



One Hour

MEMBERSHIP

Class

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INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING OUR
MEMBERSHIP CLASS!**



INTRODUCTION

This course is a brief introduction to our most basic doctrines. It's important to us that you understand what we believe before you officially align yourself with those beliefs by becoming a member.

We believe that God has a purpose for every local church, and we are tremendously honored that you have decided to join with us in fulfilling our part of God's plan.

Word of Faith International Christian Center exists as a teaching and education ministry. We are to teach believers their rights in Christ Jesus and how to exercise these rights and exercise the practical application of the Word in their daily lives.

- We are a holistic church (i.e., thorough development in the Word). We are called to minister to the believer's spirit, soul, and body.
- We are a Missions church called to domestic and international missions, with a primary focus on Europe, internationally.

*Some of the Many Ways Word of Faith **cares for its members:***

- Preaching the Word
- Prayer – Praying for members after each service and through our 24-hour prayer center.
- Small Group Ministries – Include providing fellowship opportunities in small groups and other church events.

- Counseling
- Hospital Visitation and Ministry to Shut-ins
- Baby Dedication (*Ref. 1 Samuel 1; Mark 10*)
- Bereavement ~ Word of Faith helps you through the planning of the homegoing, ministers to you and your family offering prayer and support and offer homegoings to be held at our church.
- The Lords Supper (*Ref. 1 Corinthians 11:23-30*)
- Water Baptism (*Ref. Matthew 28:18-20*)
- Weddings

All Scriptures in this Membership Booklet are authorized King James Version (KJV) unless otherwise noted.

GOD & HIS WORD



The Triune God

The three, equal, separate, Divine Persons in absolute unity of the Godhead is referred to as the Trinity. The word, “*Trinity*” comes from a combination of “*tri*” meaning three and “*unity*” meaning one.

The three members of the Trinity are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

They are equal in ability and one in purpose, but each have different functions.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

“*..Diversities of operations*” means there are different jobs, different tasks, different ways that each of them works, but they are still unified and one.

God the Father and Jesus are not the same person.

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit operate in perfect unity.

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

God the Father is speaking to both God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They were all present in Creation.

John 1:1; 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus is also known as the *“Word” of God*. He was in the beginning of all creation, and was essential to the creation of everything.

Hebrews 1:8

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

This is God the Father speaking. Notice that God the Father calls His Son Jesus, *“God.”*

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Peter explains here in this tragic story that Ananias lied to the Holy Ghost and then says he lied to God. Hence, letting us know that the Holy Spirit IS God.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are three separate persons, equal in power and purpose from the beginning of time and will be forever.



The Word of God

The Bible is the Word of God, inspired by God, and not by man.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” There is a penalty for tampering with the Word of God.

The Word of God is to be trusted above any outward experience, vision, or audible voice from Heaven.

2 Peter 1:19-20

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Luke 1:37 (ASV)

For no word from God shall be void of power.

THE BASICS

THE NEW BIRTH

As a result of Adam's sin, that sin nature has been passed through every generation. That sin nature has been passed to you.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

This "*one man*" is Adam. Because Adam sinned, that sin nature was passed down to all men. Every single human being is guilty of sin. Thankfully, God did not leave us in that condition!

Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

John 3:5

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a

new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Believing on Jesus is what causes the New Birth, brings us into personal relationship with Him, and guarantees us that Heaven will be our eternal home.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Jesus is not ONE of the ways to a relationship with God and to Heaven: He is the ONLY way.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a memorial to and proclamation of faith in the death and shed blood of Jesus. When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we are to remember and proclaim our covenant in Jesus' blood.

1 Corinthians 11:25

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

Baptize, from the Greek word "*bapto*"; means *to place into, submerge, soak, or drench*.

There is more than one kind of Baptism. We will cover the three main baptisms.

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms (plural) and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

WATER BAPTISM

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The formula for Water Baptism used at Word of Faith is “in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and in the authority (or name) of Jesus.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We receive the Holy Spirit within when we are born again.

John 14:17

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Romans 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 20:22

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost.



The Holy Spirit within us produces godly character.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift subsequent to salvation available to all believers.

Acts 2:38-39

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Luke 24:49

And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

They had already received Holy Spirit within, but Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem to receive Holy Spirit upon.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

The Pastor's office is a gift from God, and should be treated as such.

Jeremiah 3:15

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Deacons and Elders are appointed by men, but the Pastor is appointed by God. (Acts 6:5-6) The Pastor's responsibilities include studying, teaching, and leading the people of God.

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

Tithing did not begin with the Law of Moses, tithing was practiced by Abram, Isaac & Jacob 400 years before the Law.

Genesis 14:17-20

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale." And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Bless-ed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of

heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

The word "tithe" means 10% (ten percent).

TITHING DID NOT BEGIN OR END WITH THE LAW.

Hebrews 7:1-8

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham

returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

Tithes are to be brought to the place where one receives spiritual nourishment—your local church.



And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the

Malachi 3:8-12

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Tithe should be paid before anything else.

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Offerings are given above the tithe, as one is led. We should allow Holy Spirit to direct our giving.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

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SMALL GROUPS

Acts 2:41, 42, 46

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart...

SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE FOUR THINGS

1. A place to **Connect**.

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

..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.

2. A place to **Protect**.

Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

3. A place to **Grow**.

Proverbs 27:17 (BSB)

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

4. A Place to **Win Your World to Jesus**.

Acts 2:47 (NASB)

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.



VOLUNTEER

HOW CAN I HELP?



MINISTRY OF HELPS

Acts 20:35

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

As believers, one of the greatest blessings that we discover is giving. Giving of your time will multiply YOUR potential and bring untold blessings into your life.

Here at Word of Faith, there are many teams and the right one is waiting for you. We like to use HELPS as acronym for Having Enough Loving People Serving. You will meet amazing people in this journey as you get involved in your church. HELPS brochures are available in the lobbies or at wordoffaith.cc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the list of volunteer opportunities we would like you to prayerfully consider:

- 24-Hour Prayer Center

- Hostess/Usher
- 812 - Young adults for married and single adults 18-35
- Lay Responders - non-invasive care for those in need during services.
- Altar Guild Assist with communion and baptism
- Lost and Found - Assistance in recovering lost articles
- Athletics - intramural sports for the congregation.
- Music Department – choirs; play in the band or orchestra
- Campus Ministry- Assist with ministry to college students
- Kidz World Children’s Ministry - kindergarten to 5th grade
- Comforters - Assist with home going services
- Kidz World Nursery- Minister to infants and toddlers
- Communications - Assist with audio and media dupe
- Education Support Ministry (ESM) – assist for classes
- Faith Book Store Sell and distribute books, CDs and DVDs
- Hands in Service (H.I.S) - sign language and written notes
- Parking Lot Ministry- Direct traffic in the parking lot
- Ride Providers- Provide transportation and others
- Silver Saints- Monthly meetings for ages 60 and up
- TV Ministry - Produce CDs & DVDs for broadcast and sale.
- Youth Ministry - Assist with ministry for ages 12-18
- Zest Department - maintain the hospitality of the facilities
- Outreach – Ministry & evangelism to the lost

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