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# GROWTH TRACK STEP 1

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## WELCOME TO GROWTH TRACK

We're so glad you're here! Growth Track is the place at Living Water for you to take a next step and get better connected to the church! The Growth Track guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you.

The Growth Track is made up of three steps that equip you to 1.) connect to the church, 2.) discover the strengths of your purposeful design, and 3.) use your God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. The Growth Track is broken up into three sessions:

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## LEADING PEOPLE INTO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST!



# 04 OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

*“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.” Ephesians 1:17-18*

## **Our spiritual journey consists of 4 steps**

### **1. Know God**

*“I pray that you may know Him better.” Ephesians 1:17-18*

**At Living Water, we help people know God through church services.**

### **2. Find Freedom**

*“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened (focused and clear)” Eph. 1:17-18*

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16*

**At Living Water, we help people find freedom through Small Groups.**

### **3. Discover Purpose**

*“I pray that you may know the hope to which He has called you.” Eph. 1:17-18*

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:6*

*“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:27*

**At Living Water, we help people discover their purpose through the Growth Track.**

### **4. Make a Difference**

*“This is my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:8-9*

*John 15:8-11 “God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10.*

**At Living Water, we help people use their gifts to make a difference on the Dream Team.**

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# KNOW GOD

## 1. Know God

### Sunday Services

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities. Our Sunday services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey, but our heart is to see people who don't know God, find Him. Our Sunday services focus on four values:

#### 1. Celebration

We believe church should be enjoyable.

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"*

*Psalm 122:1*

#### 2. Inspiration

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

#### 3. Preparation

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

*"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11-12*

#### 4. Salvation

We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? Romans 10:13-14*

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## How We Share Christ with Others:

*“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.” Luke 14:23*

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part by following these 4 principles:

1. Accept the personal **responsibility**.
2. Build a personal **relationship**.
3. Share your personal **story**.
4. Give a personal **invitation**.

## In our community, our nation, and our world

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

In addition to our efforts during Sunday services, we are focused on reaching people in three key places designated by Jesus:

### 1. Our Community

The primary way we reach our community is through our Sunday Services, Serve Day projects, connecting with schools, and providing freedom and support groups.

### 2. Our nation

The primary way we reach our nation is by supporting church planting organizations and American missionaries.

### 3. Our World

The primary way we reach our world is through strategic missions. We support several missionaries who are serving in areas that extend the reach of our church. Reaching beyond ourselves and partnering with other missionaries and missions organizations is core to who we are as a church. For more information on the different service projects we are currently supporting go to [golvingwater.com/kingdombuilders](http://golvingwater.com/kingdombuilders) or sign up online at [golvingwater.com/globalmissions](http://golvingwater.com/globalmissions) to receive emails directly in your inbox about the updates of the different projects we've been able to fund and how we've made a difference around the globe!

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## How do I get involved?:

### 1. Pray

Pray that we might reach people in each of these areas with the Good News of Jesus.

*Matthew 9:37-38* “Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’ If you notice, the verse says the harvest is plentiful. People want and need to know Jesus, but the workers are few. It says to ask the Lord, that means pray...we can ask for this in prayer.

### 2. Give

Give your time and resources to reach people for Christ.

*Matthew 6:19-21* says “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”

### 3. Go

Go to our cities, nation, and world to serve others and show people the love of God.

*Isaiah 6:8* says “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, “here am I. Send me! ...”

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## 2.) Find Freedom

We believe life change happens in the context of relationships. Groups have one simple purpose: to bring people together. God created us to live in community with others, and it is only then that we can experience the full life He intends for us.

Small Groups provide 3 things:

1. A place to **connect** with others.

We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and groups provide a place for you to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.

*“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” 1 Corinthians 9:22*

2. A place to **protect** each other.

When we do life together, our problems become smaller as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Groups become a place where others don't just know your name but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

*“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16*

3. A place to **grow** together.

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17*  
*We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Groups are a place that you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.*

### Living Waters Small Group Model

We base our Small Groups Model on the early church as described in the Bible in the book of Acts. In Acts, you can read about how small group meetings in homes helped lay the foundation for tremendous growth in the first church in Jerusalem.



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“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.” Acts 5:42

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.” Acts 20:20

## 4 Things to know about small groups:

### 1. Our groups are “free market”.

We want people to gather together based on things they enjoy and are important to them. Essentially, the things you are already doing in your life are the things that can make up your Small Group! From sports groups to lunch groups, marriage groups to Bible study groups, our groups are as varied as we are.

### 2. There are “semesters” every year.

Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right Small Group for you in each season. This is why we have new groups that start and stop a few times throughout the year. We have a winter/spring semester and a fall semester. Some groups follow these semesters and others choose to continue throughout the year. To discover all the different groups and their times and locations, check out our online directory at [golivingwater.com/groups](http://golivingwater.com/groups).

### 3. Everyone can join a group.

Our hope is for every person at Living Water to be connected in meaningful community through a Small Group. You can search groups by location, day, and time through our online directory and find a group that fits for you. Once you find one you like simply click join this group. You can even send the group leader an email to learn more or make plans to check them out in person!

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## 4. Anyone can host a group.

We believe hosting a group is simple because we all have something to offer others. Whether it's something you are passionate about, an experience you've had that can help others, or an area in which you are looking to grow, hosting a group is a great way to bring people together in meaningful community. To learn more about becoming a group leader, you can attend Group Leadership training that we provide a few times throughout the year. You can find information about that on our groups webpage.



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## 3.) Discover Purpose

### Growth Track

The way that we help people discover purpose is through the Growth Track. The Growth Track exists to help you discover and develop your purpose and live the full life God created for you. Congratulations! you are doing that now. We hope that as you are hearing about the vision and mission of our church that God is stirring your heart to get more involved and be excited about serving Him on a deeper level. The intent of growth track is to get you thinking about what God has created you to do and how you can begin using the gifts He's given you for his glory.

*"Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity." Hebrews 6:1*

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10*

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## 4.) Make a Difference

## Dream Team

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the world around us. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill your purpose. Everyone has something they can do to impact the lives of others. Discover what you do well, and take steps to make a difference.

These are teams that contribute towards making the weekend worship experience happen. There are many different elements—from the lights you see on stage, the greeters who meet you at the door, to those who serve in kids church, and others that you never even see. All of these teams and many more are made up of people just like you who have a passion to serve other people and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

We believe there is no great divide between the “ministers” and the “congregation”. Everyone has something they can do to impact the lives of others in the Kingdom of God. From our perspective, every member of Living Water is gifted in some area, and every task is important. Discover what you do well and take steps to use your gifts to make a difference. You can start by joining the Dream Team at Step 3 of the Growth Track.

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10*

*“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.” Acts 20:24*

*“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God...all of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:4-5,27*



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## **Living Waters' Governance**

As you consider investing your heart, time, family, and finances into the life of a church, it is important for you to feel confident in church leadership. Our goal in sharing the details of Living Water's government is that you will understand that our church is structured to support the value's of integrity, accountability, and spiritual authority.

### **Our church government is made up of three groups:**

#### **1. Guided by pastors.**

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

#### **2. Protected by elders.**

The elders are members of the congregation that oversee the finances and direct the provision of the facilities needed by the church. They are appointed by the Senior Pastor and approved by the members. They provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church.

#### **3. Affiliated with the Assemblies of God**

The Assemblies of God is a supportive organization that strengthens like minded churches and are willing to provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called upon to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor if requested.

## **Church Finances**

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

*"be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year"*

*Deuteronomy 14:22-26*

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10*

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Many people love to give to God and as they do, they want to feel confident in the church through which they give. At Living Water, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. We work very hard to make sure that every gift is making a difference in peoples lives. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices at Living Water, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

The giving of your tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus and an expression of the relationship between you and the Lord. The tithes and offerings you give are not considered business transactions, but are considered worship - an expression of gratitude toward God.

## **Here are 2 ways you can participate in giving**

### **1. Tithe**

The tithe, or first-fruits of our labor and income belong to God. We find this principle all through God's Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9-10).

### **2. Offerings**

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. There is always a lot of vision to give from this house. We want to help missionaries and missions organizations reach more people for Jesus. We want to raise up next generation leaders, we want to be able to improve our campus so that we can always be in a position to reach more people for Christ. So when you give an offering to Kingdom Builders, you are actually helping accelerate the vision of our Church. It's up to the church as a whole to determine the pace, or how quickly vision becomes reality. Be praying and ask God what you should give.

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## Becoming A Member

### Living Water Community Church Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Step One of the Growth Track, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Living Water Community Church Family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow church members:

#### 1. I will protect the unity of my church by:

- Acting in love toward other members.
- Refusing to gossip.
- Following the leaders.

*“So let us concentrate on things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together.” Romans 14:19*

*“Live in complete harmony with each other- each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” Romans 15:5*

*“Have a sincere heart with each other- each with the attitude of Christ toward each other.” 1 Peter 1:22*

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.” Ephesians 4:29*

*“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”*

*Hebrews 13:17*

#### 2. I will share the responsibility of my church by:

- Praying for its growth and health.
- Inviting the unchurched to attend.
- Warmly welcoming those who visit.

*“To the church.... we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.” 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2*

*“Go out into the country... and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full.” Luke 14:23*

*“So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” Romans 15:7*

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### 3. I will serve the ministry of my church by:

- Discovering my gifts and talents.
- Using my God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.
- Developing a servant's heart.

*“serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.” 1 Peter 4:10 “So Christ Himself gave...pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:11-12*

*“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...taking the form of a bondservant.” Philippians 2:4-5,7*

### 4. I will support the testimony of my church by:

- Attending church and small groups faithfully.
- Living a Godly life.
- Giving regularly.

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer.” Acts 2:42*

*“Let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25*

*“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27*



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## Next Steps

We are a growing church! We believe the best way for a person to grow is by taking the next step.

Here are your next steps after completing step 1 of the Growth Track:

- Become a Member- partner with us by signing the membership agreement form
- Complete all 3 Steps of the Growth Track
- Join a Small Group- find freedom and grow in your relationship with God and others

## Living Water Information

There are 4 ways to get information at Living Water.

### **golivingwater.com**

Go online to [golivingwater.com](http://golivingwater.com) and subscribe for information to be sent directly to your inbox.

### **Next Steps**

Go to Next Steps in the atrium to find information about events, groups, and sign-ups

### **Social Media**

Be sure to like us on facebook and follow us on instagram @golivingwater

### **golivingwater App**

Go to Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for “Go Living Water Church” or scan the code below.



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the Go Living Water Church app!

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## Statement of Faith

**About God:** God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1) (Genesis 1:26-27) (Psalm 90:2) (Matthew 28:19) (1 Peter 1:2) (2 Corinthians 13:14)

**About Christ:** Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. 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) (Isaiah 9:6) (John 1:1-5) (John 14:10-30) (Hebrews 4:14-15) (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) (Romans 1:3-4) (Acts 1:9-11) (1 Timothy 6:14-15) (Titus 2:13)

**About the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit 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 the spiritual gifts of: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, various kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues to believers since the day of Pentecost and continuing until our Lord's return. (Matthew 1:22-23) (Isaiah 9:6) (John 1:1-5) (John 14:10-30) (Hebrews 4:14-15) (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) (Romans 1:3-4) (Acts 1:9-11) (1 Timothy 6:14-15) (Titus 2:13)

**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 error. (2 Timothy 3:16) (2 Peter 1:20-21) (2 Timothy 1:13) (Psalm 119:105) (Psalm 119:160) (Psalm 12:6) (Proverbs 30:5)

**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". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. (Genesis 1:27) (Psalm 8:3-6) (Isaiah 53:6a) (Romans 3:23) (Isaiah 59:1-2)

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**About Salvation:** Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept 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. (Romans 6:23) (Ephesians 2:8-9) (John 14:6) (John 1:12) (Titus 3:5) (Galatians 3:26) (Romans 5:1)

**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) (Romans 6:23) (Romans 8:17-18) (Revelation 20:15) (1 Corinthians 2:7-9)

For more detailed language on our Statement of Faith and Beliefs please visit [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org), Living Water is an Assemblies of God church and adheres to AG doctrine.



