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VISION

God has a vision for His people and this vision can be found clearly stated in the Word of God; His Word was sent to “heal and deliver men from their destruction,” Psalms 107:20; and His Word was made manifest through His son Jesus to fulfill God’s Will for every single human being, 1 John 1:1 – 4, so that man shall have “*life, and life more abundantly,*” John 10:10 (b). Jesus commissioned all believers to carry the good news of God’s word, not only to our local communities, but unto all the earth.

Proverbs 29:19 tells us that “*where there is no vision, the people perish.*” We believe that God’s vision is mapped out clearly in His word. **Our vision and purpose as a church is to lead people to become fully devoted, life-long followers of Christ.** As we join together with His vision guiding our footsteps, our dream is that every single person will embrace this vision and we will see God move as He equips this church to be a light house to a spiritually dying world.

We believe that our purpose & vision can be fulfilled as a church, both corporately and individually if we will allow our mission statement to lead us.

It is our mission to lead others to ‘**Reach**’:

Reach Up to God in Christ centered worship,
Reach In to quality discipleship,
& Reach Out to our community & to our world.

Church membership exists to see your life’s dream join together with the church’s vision, allowing your God given purpose to be fulfilled. I encourage you to take this journey with us as we begin to realize our worth, identify and learn how to use our gifts, and activate our purpose. Together we can arrive at our final destination, completing our journey and accomplishing our vision.

So we invite you to “Reach” with us as we move towards becoming the people that God desires for us to be.

Together- Reaching for God’s Best,
Pastor Marc Turner

CORE VALUE STATEMENTS

- **We are a community of believers. We are not a building, we are people.**
- **We are a community that does not exist for itself, but for those outside of the community.**
- **We will do whatever it takes to reach the lost with the message of Christ.**
- **Our message never changes, but our methods must continually change.**
- **We are a church that has Big faith in a Big God to do Big things. We will never insult God with small thinking, or safe living.**
- **We are not spiritual consumers; we are spiritual contributors.**
- **We believe that every member of the body of Christ is a minister**
- **We will allow the Holy Spirit to empower His church with the fruits of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit to enable us to live a victorious and abundant life.**

Note: The Cleveland Worship Center Inc. is an active member of the Congregational Holiness Church Inc.

HISTORY OF THE CLEVELAND WORSHIP CENTER

- The Cleveland Congregational Holiness Church was organized on September 6, 1917.
- The Asbestos Congregational Holiness Church was organized in November, 1932.
- The Cleveland and Asbestos churches consolidated on August 20, 1949.
- On April 8, 1950 the new Cleveland Congregational Holiness Church, 529 East Kytle Street, was dedicated with Rev. Asa Dorsey serving as Pastor.
- In 1995, the church purchased 9.72 acres of land located on 453 Helen Highway for future development.
- In 2004, the church membership voted to change the name of the church to The Cleveland Worship Center, continuing with their Congregational Holiness heritage, to reach a new generation of people.
- In 2005, the church began the first phase in the development of the Helen Highway property by grading the property for a new worship campus.
- On December 7, 2008, Rev. Marcus Turner was elected as the Senior Pastor of the CWC.
- On April 1, 2016, the CWC and Truett McConnell University entered a Lease Purchase Agreement on current property and facility located on East Kytle Street and Dixon Drive.
- Today...the we are celebrating the use of our phase 1 ministry building at the 453 Helen Highway property. We are praying for God's direction for future development of a sanctuary and a family life center.

MEMBERSHIP IN A LOCAL CHURCH

There are misconceptions concerning church membership. Joining a church does not determine your salvation: eternal life in heaven is only obtained through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. *“I am the **way** and the **truth** and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)*

Church membership may not be necessary for eternal life; however, it is biblical that you attend a local body of believers. *“Let us not give up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)*

We believe that church membership is vital for all believers. We believe that there are two memberships as Christians. There is the membership into the corporate body of Christ, *“Now **you are the body of Christ**, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)*. There is also the membership into the local church. *“And **all the believers met together** constantly and shared everything they had.” (Acts 2:44, Heb. 13:17, Num 27:17)*

One of the most frequently asked questions in the church today is: *“Why join the local church?”* The answer is threefold:

Commitment – The Christian church is desperately lacking in commitment by her people; commitment both to Christ and His Church (His Kingdom). This is reflected in the lack of tithing and ministry involvement, and the practice of church-hopping.

Covering – Jesus as the exalted head of the Body of Christ has delegated authority to pastors and local churches to shepherd (pastor) under Him. Therefore, it is imperative for every Christian to be a member of a local body under a spiritual covering and pastoral care.

Team/Partnership – Working together in unity with the opportunity to be involved and have input on the direction of the church.

OUR ARTICLES OF FAITH

There is but One living and true God, the great Creator, and there are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost.

Gen 1:1 – 27; Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7

We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21

We believe we are justified (declared righteous under the blood of Jesus) when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:5; Acts 13:38,39; Romans 5:1

We believe Sanctification to be a definite continual work of grace subsequent to Salvation.

John 15:2; John 17:16, 17; Ephesians 5:25 – 27; 1 John 1:9

We believe in the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance to be the initiatory evidence of this experience. We believe in the operation of the nine Gifts of the Spirit and encourage our people to live so that these gifts may be manifest in their lives.

Acts 2:4; Acts 9:16; Acts 10:44 – 46; 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11

We believe in divine healing for the body. However, we encourage and do not condemn medical science.

Acts 3: 2 – 12; Acts 5: 15 – 16; Acts 9: 32 – 43; James 5: 14

We believe every blessing we receive from God comes through the merits of The Atonement (Jesus' complete sacrifice for us on Calvary).

Romans 5:11; James 1:16 – 17

We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:10, 11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18; Revelation 1:7

We believe all who die out of Christ will be punished eternally, but those who die in him shall share in His glory forever.

Daniel 12:2; Matt 25:46; John 5:29 Jude 7

We believe the Bride of Christ is composed of the entire spiritual church.

1 Corinthians 12:25; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Galatians 3:28, 29; Ephesians 4:16

We believe in the sacredness of marriage between one man and one woman and family commitment. We promote strong family values.

Ephesians 5:31 -33; Ephesians 6:1 -4; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:5; Lev 18:22; Genesis 2:24

KINGDOM AUTHORITY

Divine Order: God has a government in His Kingdom.

The authority to be the head of God's Government has been given to Jesus.
(Isaiah 9:16; Matthew 2:6) In Matthew 28:18, Jesus said "all authority—all right of rule—in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (The Amplified Bible)

Divine Order: Kingdom authority on earth has been given to the church.

Matthew 16:19 "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom...thou shall bind in heaven...and loose on earth:

John 17:18 "As thou hast sent me...I also send them...(vs.22) the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them.

God's Chain of Command: The Church (Body of Christ)

Ephesians 4:8-11 "gave gifts unto men; Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers." Purpose Psalm 68:18 "that the Lord God might dwell among us."

1 Corinthians 12:27 "You collectively are Christ's Body" [individual members of it each with his own place and function] (The Amplified Bible)

Local Church Government: Pastor's responsibility

- *Numbers 27:16 "Let the Lord...set a man over the congregation."*
- Shepherd the flock of God (*Jeremiah 23:1-4; Ephesians 4:12*)
- Take oversight (*1Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28*)
- Be the example (*1 Peter 5:3*)

Local Church Government: Congregation's responsibility*

- Services: *Numbers 27:17 "that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd."*

- Work of the ministry (*Ephesians 4:12*)
- Follow the example of those who have rule over them (*Hebrews 13:7*)
- Edify itself in love (*Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:7, 14:12*)
- Obey and submit (*Hebrews 13:17*)
- Church is to remain sacred and not intended for solicitation
- To affirm leaders to serve with in the church as deacons and also serve on the official church board** (*Acts 6: 1 – 7; 1 Timothy 3: 8 – 13*)
- Obedience and submission are commands to each and every believer. (*Eph 5:21*).

*The Cleveland Worship Center Current Board of Deacons is as follows:

Tommy Anderson: Deacon of Food Services (term expires 2022)

Ed Filliator: Deacon of Building and Property Care (term expires 2022)

Don Hawkins: Deacon of Strategic Development (term expires 2020)

Jeff Luna: Deacon of Special Events (term expires 2022)

Jimmy Seabolt: Deacon of Transportation (term expires 2022)

Stanley Weldon: Deacon of Finance (term expires 2020)

Stanley Williams: Deacon of Leadership Support (term expires 2022)

COMMITMENT

Our Commitment to you...

- To Preach the Word of God in an uncompromised manner
- Provide dynamic worship services
- The prayers and covering of this ministry
- Ministry to you and your immediate family during time of need
- A pursuit of excellence in ministry
- Hospital and funeral visits
- Provide counseling and prayer when needed
- Give you an opportunity for your gifts to be used for service

Your Commitment to us...

We trust that your decision to join The Cleveland Worship Center in membership was made with considerable thought, prayer and prompting by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, if you make a future decision to end your membership with TheCWC, we request that you contact Pastor Turner or an Associate Pastor. We bless you as you are joining our church, and we want you to stay, but we want the opportunity to bless your going if it becomes necessary for you to leave.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We are here to serve you. Thank you for joining with us and together, we can accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God.

The Cleveland Worship Center Ministry Teams

Church Support Ministries

First Impressions: Welcomes each person who enters the church campus with the joy of the Lord, handing out information items and offering assistance to visitors.

Contact: Travis Turner

Sound, Video, Media/Presentation and Light Technicians: Assist with running the sound, media and lighting equipment for services and other special events.

Contact: Associate Pastor Andy Vandiver

Prayer Ministry: Provides prayer covering before, during, or alter time of service.

Contact: Jeff Shelnut

Prayer Chain: Receives prayer requests and distributes to a network of committed individuals who prayerfully intercede for each need.

Contact: Wendi Robinson

Office Volunteers: Assist our office staff with important tasks and projects to keep the work of the church on time and on schedule.

Contact: Wendi Robinson

Care Ministry: Provides prayer, meals and visits during times of loss, sickness, surgery, and new births. This ministry distributes birthday, anniversary, and condolence cards to church family. And this ministry provides assistance to widows and those who are sick and in need of small repair work around their home.

Contact: Wendi Robinson

Family Promise: Assist in this community outreach by providing a love and encouragement through a warm meal for families with children and a place for shelter.

Contact: Sonya Luna/Linda Gibbs/Larry Johnson

Missions and Awareness: Assist in the promotion of all ministry outreach programs; including mission trips.

Contact: Tommy & Patricia Anderson

Fellowship Ministries

Women's Ministries: Offers a ministry of fellowship, support, and strength to the women of the CWC. This includes prayer, Bible studies and seasonal Connect Groups

Contact: Anna Freeman/ Trilla Pruitt

Men's Ministries: Offers a ministry of fellowship, support, and strength to the men and boys of the CWC. This includes prayer, Bible studies and seasonal Connect Groups.

Contact: Keith Johnson

Children/Youth Ministries

Kid (Summit Ministries): Assists with children's ministries ranging from the newborn to 5th grades during our Sunday and Wednesday services.

Contact: Children's Pastor Hannah Weaver

Youth/Student Ministries: Provides a safe environment where teenagers' grades 6 - 12 can come and learn applicable Bible teaching on Wednesday nights.

Contact: Associate Pastor Ryan & Tara Elrod

Special Ministries

Worship Experience: Provides anointed worship and music for all services. This includes media, sound, and video presentations.

Contact: Worship Pastor Andy Vandiver

Creative Team: Provides acting, costume, interior/ exterior designs, and stage assistance with illustrated sermons, dramas, and other special services.

Contact: Anna Freeman

Continuing Education/ Discipleship/ Connect Groups

Couples/Marriage: Offers ministry support for couples (engaged or married) with prayer, Bible study and seasonal Connect Groups.

Contact: David & Shanda Murphy

Adult Discipleship Class (Salt & Light): Provides fellowship and Bible study for adults every Sunday morning before morning worship.

Contact: Leon Gilleland

Discipleship & Next Steps Class (Teleios): Leads followers Christ to the place of completeness.

Contact: Brent Fisher

Young adults: Small group designed to minister to young adults ages 18 – 25 with prayer, Bible study, and seasonal Connect Groups.

Contact: John & Kelcie Luna

Women's Bible Study (Thirst): Small group Bible Study designed for women. They meet every Tuesday morning at 11:00 AM for study and prayer.

Contact: Trilla Pruitt

Grief Support: Small Group ministry with a focus to support those dealing with a loss of a loved one. (Loss of Spouse Event: February 9 @ 9:00 – 11:00 AM; Spring weekly Grief Support: February 21 – May 16 @ 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Contact: Ed & Linda Filliator



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Joining with The Cleveland Worship Center, I _____

- Have personally accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Am in agreement with the CWC's Articles of Faith, statements, strategy, and structure.
- Acknowledge that as a member, I am a representative of this ministry, and my personal and business dealings should be based upon honesty and integrity. I agree to use the Bible, in its entirety, as the guideline for my lifestyle. My life should be one of modesty, moral purity and holiness, requiring me to abstain from anything contrary to God's word.

I feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with The Cleveland Worship Center church family. By doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members by:

1. PROTECTING THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH (Amos 3:3)

...by acting in love toward other members (1Corinthians 13:4)

...by refusing to gossip (Proverbs 21:23 and Matthew 12:36-37)

...by following the leadership of TheCWC

2. SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

...by praying for its growth

...by inviting the unchurched to attend

...by warmly welcoming those who visit

3. SERVING THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH (1Corinthians 4:2)

...by discovering my gifts and talents (1 Peter 4:10)

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...by developing a servant's heart (Matthew 20:28)

...by volunteering in my church (1 Corinthians 12:27-28)

4. SUPPORTING THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

...by attending faithfully

...by living a Godly life

...by generously giving regularly (Malachi 3:8)

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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Volunteer Application

Please fill out this form completely and turn it in to the Pastor. After review, you will be contacted.

Full Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ Cell Phone Carrier: _____ Best time to Contact: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Are you born again? No Yes, for _____ (length of time)

Are you currently volunteering in any other areas of ministry at The Cleveland Worship Center?
If yes, which ones? _____

Check all the area(s) that you would be interested in serving in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> First Impressions | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Security |

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Check all the skills/ gifts/ talents that apply to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual Tech | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> CDL Driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling/Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetology | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Personable | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Fitness | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Lingual: _____ | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music – Instrumental: _____ | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |
| _____ | | | |

Check what dates/times you are available to serve in ministry:

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekday Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Service 9:00am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekday Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Service 11:00 am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekday Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Afternoon/ Evening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Service 7:00pm | | |

Signature of Applicant: _____