASS 101

